

NOTICES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. On December 31st, the universal Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Feast of the Holy Family, we ask each of you to spend some time reflecting on the importance of family in your life; the ways that your family members are gifts from God; the ways the Holy Family have set an example for your family.

A special prayer card will be shared with every parishioner on that day. Please set aside time on the 31st December and beyond, to engage in the activities suggested on the card to renew your commitment to your family. We also ask that the Family Prayer is recited in your homes and at Mass that weekend.

In 2018 there will be a special focus on the family and stewardship, and we ask all of you to participate in the various activities planned, as we celebrate our families and make Jesus the centre of our personal and family life and make our homes communities of Love.

FATHER CHARLES' FAREWELL MASS. Please come out in your numbers as we bid farewell to Father Charles Dominique OP on the eve of his reassignment to Grenada. A farewell Mass will be held on Friday January 5th 2018 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6 pm.

"CHRISTOLOGY". The Catholic Formation Institute Presents the five week certificate course "CHRISTOLOGY". "But who do YOU say that I am? Who is Jesus Christ? Who is Christ for us today? Join Reverend Dr. Winston Layne in the Upper Room on St. Patrick's Cathedral compound from Saturday January 27th 2018 to February 24th 2018 as he facilitates this fascinating and Faith Strengthening Course. Sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9 am to noon. The book **An introduction to Christology: ... In the Gospels and Early Church** by Gerard H. Luttenberger C.M is necessary for this course. You can purchase either the Kindle edition for US\$9.95 or the hard copy version for US\$29.95 online, or place your order through the institute. Email: formationinstitute@gmail.com or Tel: 426-3510 to register. A donation of \$20 will be collected towards administrative expenses.

St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral



MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 24th - 25th 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

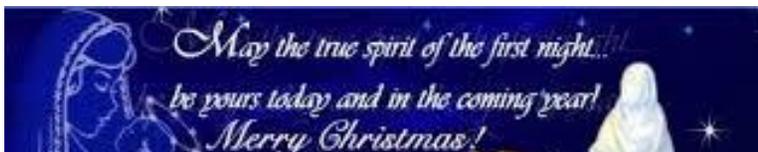


Mass Schedule

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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Date	Time	Celebrant
Sunday Dec 24 th CHRISTMAS EVE	7:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 10:00 pm 11:00 pm	Bishop Jason Carols Bishop Jason
Monday Dec 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	7:00 am 11:00 am NO 6:00 PM MASS	Fr. Charles Fr. Charles
Tuesday Dec 26 th BOXING DAY	7:00 am	
Wed. Dec 27 th ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	6:30 am 12:00 noon	Fr. Charles Fr. Leonard
Thursday Dec 28 th HOLY INNOCENTS	6:30 am 9:00 am Mass for children (Blessing of Toys)	Fr. Peter Fr. Paul
Friday Dec 29 th	6:30 am 12:00 noon	Fr. Charles Fr. Leonard
Saturday Dec 30 th	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Fr. Peter Fr. Charles
Sunday Dec 31 st NEW YEAR'S EVE	7:00 am 11:00 am 10:00 pm (Holy Hour) 11:00 pm	Fr. Charles Fr. Charles Fr. Charles Fr. Charles
Monday Jan 1 st NEW YEAR'S DAY	7:00 am 11:00 am NO 6:00 PM MASS	Fr. Vibert Fr. Vibert



**by Fr Charles Dominique, OP
Parish Administrator**

As I write this message I am very much aware that these next few days will be hectic. Everyone will be doing their best to get the shopping done before Christmas so they can have the things they need to celebrate. Christmas music has been playing on the radio for weeks and we've seen or heard lots of advertisements enticing people to spend and get all they need for Christmas. We have been preparing for this great celebration in which we remember with joy the birth of Emmanuel, God becoming one of us.

Christmas is meant to be a time of joy as we remember how God came into the world, born in a stable, not in a palace like a king, and yet he was king. God became one like us to raise us up from our lowly estate.

Christmas will not be a time of joy for many; there will be no sumptuous meal or presents, or decorations or any of the things we take for granted at this time of year. It is an occasion for those who have to share with those who do not have. It is a time for true community where we are mindful of the needy and the less fortunate. Yet this must not only be done at Christmas but all year through because we always have the poor with us. How can we bring hope to those who are hopeless?

This Christmas as we sit at our tables to enjoy each other's company, let us be thankful to God for all his blessings, but mostly thank God for coming to us in his Son Jesus Christ. Let's take nothing for granted but be thankful for even the little we may have.

Enjoy all that you do over the Christmas season and may God continue to bless you in the New Year.