

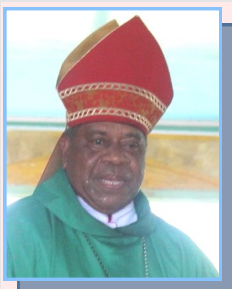


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PASTORAL MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024



It is a great time journeying through the fourth month of this year in preparation for the month of May.

There are so many interesting things and events happening, one of which the National Joint Election that took place on the 17th day of April this year 2024.

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter Season, the Universal Church celebrated the World Vocation Day. A day Christians are asked to pray for more vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life to serve in all the Dioceses throughout the whole world. It is a day that all parents are asked to sit down with their children and encourage them to start thinking and reflecting on the call to the priesthood and Religious Life.

Not only that but the Church also celebrate the Good Shepherd Feast Day. The Gospel Reading for the day focused on the role of the Good Shepherd. It is a beautiful message indeed. The message of the Good Shepherd challenges every one of us, especially Leaders in all our Churches and Government, Provincial and National and all works of life. Only if we adopt the model Leadership of the Good Shepherd, no one under the leadership of all our Churches and under the leadership of the Provincial and National Government will be lost, because the Good Shepherd is watching and protecting them always from all that would harm them and from the attack of the wild wolf.

Good Shepherd always making sure that not one who is under his leadership is crying and abandoned. He searched for the lost ones, and when he finds them, he carried them gently with great joy and brings them home.

Before entering the 5th month of the year, dear beloved

Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters and Laity of our beloved Diocese of Gizo once again, as the Bishop shepherding the Diocese, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for the valuable contribution in whatever form of service big or small you render in serving our people.

Dear beloved brothers and sisters of the four corners of the Diocese, as we are preparing ourselves to enter the month of May, it was known as the month of our beloved Mother Mary. As Catholic Christians this is the time we journey with her visiting and praying with the sick, those with disabilities, those who are sick, those who are in prison, families, and communities throughout each of our Parishes in the Diocese.

Another important Feast day in the month of May is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. On this day the universal Church will be celebrating and praying for all Workers in all works of life. As Catholic, Christian Fathers in our Families, during this Feast Day celebration you should be reflecting more on the life of St. Joseph the Worker as a model for all fathers.

Above all, Catholic workers in all works of life, in our Diocese, and in our 3 Provinces; Western, Choiseul and Isabel, under Gizo diocese and our Nation Solomon Islands St. Joseph the Worker is your Patron Saint for you to ask him to intercede for you. Let us all pray together asking our beloved mother Mary and St. Joseph to journey with us as we venture through the month of May that God's Blessings and protection be with us.

Thank you

May the Blessing of God the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your Servant, Bishop Peter Houhou

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POPE FRANCIS ON WCD

VATICAN
NEWSAI Can Never Replace Wisdom
of Human Heart

Pope Francis has released his message for the 2024 World Day of Social Communications, focusing on the theme: Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication. Celebrated on 12 May, this year's theme is closely linked to the Pope's message for the

World Day of Peace, which was devoted to the development of systems of artificial intelligence (AI). AI is "radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society," says the Pope in his Communications Day message, adding that "these changes affect everyone." So, the Pope asks, "how can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?"

Starting with the heart

In answering this question, the Holy Father notes that "at this time in history, which risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity, our reflections must begin with the human heart."

He recalls that, in the Bible, the heart is seen as the place of freedom and decision-making, "symbolising integrity and unity, while also engaging our emotions, desires, and dreams."

But, he continues, the heart is, above all, "the inward place of our encounter with God."

"Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community," says the Pope.

Opportunity and danger

The Holy Father goes on to stress that such wisdom cannot be sought from machines.

Although the term "artificial intelligence" has replaced the term "machine learning," he said, "the very use of the word 'intelligence' can prove misleading."

The Pope explained that it is not enough to be able to store data, like machines do, but that this data must be made sense of, and "human beings alone"

are capable of this.

"Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat," warns the Pope.

He notes that the technology of simulation behind AI algorithms can be useful in certain specific fields. However, he adds, the use of AI becomes "perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality."

In fact, it is extremely important to know that in the wrong hands, such tools could lead to "disturbing

scenarios."

Artificial Intelligence must be regulated, asserts Pope Francis, acknowledging that, as in every human context, "regulation is, of itself, not sufficient."

Growth in humanity

Pope Francis then invites everyone to grow together, "in humanity and as humanity," recalling that we are all challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become "a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious, and multicultural society."

Speaking of information, the Holy Father warns that "information cannot be separated from living relationships."

He explains that relationships involve the body and an immersion into the real world, but that they also involve human experiences, "compassion, and sharing."

With this in mind, Pope Francis refers to the many reporters who have been injured or killed in the line of duty as they attempted to show the world what they themselves had seen.

"For only by such direct contact with the suffering of children, women, and men can we come to appreciate the absurdity of war," says the Pope.

Questions for today and for the future

Bringing his message for World Communications Day to a close, Pope Francis recalls that "it is up to us to decide whether we will become fodder for algorithms or will nourish our hearts with that freedom without which we cannot grow in wisdom."

Only together, he concludes, can we increase our capacity for discernment and vigilance and for seeing things in the light of their fulfilment.

Pope Francis then prays that humanity may never lose its bearings, and that the wisdom that was present before all modern technology may return to us.

Wisdom, says the Pope, can help us "to put systems of artificial intelligence at the service of a fully human communication."

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY ACTIVITY.

Dear Bishops, Priests and Diocesan Media Personnel.

The 58th World Day of Communications will be celebrated on May 12, Ascension Sunday this year, 2024. (Sr. Daisy– Catholic Bishops Conference PNGSI)

1. Some suggestions on the celebrations

- (A)- Start off with the Holy Eucharist (Ascension Sunday) with the Archbishop/ Bishop and or a priest preferably a priest who attended the Social Communication Summit for Priestly Ministry and Mission in September 2023.
- (B)- Groups of people invited for the Program (Schools, Institutions and Parishes, etc.)
- (C)- Guest Speaker (Bishop, Priest, director of communications etc., a lay leader etc.)
- (D)- Banner printed from the attachment sent below.
- (E)- Pamphlets printed out and handed out to people (diocesan media personnel to go through the history (attached) of the WCD and why the celebration as Introduction
- (F)- Promotional video to be played during the celebration(attached)



2. To make this wonderful event an inspirational celebration, please find resources sent to you.

- (G)- Pope Francis' 2024 World Day of Communications Message (Brief speeches come from this message)
- (H)- For printing as banners - World Communication Day Posters 1, 2, 3
- (I)- World Communications Day Brief History (Introduction to the celebration)
- (J)- World Communications Day timeline of Themes from 1967 1st WCD to present 2024.
- (K)- A short promotional video on the WCD message for 2024.

The Theme for this 58th WCD:

“Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication”

World Communication Day (WCD) was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual occasion to reflect on the benefits and drawbacks of using modern social media platforms to share the gospel.

There were celebrations after the Second Vatican Council realized it needed to actively engage with the modern world.

When Pope Paul VI established it on Sunday, May 7, 1967, less than two years after the Second Vatican Council, he did so with the intention of bringing attention to the communications media and their enormous potential for cultural change.

Humanity and its past are inextricably interwoven with the Church.

He and his successors have consistently recognized the positive opportunities the communications media afford for enriching human lives with the values of truth, beauty and goodness, but also the possibly negative effects of spreading less noble values and pressurizing minds and consciences with a multiplicity of contradictory appeals.

Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost, the Church honors the progress made in the communications media and concentrates on finding the best way to use it to share the gospel.

S.D. NEWS IN BITS – NORO AND GIZO.

Youth Involvement Praise.



The St. Eusebius youth were praised for their continuous involvement in events that kept them close to the church.

They continue to be involved with little ones in sports, and once a week they go around Noro Township collecting trash to beautify the main street.



They had their fellowship with families at their homes on Sunday the 7th of April, they visited the Noro clinic on the 14th and were commended for their amazing Passion of the Cross dramatization on Easter Friday.

Parishioners also praised the members of the Good Samaritan Group who share in Guanellian Mission at Noro for their mission to provide a place for young people to connect them with God, develop relationships with others, learn about themselves and their faith, and develop skills for living a Christ-centered life.

Pastoral Visit to Gizo Correctional Center.

On the third Sunday of Easter (April 14), Fr.

Dominic Soloko arranged a significant visit to the Gizo Correctional Center.

Accompanying him were Sr. Alice Salas, Risia Nawaia, and Esther Waigwa; they are appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the Gospel message for the prisoners.

Their visit was essential in providing inmates with spiritual and emotional support, and aiding in their rehabilitation.

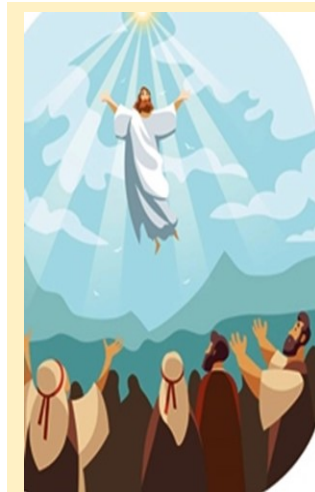


Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin Mary and the Apostles of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

Ascension of the Lord



Ascension Day for the year 2024 is celebrated on Thursday, May 9th. Ascension Day is held on a Thursday 39 days (40th day of Easter) after Easter Sunday and commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. It is often called Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, Ascension Thursday and Holy Thursday.

N.D. NEWS IN BITS – MOLI AND VORUVORU.

St. Joseph Parish Continues with Devine Mercy.



The St. Joseph Moli Parish celebrated the Divine Mercy Feast Day on Sunday April 7th.

Anthony reported that this year's celebrations began in Moli on the

mainland and proceeded to the mission island, where the poster for Divine Mercy was escorted.

A beautiful celebration involving more believers joining in to mark the occasion that included the Thanksgiving Mass and a feast for everyone.

St. Joseph Moli Secure \$19,000.00 for Program.



St. Joseph Moli Parish successfully raised \$19,363.00 at a fundraising event held at the Moli Mission Station on April 27.

Known as Harvest, it provided families and individuals with the chance to find means of earning money prior to the fes-

tival date.

Reported from that parish, Anthony said, on the festival day, every zone, sector, and family submitted their earnings to the parish fundraising committee, bringing an end to their harvest program.

The money raised will go toward parish pastoral programs in 2024.

Call to Assist, Voruvoru Church Building.



All CTK parishioners across the country have been urged by Fr. Tomas Pata to make contributions to

their newly constructed parish Chapel Christ the King Voruvoru.

So thankful that children are helping out by lugging stones for the building extension's pavement.

Other members have promised to assist, and the committee also helped brainstorm ideas for fundraising.

In Honiara, Sixtus suggested that a committee be established and that it hold its meetings to plan fundraisings for their Chapel.

Dozens Receive Sacrament of Baptism.



About sixty babies from the Moli and Voruvoru parishes received their Sacrament of

Baptism during Easter.

Confirmed by Fr. Tomas Pata, thirty infants from Christ the King Voruvoru were baptized, and twenty-three children received their sacrament of Holy Communion.

While 19 babies were baptized in the St. Joseph Moli parish, reported Anthony Telovai.

CTK Parish Voruvoru Complete S.S. Workshop.



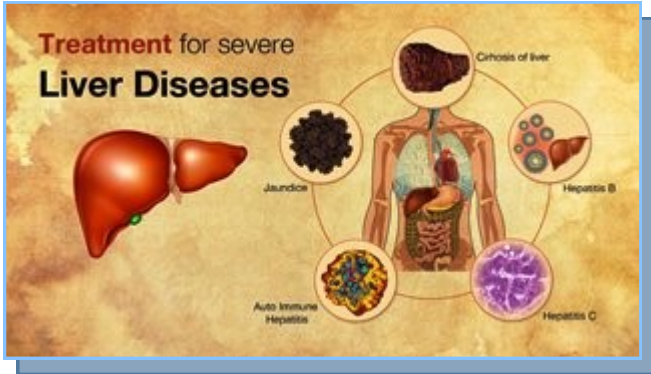
15 participants from the Katazi zone have completed a 3 day Sunday school workshop that commenced on the 26th to 28 April at Voruvoru Parish.

A successful workshop was facilitated by the Come and See boys; Gregory and Alaisia who taught the Sunday school teachers several key purposes on how to run Sunday school programs in their community, and how to provide a structured environment for spiritual growth for the children.

HEALTH TIPS & NEXT EVENTS.

From previous article (Mayo Clinic Online)

Immune system condition



Diseases in which the immune system attacks certain parts of the body are called autoimmune diseases. Auto-immune liver diseases include:

- Autoimmune hepatitis.
- Primary biliary cholangitis.
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis.

Genetics

A changed gene from one or both parents can cause substances to build up in the liver. This can cause liver damage. Genetic liver diseases include:

- Hemochromatosis.
- Wilson's disease.
- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency.
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Cancer and other growths

Examples include:

- Liver cancer.
- Bile duct cancer.
- Liver adenoma.

Other

Other common causes of liver disease include:

- Long-term alcohol use.
- Fat that builds up in the liver, called nonalcoholic fatty liver disease or metabolic-associated steatotic liver disease.
- Certain prescription or other medicines.
- Certain herbal mixes.
- Being in contact often with toxic chemicals.

Risk factors

Factors that can increase the risk of liver disease include:

- Ongoing moderate or heavy alcohol use.
- Obesity.
- Type 2 diabetes.
- Tattoos or body piercings.
- Shared needles to inject drugs.
- Blood transfusion before 1992.
- Contact with other people's blood and body fluids.
- Sex without protection.
- Contact with chemicals or toxins.
- Family history of liver disease.



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- UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2024 -

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



Feast of the Sacred Heart is observed on June 07, 2024. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (properly the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) is a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. It falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, celebrated in honor of these revered apostles, will occur on June 29, 2024. Let us reflect on their significant roles:
Saint Peter:
 First Pope: Peter, also known as Simon Peter, was one of Jesus' closest disciples. He played a pivotal role in the early Christian community and is considered the first Pope.
Saint Paul:

Apostle to the Gentiles: Paul, originally known as Saul, underwent a profound conversion and became a fervent preacher of the Gospel. He tirelessly spread Christianity among the Gentiles.