

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

Bantisms.

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 LENT (LAETARE)
March 10th, 2024 # 767 Year B



Metanoia

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm: 136(137):1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:

everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
'Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



Gospel

John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up

as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT at 6.30 pm
EACH FRIDAY STATIONS WILL BE LED BY A DIFFERENT MINISTRY

FRIDAY 15th MARCH - Confirmation Class (No Mass after Stations)

Friday 22nd March: Men's Group Friday 29th March: (Good Friday) Choir

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAYS: 6.00 PM



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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

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

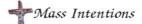
Heavenly Father raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the memory of your Son Jesus, through the preaching of His word and the celebration of His Sacraments.

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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MAR 10 - 16

Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm: Theresa Gomez—RIP
Sun 7.00 am: for parishioners & visitors
10.30 am: Gloria Tavernier—Birthday

6.00 pm: Souls in Purgatory
Tue 6.30 am: Richard Edwards—RIP

Wed 6.30am Hermine Cole, Sr. Mary Clare, David Matthews—RIP

Thu 6.30 am Intentions in the Divine Mercy Book Fri 6.30 am Jonathan & Chloe Cox—B'day

Sat 7.00 am:



TUESDAY 19TH & THURSDAY 21ST - 6.30 PM



VISITS TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS

MARCH 18—22

CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS



Reflection on the chasuble—LAETARE SUNDAY

Today, on this fourth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday, a day of joy and hope amidst our Lenten journey of reflection, penance, and preparation for Easter. The word "Laetare" means "rejoice" in Latin, and is the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass for this day, "Laetare, Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem." It serves as a reminder that even in the midst of our Lenten disciplines and sacrifices, we are called to rejoice in the Lord's mercy and the salvation that is drawing near. The rose-colored vestments worn today that replace the usual Lenten purple symbolise this joy and lighten the mood of Lenten penance, just as the dawn heralds the rising sun after the darkness of night. This midway point in Lent offers us a moment of encouragement, a beacon of the resurrection joy that awaits us at Easter.

In the midst of World War II, Monique Bourgeois, a nursing student, responded to an advertisement from Henri Matisse, who was in search of assistance following surgery for intestinal cancer. Their relationship blossomed into friendship, and after Matisse's recovery, he created portraits of Bourgeois in his studio. However, in 1946, to the dismay of Matisse (who was not religious), Bourgeois chose to enter a convent, as a Dominican sister of Vence. Despite this, Matisse undertook the design of a chapel for her order, a project that became his final and most cherished work, the one that he regarded as his crowning achievement. When Bourgeois, now Sister Jacques-Marie, inquired whether Matisse's creative inspiration was divine, he humorously (but sadly) responded, "Yes, but that god is me." Matisse was baptized Catholic as an infant but was ardently atheist as an adult.

It is always puzzling how secular artists can create some beautiful religious artworks. It is a mystery. I always hope and believe that somehow the artist, by tapping into Beauty, may discover God. Matisse designed several of these vestments for the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel in Vence, France between 1949 and 1951. The rose chasuble is only used twice in the whole liturgical calendar year (Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday), and is associated with joy and expectation during the somber days of

Lent and Advent. With its overlapping shapes and vibrant blocks of color, the chasuble is clearly from Matisse's paper-cutting phase, but this time the piece is made of embroidered silk instead of layered paper. The centre features a cross above a crown of thorns, and the chasuble is further graced with stylised botanical motifs. This chasuble and its accompanying chalice veil, maniple, and burse remain in Vence, in the same chapel for which they were created. (https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading)



Rose Colored Chasuble, Conceived and designed by Henri Matisse (1869-1954), Executed in 1951, Embroidered and patchwork silk
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50TH Anniversary Book IT'S ALMOST HERE!!

SEE PAGE 3 FOR UPCOMING EVENT

