

NOTICES

Father Peter Clarke's Diamond Jubilee Celebration. A special Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral on Monday May 15th at 6:00 pm in commemoration of Fr. Peter Clarke's 60 years as a Dominican priest. All are invited to attend. Those wishing to have a personal congratulatory message to Fr. Peter included in a special booklet to be produced by the Communications Department are asked to email their sentiments to catholicbb.co@gmail.com to be received no later than Monday May 8th, 2017.

Plant & Preserve Sale/Breakfast Bazaar. The date has been set for Sunday May 28th after the 7:00 am mass. Depending on sales, the bazaar will be open after the 11:00 am mass. We will also offer a selection of plants and other items for sale after the Saturday evening mass on May 27th. The proceeds of this venture are for the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please contribute by baking one item, e.g. sweet bread, banana bread, coconut bread, or making one specialty, e.g. sugar cakes, cassava pone, pepper jelly, hot sauce, jam. Please make at least one item and donate it for sale. We are selling beautiful plants hatched from the Prayer Garden but we also need you to donate other plants and cut flowers – so hatch a plant or cut some ginger lilies. Breakfast will be on sale so more importantly let us enjoy and take advantage of this opportunity to socialize. Please fill out the forms provided indicating what you can donate or where you can assist and hand them in at the door after mass.

Dad's Night out. As part of Father's Day pampering, treat dad to an evening loaded with fun, laughter and entertainment on Saturday June 17th. The Father's Day fundraiser will feature Mr. Richardo Keens-Douglas, renowned Grenadian and an international award winning author, playwright, director and producer. Showtime is 7:pm sharp at the Ursuline Convent Hall. Limited early bird tickets are available for only \$30. To reserve your tickets, call 426-2325 or email rcathedral@hotmail.com. All proceeds will go towards the restoration works on the Cathedral.

St. Vincent De Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you for your continued contribution. The collection for 5th Sunday last month was \$1096.65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
6TH & 7TH MAY: \$3550.90

St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral

5th Sunday of Easter Cycle A
14th May 2017



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, O.P.
Administrator

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: Acts 6: 1-7; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 2:4-9;

Gospel: John 14:1-12

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL:

Jesus said to his disciples: "I will come back again and take you to myself,

So that where I am you also may be."

Jesus abides with us now and this will culminate in a permanent "dwelling place" that he has prepared for us. In a challenging and sometimes tumultuous world he provides the security of the divine presence ("So that where I am you also may be."). We have Jesus' word of unfailing and unfading communion with us even beyond death.

Food for thought:

- Does Jesus' word that he abides with us strengthen my faith?
- In difficult times what gives me assurance of his presence?
- Am I with Jesus only in difficult times or every day come rain or shine?



CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Time	Saturday May 13th	Sunday May 14th
7:00 am	Fr Leonard	Fr Charles
11:00 am	-	Fr Charles
6:00 pm	Bishop Jason	Bishop Jason

Integral Development (5)

By Bishop Emeritus Anthony Dickson (adickson@caribsurf.com)

As we have seen work is essential for self-development and is the means whereby we contribute to the development of other humans as well as other forms of life. It is also the means whereby we are able to support our families.

As far back as 1891 Pope Leo XIII spoke of a *living wage* in his encyclical Letter Rerum Novarum (The Workers' Charter), #34. He emphasized that through his work the labourer is entitled to a wage that would enable him/her to live decently. In 1931 Pope Pius XI pushed the concept of a living wage even further in his Encyclical Letter Quadragesimo Anno (On Reconstructing the Social Order), # 71. Pope Pius XI stated that: "The worker must be paid a wage sufficient to support him and his family". This is especially urgent if the breadwinner is the only working member of the family. Pope John Paul II, in his Encyclical Letter Laborem Exergens (On Human Work), # 19, introduced the words *Family Wage*. Interestingly, he speaks of a single salary given to the head of the family, sufficient for the needs of the family, or, if this is not possible, then other social measures must be provided, such as grants to mothers, medical assistance, pensions, etc. He emphasized that whatever the situation is, the family ought to be able to undertake regular weekly rest and an annual vacation.

I feel sure that these concepts are foreign to the way of thinking here in Barbados, and elsewhere as well, in the 21st century. Generally people are employed to do a job and may be paid according to their qualifications. So, two people with similar qualifications and doing the same work, receive the same salary. I have not heard of an employer taking the employees' family needs into account when determining the salary to be paid. I must admit that I have heard of some businesses that provide day care centres for workers' children. This is certainly a move in the right direction. Maternity leave with pay is already practiced but more consideration ought to be given to leave with pay for fathers.

The concepts of a *living wage* and *family wage* are ideals towards which employers must strive. The Church must be seen as leaders in this effort. Entire families too must be in the process of development. Without an adequate income families are unable to attain their development. Every effort is to be made by all to bring our nation out of the present economic and social crisis so that the work of development will proceed.

Today we wish Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and hope that each of us does whatever is in our power to help every mother in our family, church or work live a decent life.