



HOLY MASSES

Sundays:
(Saturday evening) Vigil 6.30pm,
7.00, 10.30am & 6 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 6.30 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 7am

Confessions: before and after Masses
if possible and by appointment

Baptisms:
Call to make an appointment

Online Masses
St Dominic Barbados

You Tube



Office hours

Monday: 7 – 12

Tuesday: 7 – 2 pm

Wednesday: 7 – 12

Thursday: 7 – 12, 3-5

Friday: 7 – 12

**Priests are available during office
hours or by appointment**

Office is closed:

on bank holidays & weekends, and
sometimes we may be out of the
office. (Please call before coming)

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Barbados

1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023 # 720 Year A



Metanoia

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Reflection on the painting

Dutch born **Ary Scheffer** was a Romantic Art painter during the first half of the 19th century, mostly known for his works based on literature, including the works of Dante, Goethe and Lord Byron. But towards the end of his life, and maybe after a religious experience, he started painting highly religious works, of which today's painting is a good example. The clarity of composition and the direct approach to the narrative of today's Gospel passage make for a striking image. The characters impart emotion purely through easily recognisable expressions and gestures: the devil is promising the world, but Christ points upwards to his Father. Christ is dressed in bright, pure clothes, contrasting with the dark, shadowy figure of the devil. Note the look on Christ's face: he doesn't avoid looking at the devil but faces him directly, looking straight at him and rejecting his false promises. Power is intoxicating. To be promised riches, wealth, influence and power beyond our wildest dreams would be hard to resist. Yet we are all called to resist such temptations, however small or big they are. Satan's temptations bring us immediately to the core question of Jesus' identity, as he calls into question who Jesus really is, saying provocatively: 'If you are the Son of God...' Each temptation the devil then puts in front of Christ invites him to turn away from his Father. In the first temptation, Satan promises power; in the second he is testing God's fidelity; in the third all the power and glory the earth can offer is promised. Jesus resists them all. Everyone is tempted, on a daily basis, however flagrant or subtle these temptations might be. Being aware of temptations is already half the battle won against Satan. Jesus did not defeat the devil by solely staying faithful to his Father, but also by quoting Scripture. One of the devil's achievements in the 21st century is to install in many people the notion that Scripture is not important, and is maybe just some 'nice' literary text from the past. Jesus' answers show how crucial Scripture was for him to battle evil! Scripture is a powerful tool for our spiritual battles.

(<https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/matthew-4-1-11-2023/>)



We are a Catholic community committed to welcoming our brothers and sisters, celebrating the Eucharist, receiving the Sacraments, spreading the Good News, passing on our Catholic faith and Traditions, promoting devotion to Divine Mercy and assisting the poor and less privileged in our community. As the National Shrine of Divine Mercy we encourage fuller participation in the Divine Mercy devotions in order to strengthen our Catholic faith, to experience the healing grace and mercy of God and to be merciful to others as Jesus.



Our prayers:

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen.

Prayer for vocations

Heavenly Father raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the memory of your Son Jesus, through the preaching of His word and the celebration of His Sacraments.

May Your Church sustain seminarians and priests in their vocations so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel.

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SCAN ME

Feb 26 - Mar 4

Mass intentions

Sunday:

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Souls in Purgatory

Sun 7.00 am: Wilfred Arthur—RIP

10.30 am: Barbara & John Seale—RIP & Maria Elena Calderon—RIP

6.00 pm: Grace Fredericks—Thanksgiving

Tue 6.20 am: Jane Marson—RIP &

Wed 6.30 am: Robert Bourque—RIP

Thu 6.30 am: for Donors & Benefactors

Fri 6.30 am: for parishioners & visitors

6.30pm

Sat 7.00 am:



LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday 26th Feb (all Masses), Monday 10am, Tuesday 12noon, Wednesday - 10 am (for those who are unable to come out at night) & 6.30 pm

THEME: "FROM DUST TO GLORY"

RETREAT MASTER: Fr. Andy

(collection will be taken after each session during the week)



The following Ministries will lead the Stations of the Cross : Every Friday in Lent

24th February - Lectors

3rd March- Care Ministry

10th March- Rosary group

17th March-EMHC

Of the cross for Lent 2023

24th March- Confirmation Class

31st March-Mens group

7th April (Good Friday)- Choir



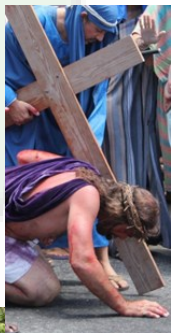
GOOD FRIDAY - RE-ENACTMENT OF THE CRUCIFIXION

The choir is hosting the reenactment of the crucifixion on Good Friday morning at 9 o'clock, starting at Dover Playing Field and finishing at the church. I would like to invite you to come and participate in this phenomenal experience. Currently, we have 6 disciples, which means we are in quest of 6 more, we need 2 thieves, we need soldiers but no set number is required. And, if you so desire to be part of the crowd, please feel free to join us. We rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 4-5:45 in the church hall. I am sure our community has more than what we need so thank you for volunteering to be part of this historical event.

Choir Director, Edith Moise



Good Friday
Re-enactment
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LENT

VISITING THE SICK DURING LENT: 27TH - 31ST MARCH

CONFESSIONS: 23RD & 28TH MARCH - 6-8 PM

