



## 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:** 7.30 – 12

**Tuesday:** 7.30 – 2 pm

**Wednesday:** 7.30 – 12

**Thursday:** 7.30 – 12, 3-5

**Friday:** 7.30 – 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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# St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church National Shrine of Divine Mercy



**Barbados**

**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**March 26, 2023 # 724 Year A**



*Metanoia*

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Psalm:** 129(130)

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

### Gospel Acclamation:

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

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.

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### Gospel

**John 11:1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

## 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

Mar 26 - Apr 1

### Sunday:

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Robert Bourque—RIP

Sun 7.00 am: for parishioners & visitors

10.30 am: Ashaki Goodwin—Birthday

6.00 pm: Ben McFarlane—Birthday

Tue 6.20 am: Jean Pitcher—healing

Wed 6.30 am: Robert Bourque—RIP

Thu 6.30 am: Richard Gordon—RIP

Fri 6.30 am: Jane Marson—RIP

6.30pm: Richard Gordon—RIP

Sat 7.00 am: Richard Gordon—RIP

## Mass intentions



### FAMILY FUN DAY APPEAL - SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023

Dear Parishioners & visitors, We are kindly asking for your help by collecting and donating the following:

New and used clothing in good condition

Household items, jewellery, etc

Plants, pots, soil etc

Items for Lucky Dips

Cake & Tea Stall items – Sandwiches, pastries, cakes, sweets

Vegetables & fruit

Prizes for games stalls

Tents, Prizes for silent auction, Drinks for Bar

Monetary donations for covering expenses.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

31st March-Mens group

7th April (Good Friday)- Choir



### Reflection on the painting from today's Gospel



Our painting was originally part of a praedella (smaller paintings on the base of a large altarpiece) in the chapel of the Malavolti family in the church of San Domenico in Siena. Our painter, Giovanni di Paolo paints our theme of today's Gospel reading, the resurrection of Lazarus, as a model for the Resurrection of Christ. The panel demonstrate artist's mastery of a multi-figured, dramatic narrative scene executed in the late-Gothic style. The figures are positioned on one line, a frieze, all pushing to see up close what is happening. The agitated figures reveal extreme emotional states - from one onlookers in a blue overwhelmed by the stench from Lazarus's tomb to the desperate sorrow Mary and Martha begging Jesus to do something.

In the Gospels, when Christ heals, the healing is not for the sole sake of the one healed, but for the sake of others and the entire community. Today's reading is a perfect example of this. Jesus raised Lazarus for Mary and Martha. When we pray and ask to be healed, this healing is never just for me, so that I feel better, and my sufferings go away. Jesus gives us healing for the sake of others too. The healing would have directly affected all the people depicted in our painting.

### Diocese of Bridgetown: Marian Pilgrimage Returns

May 13, 2023 - Contribution \$40.00

Save the date



### LENT

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

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

