

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

CAINCO 2017 40th ANNIVERSARY CAMP

August 13-20th. Theme—*Hope is Expecting His Light Despite the Darkness*. Youth 15yrs and older should register for this life-changing camp via the [Diocesan Youth Commission's Facebook page](#) or the Youth Office. **Donations of food are also requested** for this year's camp. See notice board for details. Contact Shakira Franklin at 231-6636, Moses Gikandi at 841-0415 or Shireifa Joseph at 236-4222, or by email at dyyatcore@gmail.com.

OUR LITURGY EXPLAINED, THE MASS, THE CREED, THE LITURGICAL YEAR presented by the Catholic Formation Institute 10th, 11th August, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6:00PM. Conducted by Fr. Charles Dominique, O.P.

REFLECTION AND RETREAT EVENING FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS – Friday August 4th at 6:00 pm at the Upper Room of the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Host will be Bishop Jason. All university Students in 1st year and on are invited to attend.

CARIFESTA CELEBRATORY MASS – St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral at 11a.m on 20th August, 2017. Participants of CARIFESTA and the Diocese family are all invited. Wearing national dress is welcome. CAINCO participants will attend this Mass and conclude their camp in the evening. This Mass is a demonstration of hospitality by the RC Diocese of Bridgetown, to the visitors.



MASS INTENTIONS

Note: Please remember when booking Mass intentions with the office that Mass on Sunday is said for our parishioners and benefactors.

POPE'S JULY INTENTION

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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.

MISSION OF OUR CHURCH

To lead all people to Unity, Encounter and Participation in Christ.

Place prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

NOTE: All cheques are to be written in the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bridgetown. Thank you.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
30th July 2017

The Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together



First Reading

1Kgs. 3:5, 7–12

Resp. Psalm

PS 119:57, 72, 76–77,
127–130

Second Reading:

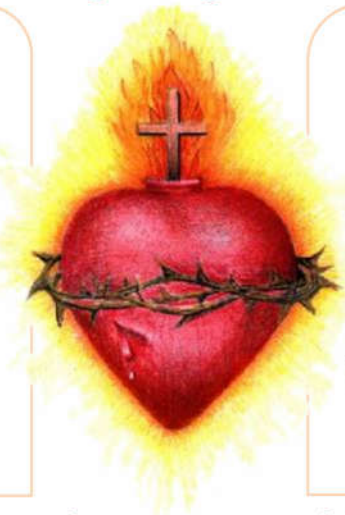
Rm. 8:28–30

Gospel Acclaim

Mt. 11:25

Gospel Reading:

Mt. 13:44–52



Lord, I
love your
commands.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, increase our faith and bless us!

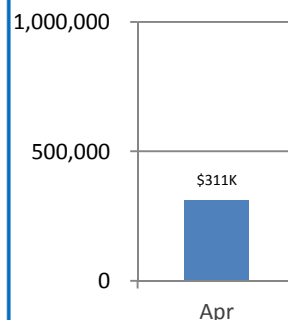
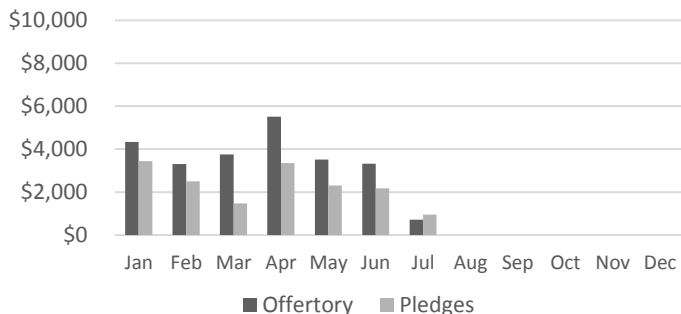
Parish Priest: Fr. Clement Paul

Timetable

Bank Holidays – Holy Mass 7:30 am
Monday – Holy Mass: 6:15 am
Wednesday – Holy Mass & Rosary: 6:15 am
Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm

Office Hours

Wednesday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Friday – Confession 5:00-6:00 pm
Friday – Holy Mass: 6:00 pm
Sunday – Holy Mass: 7:00 am



When you enter THE CHURCH talk to God;
when you leave - talk to each other!



Reflection

First Reading [1 Kings 3:5, 7-12] Would anyone's life change for the better if you had more of an understanding heart? How do you think you might improve your skills in this area?

Second Reading [Romans 8:28-30] "God turns everything to their good with all those who love him." Suffering is inevitable in human life. Even so, can all things work together for those who love God?

Gospel [Matthew 13:44-52] The pearlfinder and the merchant found their treasures? What about you? Do you recognize the "treasure"? Do you find God, or at least look for God, in all things in your life?

THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE



"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."

What is the pearl of great value in your life? For most of us, I'm afraid, when Jesus starts a parable with the words "The kingdom of heaven is like...", we have the feeling that what we value most in our lives is supposed to be something religious or at least directly connected with God – with a bit of a twinge that we are letting the side down by what we really treasure in our lives. It is a pity that most Christians have the feeling that the real work of God in our lives is prayer and religious practice. They accept that we have to work and respond to the demands of life, but somehow regard that as time taken away from the real work of God.

No! What we most value, whether it's our job or our family, is nearly always something that is building up the kingdom of God. When parents spend their lives bringing up their children, when builders are constructing a house or a school, when teachers are educating children or young people, even if they have no explicit religious faith, they are working to build up the kingdom of God. Almost everything we do, if it is not directly evil, is working with God.

Everything in our lives is sacred and spiritual, if you have eyes to see it - the tragedy is that we do not see it. It is important for us as Christians that we realise that scientists, artists and designers producing what is beautiful, people working in an insurance office, fashion designers, are all reflecting and harmonising with the work of God our Creator and Lord.



Fr. Michael

Upcoming Activities

BIBLE MOVIE

Gospel of Matthew – Sunday 6th
August, 8:30am

WORKSHOPS

Lectors – Sunday, July 16th, 23rd,
30th at 8:30a.m.: Sacred Heart
Church

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion** – October 7th from
9:30-11:30a.m.: St. Dominic's
Church

YOUTH RETREAT

Confirmation – Friday 28th July
from 5:00pm Sunday 30th July

OTHER

Concert – August 15th – 19th Choir
from Trinidad lead by Fiona
Bereaux (Fiona facilitated the choir
workshop last year at St. Patrick's)