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March 25, 2018

Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke

Palm Sunday



From the Pastor’s Desk

The Holy Father’s Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

And today is the first day of spring: happy Spring! But, what happens in Spring? Plants flower; trees flower. I’m going to ask you some questions. Does a tree or a plant flower well if it’s sick? No! Can a tree, a plant, which is not watered by rain or arti- ficially, flower well? No. And can a tree and a plant whose roots are removed or that doesn’t have roots flower? No. But, can they flower without roots? No! And this is a message: Christian life must be a life that must flower in works of charity, in doing good. But, if you don’t have roots, you won’t be able to flower and, what is the root? Jesus! If you’re not with Jesus, rooted there, you won’t flower. If you don’t water your life with prayer and the Sacraments, will you have Christian flowers? No! — because prayer and the Sacraments water the roots and our life flowers. I hope that this Spring will be for you a flowering Spring, as Easter will be flowering. Flowering with good works, virtues, doing good to others. Remember this; this is a very beautiful verse of my Homeland: "What is flowering in the tree, comes from what is buried." Never cut the roots with Jesus.

And now we continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass. The celebration of Mass, which we are going over in various mo- ments, is ordered to Communion, namely, to unite us to Jesus. Sacramental Communion, not spiritual Communion, which you can do at home, saying, “Jesus, I would like to receive you spiritually.” No, Sacramental Communion, is with the Body and Blood of Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist to be nourished by Christ, who gives us Himself, be it in the Word, be it in the Sac- rament of the altar, to conform us to Himself. The Lord Himself says it, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him” (*John* 6:56). In fact, Jesus’ gesture, who gave His disciples His Body and Blood in the Last Supper, contin- ues still today through the ministry of the priest and of the deacon, ordinary ministers of the distribution of the Bread of life and of the Chalice of salvation. In the Mass, after breaking the consecrated Bread, namely, Jesus’ Body, the priest shows it to the faithful, inviting them to take part in the Eucharistic feast. We know the words that resound from the holy altar, “Blessed are those invited to the supper of the Lord: behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” Inspired in a passage of Revelation – “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb” (*Revelation* 19:9): It says “marriage” because Jesus is the spouse of the Church – this invitation calls us to experience intimate union with Christ, source of joy and sanctity. It’s an invitation that cheers us and, at the same time, drives us to an examination of conscience illumined by faith. If on one hand, in fact, we see the distance that separates us from Christ’s holiness, on the other we believe that His Blood is “shed for the remission of sins.” We were all forgiven in Baptism, and all of us are forgiven or will be forgiven every time that we approach the Sacrament of Penance. And, don’t forget: Jesus always forgives. Jesus doesn’t tire of forgiving. It’s we who tire of asking for forgiveness. In fact, thinking of the salvific value of this Blood, Saint Ambrose exclaimed: “I who always sin, must always make use of the medicine: (*De Sacramentis* 4, 28: PL 16, 446A). In this faith, we also turn our gaze to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, and we invoke Him: “O Lord, I am not worthy to take part at your table, but only say a word and I will be saved.” We say this in every Mass.

If we are the ones that move in procession to receive Communion — we go to the altar in procession to receive Communion – , in reality it’s Christ who comes to meet us to assimilate us to Himself. It’s an encounter with Jesus! To be nourished by the Eucharist means to let ourselves be changed into what we receive. Saint Augustine helps us to understand it, when he talks about the light he received in hearing Christ say: “I am the food of grownups. Grow and you will eat Me. And it won’t be you that transforms me into yourself, as the food of your flesh, but you will be transformed into Me” (Confessions VII, 10, 16: PL 32, 742). Every time we go to Communion, we are more like Jesus, we are transformed more into Jesus. As the bread and the wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so all those that receive them with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist. To the priest who, distributing the Eucharist, says to you: “The Body of Christ,” you answer: “Amen,” namely, you recognize the grace and commitment entailed in becoming Body of Christ, because, when you receive the Eucharist you be- come Body of Christ. This is beautiful; it’s very beautiful. While uniting us to Christ, tearing us away from our egoisms, Com- munion opens us and unites us to all those that are one with Him. Behold the prodigy of Communion: we become what we receive!

The Church earnestly desires that the faithful also receive the Lord’s Body with the hosts consecrated in the same Mass; and the sign of the Eucharistic Banquet is expressed with greater fullness if Holy Communion is made under the two species, though knowing that Catholic doctrine teaches that the whole of Christ is received under one species (Cf. *Ordinamento Gener- ale del Messale Romano (OGMR)*, 85:281-281). According to ecclesial practice, the faithful normally approach the Eucharist in a processional way, as we said, and one receives Communion standing with devotion, or kneeling, as established by the Episcopal Conference, receiving the Sacrament in the mouth or, where it’s permitted, in the hand, as one prefers (Cf. OGMR, 160-161). After Communion, silence, silent prayer, helps to guard in the heart the gift received. Prolonging somewhat the mo- ment of silence, talking with Jesus from our heart, helps us so much, as well as singing a Psalm or a hymn of praise (Cf. OGMR, 88), which help us to be with the Lord.

The Eucharistic Liturgy concludes with the prayer after Communion. In it the priest turns to God, on behalf of all, to thank Him for having made us His guests and to ask that what we received may transform our life. The Eucharist gives us strength to bear fruits of good works to live as Christians. Today’s prayer is significant, in which we ask the Lord that “the participation in His Sacrament be for us medicine of salvation, which will keep us from evil and confirm us in His friendship” (*Messale Roma- no*, Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent). Let us approach the Eucharist: receive Jesus who transforms us into Himself and makes us stronger. The Lord is so good and so great!

[Original Text: Italian] **[ZENIT’s translation by Virginia M. Forrester]**

Know you are loved,
Father Peter

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 28th @ 6pm
+ Virgilius Eke

Thursday, March 29th @ 7pm
+ Fr. Mason Vaughn

Saturday, March 31st @ 9pm
+ Helen Szabo
req. Bill Ellenberger

Sunday, April 1 @ 10am
Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Paul

“Living Stations”
There will be a practice this
Monday the 26th at 6pm
ALL are Welcome.

There will be no daily Mass
Tuesday, March 27th

Readings for Week of Mar. 26th

Mon: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116 /
1Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12 / Ps 31 /
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat:
Gn 22:1-18 / Ps 16
Ex 14:15-15:1 / Ps Ex15
Is 55:1-11 / Ps Is 12
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Ps 42
Epistle Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118
Mk 16:1-7

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118 /
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 26th
Living Stations Practice 6pm

Tuesday, March 27th
Chrism Mass (Gaylord) 11am
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, March 28th
Soup Kitchen 2:30– 5:30pm
Karate 6pm
Men’s Study Group 7pm

Friday, March 30th
Living Stations 1pm (Manzana’s)
Good Friday Service aprox. 2pm
Fish Fry 5pm—8pm
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Sunday, April 1st
No Faith Formation



No class March 25th and April 1st

Please, thank all those involved & donated
to the Mission Sunday Collection last
October. The diocese was able to send
\$128,321.92 to the Society for the
Propagation of the Faith.
Sincerely Yours, Fr. Bob Bissot

First Saturday Mass

Father will be celebrating Mass each first Saturday of the month @ 9am. Below is a message from Our Lady of St. Lucia; one of the Fatima visionaries on Dec. 10, 1925: "See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confes- sion, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary."

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday
Mass 7 pm
Adoration 8 pm
Good Friday
Living Stations—Manzana's 1 pm
Service following Living Stations

Saturday Easter Vigil
Mass 9 pm

Easter Sunday
Mass 10 am

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Lily will be Monday, March 26th



LAST
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5pm—8pm.

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Baked Beans, Homemade Desserts, and
Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade

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