



## 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

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2023 # 758 Year B



## Metanoia

### Gospel

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

### Monday January 8—Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.**

"When the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on January 7 or 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday (Third Roman Missal). This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

### Meditation—The Baptism of Christ

And Jesus being baptized, forthwith came out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened to Him: and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him. And behold a voice from heaven saying: This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Jesus stoops so low as to mingle with the multitude of sinners, and forthwith the heavens are opened to magnify Him—He acknowledges Himself worthy of the strokes of divine justice, and behold, the Father declares that He takes all His delight in Him: *Humiliavit semetipsum...propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum.*

It is at this moment that the mission of Jesus, as One sent by God, is declared authentic. The Father's testimony accredits, so to speak, His Son before the world, and hence this testimony relates to one of the characters of Christ's work as regards ourselves. The mission of Jesus has a double aspect: it bears at the same time the character of redemption and of sanctification. It is to redeem souls, and, this done, to infuse life into them. That is the whole work of the Saviour.

—Excerpted from *Christ in His Mysteries* by Dom Columba Marmion

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



## 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

### JAN 7-13

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Hirma Lewis—blessings & healing & Keith & Alec Lewis—RIP

Sun 7.00 am: for parishioners & visitors  
10.30 am: Donna & Stephan Warren—thanksgiving for their lives  
6.00 pm: Lisa McFarlane—Birthday blessings  
Tue 6.30 am: Gerald & Gina Cox—Anniversary  
Wed 6.30am Alice & Freddie George & family—blessings  
Thu 6.30 am Christopher O'Connor—Birthday  
Fri 6.30 am Souls in Purgatory  
Sat 7.00 am



### THE BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Epiphany is a traditional time to bless homes and Catholics are encouraged to perform this rite every year. The Church teaches that a "temple" is not only a building in which we worship, but that we are temples of the Holy Spirit, that the Body of Christ is not only that of which we partake at the Divine Liturgy, but that we are the Body of Christ. And just as the Gifts of the Eucharist are treated with reverence and kept in sanctified vessels, so should every Christian's life be full of reverence and sanctity even outside the physical walls of the church. The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. And just as a Church and sacred vessels, once sanctified and set aside for sacred use, can no longer be used for anything profane, in the same way a Christian washed in baptismal waters, and his home, and all his works, can no longer be the dwelling of sin and the works of satan, but only and always, the temple of the Holy Spirit. The annual blessing of homes is not as elaborate as the blessing of a new dwelling, but it should not be overlooked, for it is a way that the grace of God is extended to rid a home of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year! (excerpt: [frsergei.wordpress.com](http://frsergei.wordpress.com))

### Epiphany door chalking

**Introduction:** Lord Jesus, through your Incarnation and birth in true human form, you have made all the earth holy. We now ask your blessing upon this simple gift of your creation, chalk. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool for us to mark the doors of our homes with the symbols of your wise servants who, so long ago, came to worship and adore you in your first home.

**Prayer:** May we, in this house, and all who come to visit, to work, and to play, remember these things throughout the coming year. May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts. Amen. After the prayer you may use the blessed chalk to mark your door—C+M+B + 2024, May Christ Bless This Home (Christus Mansionem Benedicat)

### REMINDER

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR MASS INTENTIONS EARLY. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE AS THE MASS MAY BE ALREADY BOOKED.

There are intentions available over the next few months.

### On-Line BANKING information for DONATIONS/SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Name: St. Dominic's Church Account Type: Chequeing

Transit Number: 09616 Account Number: 78101019 Currency: BBD