

### 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

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)

Parish Priest - Fr. Andy Nyga SAC & Deacon Rev. Stephen Foster



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# St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church National Shrine of Divine Mercy



25th Sunday in OT September 23, 2023 # 744 Year A



## Metanoia

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in

heaven and glory in the highest heavens.

Alleluia!



## Gospel

#### Matthew 20:1-16

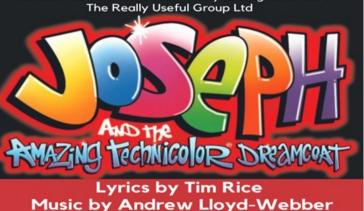
Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

## **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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8:00 pm

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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.

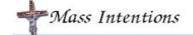
May Your Church sustain seminarians and priests in their vocations so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission at the service of the Gospel.

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### September 23 - 30

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Special Intention

Sun 7.00 am: SVP Members, their families and all they serve

10.30 am: Parishioners and visitors 6.00 pm: Alison Frankin—Birthday

Tue 6.30 am: Ashaki Goodwin—Healing and thanksgiving

Wed 6.30 am: Anthony Wood—RIP Thu 6.30 am: Anthony Wood-RIP Fri 6.30 am: Anthony Wood—RIP

Sat 7.00 am: Kathleen Morton and family-Healing



### September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels—Feast



Patron Saints of soldiers, police, paramedics, and the sick and dying (Michael); messengers, postal workers, broadcasters, and expectant mothers (Gabriel); travelers, the blind, medical workers, and matchmakers (Raphael)

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, there are numerous mentions of the heavenly spirits. In the Old Testament, they stood at the entrance to the Garden of Eden, directed Abraham, stayed his hand at the sacrifice of Isaac, destroyed Sodom and protected Lot, spoke to and wrestled with Jacob, went before Moses and the Israelites, and interacted with Israel's kings and prophets. In the New Testament, the Archangel Gabriel announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Jesus often spoke of the workings of angels in His preaching. They ministered to Him during His agony in the garden, were present at His Resurrection, and helped set Peter free from prison. Saint Paul spoke about the hierarchy of angels several times.

Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that every human being is assigned a guardian angel. The archangels are next in the hierarchy of angelic spirits and serve humanity directly, performing the most important tasks. The three Archangels we honor today are the only three mentioned in the Bible. (continue reading—page 3)

#### 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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DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAYS 6.00 PM



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Mass on Sunday 24th September 7am, will be in honour of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul, in celebration of it's members and the families we served. Diana Sylvester

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Michael, whose name means "Who is like God?", is mentioned several times in the Bible. The Book of Daniel speaks of him as the prince who stands up for the people of Israel in a protective way (Daniel 10:13, 10:21, and 12:1The Book of Revelation also reveals Michael's battle with Satan, casting him from Heaven, "Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven" (Revelation 12:7–8). Based on these passages, Michael is seen as the great defender against Satan and his demons, the protector of the Church, and the Prince of the Angels.

The prayer to Saint Michael, who defends us in battle, was written by Pope Leo XIII and was prayed thereafter at the end of every Mass until the reforms after Vatican II. Today, it is still prayed in many churches and widely in private devotion.

Gabriel, whose name means "God is my strength" or "Strong man of God," appears several times in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Gabriel appears to interpret Daniel's vision (Daniel 8:15–27; 9:20–27). In the New Testament, Gabriel appears to Zechariah in the Temple to reveal the birth of his son, John the Baptist (Luke 1:5–20), and to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce the birth of the Messiah (Luke 1:26–38

Raphael, whose name means "God has healed," is mentioned by name only in the Book of Tobit. Tobit was a wealthy and devout Israelite who had been deported from his home to Nineveh by the Assyrian king. While in exile, he suffered from blindness and sent his son, Tobias, to his homeland to gather his money. On the way, Raphael appeared to Tobias in human form, using the name Azariah. Raphael protected him on the journey and led him to a woman named Sarah who lost seven husbands on the night of their weddings, due to a demon's attack. The archangel united them in marriage, expelled the demon, and accompanied them back to Tobit, whom he healed. He then revealed to them, "I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tobit 12:15).

As we honor these three archangels today, call upon their intercession, seek their mediation, and trust that they will accomplish the duties they are given. Through Michael, seek God's protection. Through Gabriel, seek God's revelation. And through Raphael, seek God's healing. They will not let you down.

Glorious Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, I entrust myself to your angelic mediation. Please set into motion God's plan for my life, protect me from the evil one, deliver to me God's holy word, and heal me of my sin. I thank you for the glorious duties you fulfill in the divine mission and rely upon you in my life. Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for me and mediate God's grace to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

