



## 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

2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2023 # 755 Year A



## Metanoia

### Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



## ADVENT DEC 2023



**Penitential Service: Dec 22 - 6pm to 8pm**

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA** - Novena starts on Sunday 16th before 7 am Mass (there will be no meditation)  
Dec 16 to 24 at 6.15 am (weekdays 6.15am, weekend 7am)

Visiting the sick Dec 5 to Dec 15

Sun 24 VIGIL (Sat 23rd) 6.30 pm, 7am, 10.30am (Sunday Masses)

## CHRISTMAS DEC 2023

Sun 24 : 4 pm & 6.30pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES

11.00PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS 12.00 MIDNIGHT MASS

Mon 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(NO 7.00 AM MASS) CHRISTMAS Solemnity - 10.30am & 6pm



Tue 26 St. Stephen – 7.00am Mass (Boxing Day)

SUN 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Special Blessing for Families and Individuals after each  
Mass - Vigil ( Sat 30) 6.30 pm, Sun: 7am, 10.30am,

## NEW YEAR 2024

Sun 31 Dec: 6pm New Year's Vigil Mass, NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Mon 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God -  
7am, 10.30am, 6pm [Holyday of Obligation]

SUN 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Blessing of chalk  
Vigil 6.30pm Sun Mass, 7am, 10.30am, 6pm



Peace on  
EARTH

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

### December 10 -16

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Paige Brooker & Zack Cox—Birthdays  
Sun 7.00 am: for parishioners & visitors  
10.30 am: Ashaki Goodwin & family—healing and thanksgiving  
6.00 pm: Special intention  
Tue 6.30 am: George Goodwin—RIP  
Wed 6.30am Ashaki Goodwin—healing & thanksgiving  
Thur 6.30 am Kathleen Morton & family—thanksgiving  
Fri 6.30 am Christian Ameer—Birthday  
Sat 7.00 am Special intention



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION - FAITH AT MARQUETTE

The Gospel for this Sunday is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark. Mark begins by recalling the Hebrew Bible's message of the Prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." While Hebrew Scripture commentators see this as a prediction of Judah's return from Babylonia captivity, Mark uses Isaiah to introduce John the Baptist and his ministry. If there is one word that seems to describe the vocation of John, it is that of "Preparer." What was his call to people as he helped them prepare for the ministry of Jesus Christ? He called them to repentance for the forgiveness of their sins. Why would he do this? John was a good Jew. He knew the commandments and the history of his people. Their greatest sin was that of idolatry. Throughout their history the Jews would forget the one true God and turn to creating gods of gold, stone, and wood like the nations around them. So John invited people to repentance and transformation of their lives so they would recognize the true God when He came to them in human form.

The message of John and the tradition of the Catholic Church come together in many Catholic parishes with Reconciliation services during Advent.

So what is the message of John to us as we prepare for the faith-deepening experience of the Birth of Jesus, the Christ? The message is the same as John preached to the Jews: "Prepare by seeking forgiveness." What gets in the way of our appreciating God's gift of Jesus as Savior is that we have let idols clutter our lives as the Jews of old did. Does our abundance, our need for recognition, and our longing for security become ends and not means? Have they become the little idols we worship? So John is inviting us to transformation of heart by acknowledging and confessing our sins so we can be attentive to the true "reason for the season."

(<https://www.marquette.edu/faith/second-sunday-of-advent-gospel-reflection.php>)



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

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