



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

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023 # 756 Year A



Metanoia

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28



A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

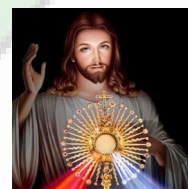
Reflection on the Pink Diamond—Gaudete Sunday

With shop windows around us and commercial online retailers saturating us with the Christmassy green and red colours, it is easy to lose sight of the true colours of the Advent season: purple and pink. Today, for those of you who can attend mass or who watch the live-streamed masses online, you will notice the priest wearing pink/rose-coloured vestments. Also, the pink candle is being lit on the Advent wreath as the third candle. In French the colour pink has more resonance, as it is called 'rose', like the flower's name and therefore conveys the sense of beauty, creation, nature and growing, ... all relevant for this Third Sunday of Advent. The term "Gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice," and it is the opening word of the entrance antiphon for the day, which is taken from Philippians 4:4-5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." This rose colour is only used twice in the whole liturgical year: Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent. The purpose is to bring a sense of joy amidst a season of penance. It is to remind us that during the dark, wintery nights of Advent, the light of Christ is coming soon; and in Lent as well, to remind us that the season of preparation is coming to a close and the great feast of the Resurrection is swiftly approaching. One of the areas in art collection where pink is THE sought after colour is the world of diamonds. Pink diamonds are exceptionally rare, comprising only a tiny fraction of the world's diamond production. The scarcity of pink diamonds, especially those with intense and vivid hues, makes for very high prices. The pink diamond we are looking at sold last June for a staggering \$34,804,500 USD. (<https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/john-1-6-8-19-28-2023/>)



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

FRIDAYS: 6.00 PM



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

Mass Intentions

December 17 –23

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Luke Cox—Birthday
Sun 7.00 am: Natasha Nanton—RIP & Elza Gloumeau—RIP
10.30 am: Pam Brooker—Birthday & Joan Cumberbatch for healing
6.00 pm: for Parishioners & Visitors
Mon 6.15 am: Special intention
Tue 6.15 am: Randall Goddard—RIP
Wed 6.30am Benjamin Brooker—Birthday
Thur 6.30 am Anthony Wood—RIP
Fri 6.30 am Peter John Cox—Birthday
Sat 7.00 am Evelyn Hinkson—Birthday



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



NOTE: There will be Mass on Monday morning at 6.15 am

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