

NOTICES

- All interested youth (post 5th Form) and young adults, interested in revamping and reinvigorating the Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the diocese are asked to attend a meeting facilitated by Bishop Jason and Kyle Dardaine, on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre, St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Parish Church.
- **Sunday, 20th November is the Feast of Christ the King and Mercy Village** and there will be a Diocesan Mass at 4:30 pm at the Living Water Community.
- Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of Barbados' 50th anniversary and official visit of His Excellency the Most Reverend Nicola Girasoli, Apostolic Nuncio and delegate of the Holy See to Barbados and the Antilles takes place on Wednesday at the Cathedral.
- Under the distinguished patronage of the Most Reverend Bishop Jason Gordon, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bridgetown, you are invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord with an evening of dining and entertainment at Living Water Community, St. David's, 10th December. Seating by 6:30 pm and contribution \$150.00.

Enjoy a three course dinner followed by a beautifully orchestrated, modern- day depiction of the Joyful Mysteries.

^ Lots of door prizes to be won. Plus, for a minimum contribution, you can walk away with a beautifully decorated 9ft Christmas tree. There will also be a surprise auction. Keep checking this newsletter to find out exactly what you may be able to roll away with on the evening All proceeds in aid of the Cathedral restoration.

Mrs. Hermine Cole has passed away and her funeral service will be held at the Cathedral next Thursday, 10th Nov. at 10:00 am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:
Oct. 29th & 30th: \$3063.45

St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C
6th November 2016



Mission of our Church

To lead all people to unity encounter and participation in Christ



Fr Charles Dominique, OP
Administrator



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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lord God,

Be my strength this week. If I come up against any challenges please guide my steps and show me the path to take. This week will be victorious for you are with me always!

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: 2Mc 7:1-2,9-14, 2nd Reading: 2 Thes 2: 16, 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38



A reflection on today's Gospel:

Jesus said, "That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. God is not God of the dead, but of the living for to God all are alive."

Jesus assures us that what the Jewish people believed is true: we are in the hands of the living God and even death will not cause God to let go of us. Indeed, death will make our ties to God even stronger.

Questions to ponder:

- Who are the people who are signs to us of eternal life? How are they such signs?
- How do I show my faith in the God of the living?

THE POOR AND THE HOMELESS

God revealed, through the Bible, that the poor and the homeless have a special place in his heart. The words "widows" and "orphans" appear regularly in the Psalms and other parts of the Old Testament and the people of Israel were called upon to meet their needs as a priority.

Jesus himself freely mixed with those on the margin of society. Faithful to the spirit of Jesus James insists that that his readers treat the poor with respect (James 2). Acts 6:1 indicates the custom of early Christians distributing food to the poor. Paul takes up a collection in the newly founded churches in Asia Minor to assist the needy Christians in Jerusalem.

For many years now the St. Vincent de Paul Society has ministered to the needs of the poor in Barbados. More recently Living Water Community has taken up the challenge. Individual Catholics have taken to feeding the homeless in Bridgetown. The Care Ministry at St. Dominic's Church introduced legal, medical and psychological assistance for the poor in that region. Then Bishop Jason established the Hub with the intention of trying to improve the quality of life of the poor by enabling them to be the artisans of their own development.

Pope Francis has taken the care of the poor to a new level. On November 12 this year the poor and homeless in Rome will be the guests of honour at a special concert to be held in the Paul VI auditorium. The combined choirs of the diocese of Rome will perform along with other well known artists. These guests of honour will be treated to a meal and gifts at the end of the concert.

Let us continue to minister to our poor and homeless as Our Lord exhorts us to do.

*Anthony H. Dickson
Bishop Emeritus*

MASS INTENTIONS: 7TH - 12TH NOVEMBER 2016

Monday	12:00 noon	God's Blessing: Douglas family
Tuesday	6:30 am	Flora Iris Reid RIP
Wednesday	6:30 am	Ulrica Hunte RIP
	12:00 noon	Birthday Blessings: Joel Copeman
Thursday	6:30 am	Birthday Blessings: David Francois
Friday	12:00 noon	Lisa Marie DeFreitas RIP
Saturday	6:30 am	Birthday Blessings: Jessamine Moses
	6:00 pm	Attie Joseph Sr. RIP

To prepare for Sunday Mass it is a good idea to read and give thought to the readings in your missal or Bible. Here are some questions to ponder.

First Reading [[2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14](#)] What are some other earthly trials besides martyrdom that we might endure in the hope of the resurrection? What suffering could this hope allow you to endure?

Second Reading [2 Thessalonians 2:6-3:5] Pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly; don't just presume it.

Gospel [Luke 20:27-38] If God is love, when you experience real love, might you get a taste of the Resurrection?

ETERNAL LIFE, NOT ETERNAL REST

In the months before I was born I was totally content. I had all I needed. I fitted just neatly into my mother's womb, comforted by her heartbeat, influenced by her moods when she was happy or sad. I could imagine nothing better. I knew nothing of colour or music, but I had all I wanted and I could imagine nothing better. Then one day God said, "You're going to have to get out of here." "No, thank you," I said, "I'm happy to stay here." But I had no choice and out I went. It was terrifying - with loud noise, bright light, people handling me. And yet I have celebrated that terrible day every year since because although I didn't want it, it was the beginning of a life I could never have imagined. I had had no idea what it could be like to be deeply moved by a piece of music or mesmerised by a sunset when it crimsoned the whole sky or to feel totally loved.

Before long, that is going to happen again. The Lord will say "You're going to have to leave this world." And I will say, "If you don't mind, I prefer to stay. I am happy here." And again I won't be given a choice. I will leave this world and come into the arms of God - more wonderful than the moment I first experienced coming out of my mother's womb and being placed in her arms. That really will be the beginning of life - better than anything I can now imagine. Not eternal rest but eternal LIFE!

Fr. Michael Barrow - St. Francis of Assisi