



## 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



## 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

The Ascension of The Lord  
May 21, 2023 # 731 Year A



## Metanoia

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11  
**Psalm:** 46(47):2-3,6-9  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Go, make disciples of all the nations.  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
**Alleluia!**  
(The Readings are taken from the day, not the vigil)



### Gospel

### Matthew 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



### Reflection on the painting

American born artist John Singleton Copley spent six months in Rome, where he was inspired by the works of the great Renaissance painter Raphael (1483–1520) in order to paint this composition. He based it mainly on Raphael's "Transfiguration" which is at the Vatican. He spent all six months searching for the ideal composition. As with any neo-classical painting, it has a very distinct clarity of composition. Christ is in the top two thirds of the painting and the disciples in the lower third. Today's Gospel reading says 'When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated'. We see this depicted: the hesitation shown by the disciples to the right of the canvas where the angels have to explain what is going on; a figure is kneeling, overcome by the emotion of the events; other disciples are throwing their hands in the air in praise; surprise; adoration; joy... it is all there in this painting.

The essence of today's feast is in Jesus' words and promise: "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." He is with us at all times and in all places. At his Ascension Jesus entered Heaven, and there he keeps the doors open for humanity to enter.

If I may, I want to draw an analogy (which is of course is slightly flawed). It is, nevertheless, an anecdote that I would like to share with you, as yesterday we discussed Leonardo da Vinci. Da Vinci had started working on a large painting in his studio. He worked on it for a while, outlining its composition, colours, detailing etc. One day, he stopped working on the painting and asked one of his students to complete the work. The anxious student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which Leonardo, his master, had begun. Da Vinci summoned him and silenced him: 'Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?'. Today, as Jesus ascends into heaven, he is leaving the canvas of our world into our hands... (<https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/matthew-28-16-20-2023/>)

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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## Mass Intentions

May 21-27

Vigil: Sat 6.00 pm: Claire Worme & George Sabga—Rip  
Sun 7.00 am: Jenny Nunes—thanksgiving for healing  
10.30 am: for parishioners & visitors  
6.00 pm: Robert Bourque—RIP  
Tue 6.30 am: Margaret Wilson—for healing  
Wed 6.30 am: André Zanol—Birthday  
Thu 6.30 am: Isaac Brooker  
Fri 6.30 am: Robert & Elizabeth Las Heras—RIP  
Sat 7.00 am: Peter Atwell—RIP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION—SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 7 am

11 CANDIDATES TO BE CONFIRMED



FIRST COMMUNION—SUNDAY 11TH JUNE, 7 am

19 CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION

## 50th Anniversary Book

Do you have any photos of Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings or any special events over the last 50 years at St. Dominic's?

If you do and they are good quality resolution, we are looking for memorabilia for our 50th Anniversary book of St. Dominic's Church. We ask that you send them to the email below. We do not guarantee that all will be printed, but will try our best to include as many as we can. Or maybe you have a special memory that you would like to share, you can send a short paragraph.

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**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS &  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FRIDAY 6.00 PM**



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