

HOLY MASSES

Sundays: (Saturday evening) Vigil 6.30pm, 7.00, 10.30am & 6 pm

Tuesday – Frid<mark>ay:</mark> 6.30 am Saturdays & Holidays: 7am

Confessions: before and after Masses if possible and by appointment Baptisms:

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**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 inn Ordinary Time January 14, 2023 # 759 Year B



Metanoía

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
Psalm: 39(40):2,4,7-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15; 17-20
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!



As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

# ST. JOHN NEUMANN



Feast Day: January 5th Patron Saint of: Catholic education, Deaf This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811.



Gospel

This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face. But John didn't give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land. In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania.

His church had no steeple or floor but that didn't matter because John spent most of his time traveling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach, and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables. Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100.

John never lost his love and concern for the people -- something that may have bothered the elite of Philadelphia. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!" The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!" Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own." John died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.

(Catholic online)

### 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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## JAN 14-20

	Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Alex Gibson—Birthday	
	Sun 7.00 am:	Elza Gloumeau—RIP
	10.30 am:	for Parishioners & Visitors
	6.00 pm:	Jacqui & Simon Elias & Family—Blessings
	Tue 6.30 am:	Special intention
	Wed 6.30am	Harold Goddard—healing
	Thu 6.30 am	Antonio Figueira—RIP
	Fri 6.30 am	Juliet McKenzie—healing
	Sat 7.00 am	Alan Cox—Birthday
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#### **REFLECTION ON THE PAINTING**

Look we have Found the Messiah, Fresco by Domenichino (Domenico Zampieri, 1581-1641), Painted between 1622-28 Fresco

Mass Intentions

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It is always worth reflecting on the questions that Jesus asks in the gospels. They are invariably questions that he is addressing also to us. In John's gospel, the opening words



of Jesus take the form of a question, the question we find in today's gospel reading addressed to two disciples of John the Baptist, 'What do you want?' Jesus is asking after their deepest desires, 'What are you really looking for?' would be another way of phrasing this question. By means of this question, Jesus invites all of us to bring our deepest desires to him. And what is our deepest desire? For all of us it is happiness.

Hence Jesus tells the two disciples 'Come and see'. Indeed by following Jesus, and seeing what he is all about, we will find true happiness. Both the question 'What do you want?' and the invitation of Jesus to 'Come and

see' are worth holding onto and pondering over, as we begin this new year. Our fresco was painted by Domenichino in the choir of Sant'Andrea della Valle, Rome, between 1622-28. Domenichino painted the entire vault of the choir with scenes from the life of St Andrew, set within elaborate stucco frameworks designed by the artist, painting and architecture blending into one. Domenichino was born in Bologna, son of a shoemaker, and there initially studied under Denis Calvaert. After quarrelling with Calvaert, he left for Rome in 1602. There soon after his arrival he was nicknamed Domenichino, meaning "little Domenico" in Italian, because of his small stature. He soon became one of the most sought after artists in Rome. Our fresco depicts the Gospel reading of today, where John the Baptist is pointing to Jesus, flanked by a lamb at his feet. Andrew and Simon Peter are depicted on the right. Their joyous pose expresses both that they have found the Messiah and their willingness to 'go and see', and follow Christ.

### 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.

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