

BUILDING STRONG CHRISTIAN FAMILIES



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Parish Pastoral Council, Family

In an effort to carry out the Ministry of Building Strong Christian Families, the Family Team was formed from the base of the Family Support Group already in action.

A small but enthusiastic group of dedicated parishioners met with Fr Paul who gave us some positive direction on how to bring our ideas to fruition, and how to structure the activities planned.

Next year, with focus on the "Family" we are hoping to bring families together in prayer by celebrating family Masses every month that carries five Sundays. This will begin on Sunday 29th January 2017 at each Mass.

Since the structure of the family is mother, father and child - we have been guided to have men join the group and support us with positive ideas to enhance our Ministry of building strong Christian families.

As we try to get the men in the Catholic community involved and feel recognised, we agreed to Fr Charles' suggestion to have a "Men's Only Night" - MEN CAN COOK TOO! This will be a night of barbeque and games for the men and is scheduled for Friday 6th January 2017.

Sunday School is already ongoing but we look forward to meeting with the Catechists and Sunday School teachers to introduce joint activities for improving ministry to children to continuously build the foundation of the Church.

The Family Team has recognised the importance of this Ministry and seeks the support of the other Ministries to bring our efforts and ideas to fulfillment.

Do you have a business (big or small) that could do with some extra exposure? If you are interested in advertising in the weekly bulletin call the office for details on 426-2325 or send an email to rccathedral@hotmail.com

St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral

4th Sunday in Advent Cycle A
18th December 2016



Mission of our Church

To lead all people to unity encounter and participation in Christ



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.



Fr Charles Dominique, OP
Administrator

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Mass Schedule

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

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SUNDAY READINGS:



1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14; 2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7;

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Jesus Christ is our Emmanuel. Once again he is our Christmas gift who brings light into our darkness and hope to our struggles. Love has pierced the chill of our world and warmed us with an embrace that will not let go of us – “God is with us.”

Questions to think about:

- In my periods of darkness who or what is a sign to me that “God is with me?”
- Do I listen to the call to be a sign of God’s faithful presence in someone’s darkness?

SCHEDULE : ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGICAL EVENTS

Dec 16th - 24th - Christmas Novena (5:30 am daily)
Theme: *Come Lord, dispel the darkness of the night*



Date	Time	Celebrant
Monday Dec 19 th Penance Service	6:00 pm	
Saturday Dec 24 th Christmas Eve	6:00 pm 11:00 pm (Carols from 10:00 pm)	Bishop Jason Fr Charles
Sunday Dec 25 th Christmas Day	7:00 am 11:00 am No 6:00 pm Mass	Bishop Jason Fr Leonard
Monday Dec 26 th Boxing Day	7:00 am	
Tuesday Dec 27 th	7:00 am	
Wednesday Dec 28 th Holy Innocents	9:00 am (Blessing of toys)	
Saturday Dec 31 st New Year’s Eve	6:00 pm 11:00 pm (Holy Hour from 10:00 pm)	Fr Charles Bishop Jason
Sunday Jan 1 st New Year’s Day	7:00 am 11:00 am No 6:00 pm Mass	Fr Charles Bishop Jason

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 18TH – 24TH 2016

Monday 19 th	6:30 am	Theresa Fedee-Francis	Birthday Blessings
Tuesday 20 th	6:30 am	Tim Wood & family	Blessings
Wednesday 21 st	6:30 am 12:00 noon	Gautry Luigi Therese Lucille Jean-Louis	Thanksgiving Birthday
Thursday 22 nd	6:30 am	Anthony Wood & family	Blessings
Friday 23 rd	6:30 am 12:00 noon	Randall Goddard & family Adams Fedee	Blessings Guidance & deliverance

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
	Adult Confirmation Classes	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Cathedral Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Confirmation Programme	7:00 pm
Saturday	Children’s Religious Education	9:00 am

NOTICES

St Leonard’s Boys’ Choir, the world-class boys’ choir will be in concert at St Patrick’s Cathedral for a magical night of carolling on Friday December 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$25 available from A & B Music Supplies, Sheraton Centre. Tickets are also available from Michael Hunte at Church and the Church office.

BREATHE - Upcoming Album Launch - The choir of Our Lady of the Rosary (COLOR) announces the upcoming launch of the album: **BREATHE**. It is dedicated to the memory of **Denis Del Castilho**, a brilliant musician, loving friend, faithful servant. CDs will be soon available at a cost of \$30. Pre-order your copy by e-mailing olorchoir@gmail.com

Christmas Season Mass Schedule. The Mass Schedule for the various parish churches in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown can be found on the Diocese’s website www.catholicbb.org and Facebook page at the following link <http://online.fliphtml5.com/cjay/usfe/#p=1>

Remember to visit the new and improved Diocesan website at www.catholicbb.org for events and bulletins from each parish, daily readings and reflections, news from the Vatican and much more.

Also see pics of recent events at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicbb/albums> and videos on YouTube at **RC Catholic bb**