

NOTICES

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS.
BIBLES ARE ON SALE AT THE CHURCH DOOR.

- Saturday October 22 – ‘The What, How And Why Of Christian Meditation – Fr. Laurence Freeman. 4:00 – 5:45 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm, To be held in the Upper Room above the Cathedral Office. **Christians interested in learning more about the practice of Christian Meditation.**
- The St. Patrick’s Cathedral Biblical Committee in recognition of ‘The Year Of Mercy’ will host an exhibition entitled “**God Is Rich In Mercy**” on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October, 2016. The exhibition will showcase the creativity of parish groups as parishioners depict bible stories which relate to mercy. The stories will be taken from the following references: John 8:3-11 Luke 15:11-32 2 Samuel 9 Matthew 18:23-35 Luke 10:25-37. Parishioners are encouraged to read the references, view the exhibition and share in the message of The Word.
- St. Patrick’s Old Scholars and the Royal Barbados Police Force is having their annual concert at District A Police Station on Sunday 23rd October at 5:00 pm. Tickets available from Michael Hunte.
- **CATHEDRAL CLEAN-UP**
We are asking all parishioners to help in a clean-up drive on the church and presbytery grounds. We need persons with **trucks, chain-saws, weed-trimmers, rakes, shovels, garbage bags**, man and woman power. **Please call the office and let us know of your availability and what you have to assist in this drive.** The date set is **Saturday, 22nd October 2016 from 7:30 am directly after the morning Mass. Let’s make this a family affair. Come out and make your Church Beautiful.**
- St. Patrick’s will be having a concert “Catholics Saluting 50” on The Church grounds on Friday 4th November 7:00 pm. Adm. \$10.00. Catholics are asked to come out in their National colours and support their Parish.
- **On the Feast of Christ the King** 20th November there will a Diocesan Mass at 4:30 pm at the Living Water Community.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:
Oct. 8th & 9th \$3267.00

St. Patrick’s R.C. Cathedral

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C
16 October 2016



Mission of our Church

To lead all people to unity encounter and participation in Christ



Fr Charles Dominique, OP
Administrator

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous
right hand.*

-Isaiah 41:10



Vision of our Church

By 2019 the Roman Catholic Church in Barbados will be a leader in integral development, forming mature disciples who build strong Christian families and vibrant communities in the service of Christian Unity, the Common Good and the Kingdom of God.

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12 Noon
Saturday 7 am, 6pm
Sunday 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm
Confession Saturday 5:30 pm and available on request

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SUNDAY READINGS:

1st Reading: Ex 17: 8-13, 2nd Reading: 2Tim 3: 14, 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-18



A REFLECTION ON THE 2ND READING:

"All Scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness."

Paul is writing to Timothy who has responsibility for leadership in the church. For many of us such leadership takes the shape of preaching, administration, liturgical functions, ministry to the sick, dying, poor, imprisoned etc. Paul advises Timothy to grow in faith and remain faithful to what he has learned and believed. He advises that growth has its roots in the Scriptures. What is applicable to Timothy's faith is applicable to our own.

Questions to ponder:

- What part does Scripture play in my spiritual life?
- What can I do to grow in my knowledge and love of the Scriptures?

THE GRACE OF PERSISTENCE

Today's readings present two individuals: a man and a woman. The man, Moses, is a great leader of his people. The woman, nameless, is a disenfranchised widow on the margins of society. Moses is standing on a mountaintop overlooking a great battle. The widow is boldly stomping into a law office every day waging a personal battle for justice.

Both are pleading for something they desperately want from powers stronger than they are. Both are persistent. In fact, it is their persistence that stands out most. Moses prays for so long, he eventually has to sit down and solicit help from his friends. The widow pleads for so long, the judge finally gives her what she wants just to get rid of her.

It would be easy to limit the lesson of these stories to this: if we are persistent in prayer, God will give us what we ask for. But experience tells us that prayer doesn't always work that way. The duration of our pleading is no guarantee that we will get what we want. And that's okay. In fact, it can be good.

Why? Because there are other graces associated with persistence besides getting what we ask for. For one thing, persistence in prayer reminds us of our intrinsic incompleteness. It also keeps us in touch with our deepest needs and desires like love, faith, justice, forgiveness, mercy. And persistence unites us with God. The responsorial psalm says, "Our help is from the Lord." But God's help sometimes comes in forms that surpass our pleadings. We plead for an end and receive the strength to endure. We beg for stability and receive the grace to change. We ask for more time and receive the gift of eternal life.

*Sr. Melanie Svoboda
Give us this day*

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 17TH – 21ST 2015

Monday 12:00 noon Birthday Blessings: Ayanna Victoria

Friday 12:00 noon In thanksgiving: Gautry Luigi

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sacrament of Baptism Fourth Sunday of each month during the 11:00 am Mass

Monday	Christian Meditation	10:30 am
	Baptismal Instruction	5.00 pm
Tuesday	Legion of Mary	5.00 pm
Wednesday	Adult Confirmation Classes	5:30 pm
	Cathedral Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Confirmation Programme	7:00 pm
Saturday	Children's Religious Education	9:00 am

Msgr. William John Lewis of Dominica at the Day of Renewal held at the Ursuline Convent Sep 25, 2016

