



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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Barbados

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2023 # 736 Year A



Metanoia

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

(<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/12th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>)

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

June 25 - July 1



Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Karen Gill & Jordan Mayhew—RIP
Sun 7.00 am: for Parishioners & Visitors
10.30 am: Cheryl Carter—Thanksgiving
6.00 pm: Conrad Davis—Birthday & 11 Plus Students of Wills Primary School
Tue 6.30 am: Zoe Brooker
Wed 6.30 am: Herbert Alleyne & Neville Browne—RIP
Thu 6.30 am: Robert Bourque—RIP
Fri 6.30 am: Jane Marson—RIP
Sat 7.00 am: Brian Bourne—For Healing

THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL—June 29th

The two leading saints of the early Church are celebrated together in the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, (or the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul if celebrated on a Sunday). This celebration is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is observed on June 29th. The Roman Martyrology (the official lists of solemnities, feasts, and other liturgical celebrations of the saints and martyrs) assigns June 29th as the feast day without thereby declaring that to be the day of their deaths. St. Augustine of Hippo (late 4th century) says in his Sermon 295: "One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one." Thus it is clear that the celebration is of ancient origin. There is some speculation that the date selected may be the anniversary either of their death or of the translation of their relics.

(<https://sacredheartfla.org/sunday-mornings/seasonal/feast-days-solemnities/the-feast-of-saints-peter-and-paul/>)

Reflection

We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church." Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation, and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life. (<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-peter-and-paul/>)

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. send to: stdomsis50@gmail.com



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAYS 6.00 PM



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

This Saturday 1st July
7.30-9.00 AM

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DONATIONS: On-Line information:

Name: St. Dominic's Church Account Type: Chequeing

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Institution: FCIB First Caribbean International Bank Ltd. Branch: Rendezvous