



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

20th Sunday in OT
August 20, 2023 # 741 Year A



Metanoia

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm: 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

REFLECTION

Our drawing from circa 1650 by Rembrandt shows us the moment the Canaanite woman walks over to Jesus. The beginning of the reading tells us that the woman is pleading with Jesus, who doesn't answer her. The disciples are however listening to her. We see this depicted in our drawing. Jesus walks on, in fact turning his head away from the Canaanite woman, whilst three of the disciples talk to her. Jesus and his disciples are drawn as one group, whilst the woman is walking on her own, slightly separated from the others.



We know from our own experience that people can surprise us. We expect them to behave in a certain way and then, to our amazement, they behave in ways that far exceed our expectations. This is what happens in our Gospel reading. Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon, a predominantly pagan area, and he and his disciples did not expect to find much faith there. So when the 'pagan' Canaanite woman approaches them, they were genuinely surprised.

What is beautiful in this reading is how strongly the Canaanite woman identifies with her troubled daughter. She asks Jesus to take pity on her, even though her request concerns her daughter. Such strong identification of a parent with their child will not come as a surprise to any parent reading today's reflection. Parents would literally do anything for their children to be happy and content. The gospel reading further teaches us that sometimes the people we are tempted to keep at arm's length may be the very ones who have most to teach us. Unexpected people may teach us the most unexpected things about God! Maybe today's story simply invites us to leave ourselves open to being surprised by God... through others.

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



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

August 20 -26

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Claire Worme - RIP & Roger & Susan Woirme - Anniversary
 Sun 7.00 am: Karlene Nicholls—B'day and thanksgiving
 10.30 am: Ronnie & Marlene Ramsay—Aniversary
 6.00 pm: Owen & Nicole Davis—Aniversary & Antonio Figueira—RIP
 Tue 6.30 am: Caroline Gibson—Biday & Eddie Gloumeau—RIP
 Wed 6.30 am: EUCHARISTIC SERVICE
 Thu 6.30 am: Roma Gangar
 Fri 6.30 am: for parishioners & visitors
 Sat 7.00 am: Heike Goodwin-Carbon & family—healing & thanksgiving

August 27 - September 2

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Harold Cole & Louis Figueira—RIP
 Sun 7.00 am: Fr. Anton Dick—healing & Ashaki Goodwin & family—healing & thanksgiving
 10.30 am: for parishioners & visitors
 6.00 pm: Neville Browne—RIP
 Tue 7.00 am: Isaac Brooker—Birthday
 Wed 6.30 am: Special intention
 Thu 6.30 am: Jane Marson—RIP
 Fri 6.30 am: Darrel Wilson and his parents—blessings on his birthday
 Sat 7.00 am: Special intention



Perpetual Mass League of the Pallottine Fathers

has been smoothed perpetually in the PALLOTTINE MASS LEAGUE and will stand in the following spiritual benefits:

- > 3 special holy masses offered on each day in PALLOTTINE COMMUNITIES
- > Daily PALLOTTINE PRAYERS (MORNING, NOON AND EVENING)
- > ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY THURSDAY IN THE PALLOTTINE SEMINARY IN OLTARZEW (POLAND)
- > REMEMBRANCE AT HOLY MASS IN THE PALLOTTINE SEMINARY ON THE FIRST FRIDAY
- > DEVOTIONS AND GOOD WORKS PERFORMED BY THE PALLOTTINE COMMUNITY
- > BLESSING OF THE HOLY FATHER

Thank you for your support of the Pallottine Seminary in Oltarzew (Poland)

PERPETUAL MASS LEAGUE OF THE PALLOTTINE FATHERS

Perpetual Mass cards may be purchased from the office in support of the Pallottine Community. **The cost is US\$30.00.** This includes:

- ◆ 3 special holy masses offered on each day in Pallottine communities
- ◆ Daily Pallottine prayers (morning, noon and evening)
- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday in the Pallottine Seminary in Oltarzew (Poland)
- ◆ Remembrance at holy mass in the Pallottine Seminary on the First Friday of every month
- ◆ Devotions and good works performed by the Pallottine community
- ◆ Blessing of the Holy Father

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&
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAYS 6.00 PM**



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