

### 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** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023 # 737 Year A



# Metanoía

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16 Psalm: 88(89):2-3,16-19 2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!



## Matthew 10:37-42

Gospel Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

# ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE—FEAST JULY 3

St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished



with the evidence he had demanded – seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus – at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes, and Persians; he ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

He was speared to death at a place called Calamine. His feast day is July 3rd and he is the patron of architects. Read article at www.catholic.org

(https://stthomastheapostle.org/about/who-was-saint-thomas-the-apostle/)

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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July 2 - 8	Mass Intentions
Sun 7.00 am: 10.30 am:	pm: Dominic & Michelle Brooker—Anniversary & Ron & Suzanne Davis—45th Anniversary Brian Holden—RIP Kathleen Morton—Thanksgiving For all Married Couples
Wed 6.30 am: Thu 6.30 am:	The Augustine family—Thanksgiving Brian Bourne—Healing for parishioners & visitors Brian Bourne—Healing

#### What are the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church?

The word precept means a rule or order, a command or law. The precepts deal with the most fundamental elements of Catholic life.

The first precept is: "You shall attend mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour". This precept points to the supreme value of assisting at Mass each Sunday and holy day; it also tells us to rest, so as to hallow the Lord's Day, most especially with our families.

The second is: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year", providing a minimum observance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - a challenge to us if we've been putting off going to confession!

The third states: "You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season", pointing us to the loving Lord who desires to give us himself in Holy Communion, to which the Church therefore at least periodically obliges us.

The fourth is: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." This binds us to limit how much food we eat on certain days of fasting (e.g. Ash Wednesday) and to abstain from meat on Fridays, reflecting the Gospel emphasis on penance as a way of uniting ourselves to the cross of Christ.

The fifth and final precept tells us: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church", requiring us to give to the extent we are able - towards the material support of the Church, for her ministers, buildings, etc., and for the work of evangelisation.

(From: Practising Your Faith by Fr. Lewis Berry)

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

From Monday July 5th we will be starting to refurbish the front steps of the church. We are asking that those who attend weekday Mass use the side entrance during this time. For weekend Masses we will endeavour to have the area closest to the bathrooms, accessible to the main door.

We thank you for your usual cooperation as we continue to upgrade our church.

### 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





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