

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

BOYS HIKE – All boys and boys at heart are invited to participate in a hike on Saturday 20th January. Please see Chris Derrell to register. Hike starts at the Church Grounds.

ORDINATION – You are invited to attend the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Carl Philadelphia at The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, Brickdam, Georgetown Guyana 28th January 2018 4:00PM and his First Solemn Holy Mass 29th January 5:00PM.

CHRISTOLOGY – A CERTIFICATE COURSE – Catholic Formation Institute invites you to join Reverend Dr. Winston Layne in the Upper Room, Saturday January 27th to 24th February 2018. **"CHRISTOLOGY"**. "But who do YOU say that I am? Who is Jesus Christ? Who is Christ for us today? Email: formationinstitute@gmail.com or Tel: 426-3510 to register

See Flyer or more information.

Remember to collect your prayer cards for Holy Family Sunday!

Click here for:

Diocesan Christmas Magazine
Pope's Message on 51st Day of Peace

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 JANUARY INTENTION

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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.



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Feast of the Epiphany of The Lord
7th January 2018



Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together



First Reading

Is. 60:1-6

Resp. Psalm

Ps. 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

Second Reading:

Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Acclaim

Mt. 2:2

Gospel Reading:

Mt. 2:1-12



Lord,
every
nation on
earth will
adore you.

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Clement Paul

Timetable

Sunday – Holy Mass: 7:00 am

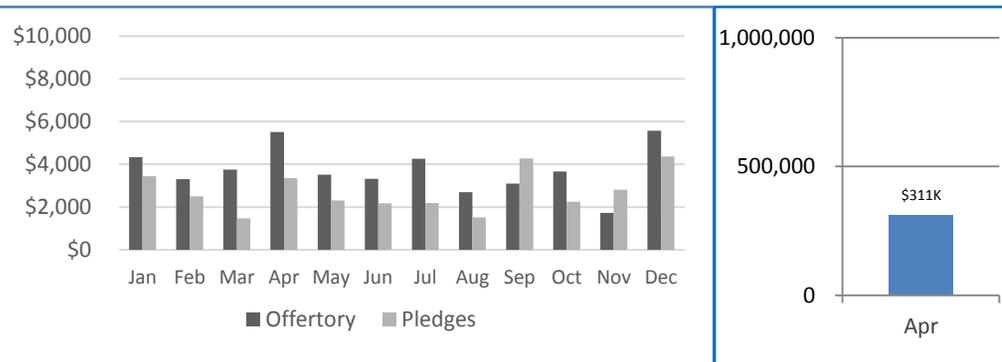
Bank Holidays – Holy Mass 7:30 am

Monday – Holy Mass: 6:15 am

Wednesday – Holy Mass & Rosary: 6:15 am

Friday – Holy Mass: 6:00 pm

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





First Reading [Isaiah 60:1-6] This reading says that, though darkness covered the earth, light and glory had come to Jerusalem. What is the darkness in my world and where do I see the light from God?

Second Reading [Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6] "I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you." Have I been entrusted by God with the grace meant for other people? In what way am I meant to be a star leading others to Christ? Who or what have been such stars in my life?

Gospel [Matthew 2:1-12] Consider the people to whom Christ was revealed, Herod, the Magi, the shepherds, and what different effects the revelation had on them.

THE COMING OF THE MAGI

What a strange story St. Matthew tells us in his gospel: Magi (magicians or wise men?) following a star. How on earth do you follow a star? And how can a star stop over a particular house? If a star or meteor stopped right over Barbados, everyone in the island would say "it was just above my house". St. Luke's account of Bethlehem and the child in the manger describes what happened, as he learnt from Jesus' mother Mary or her friends. St. Matthew's story of the Magi was different, not so much concentrating on what happened as to offer us a symbolism to help us to understand the deeper meaning of Jesus' birth. That is why some elements in the story can seem rather strange, such as people following a star or the gifts they brought.



Gold is to remind us that he is our king (at least, if you want to accept him as your king). **Incense** is offered to God; in other words this baby, this tiny fragile baby, is Almighty God, Creator of the universe. **Myrrh**, which was used for embalming, was already indicating the importance of the death that this child was eventually to accept.

What stars or events have led us in the direction of Christ, even if we haven't arrived there yet? Perhaps a child or a word someone has said or something on the news or the beauty of a sunset when you're on holiday. Don't worry where it comes from, whether it is from God or from yourself; all that matters is where it is leading.

The story of the coming of the Magi is called the Epiphany of the Lord, meaning the revelation of the coming of Christ. By reflecting on the real meaning of the story we come to know Christ in our hearts and form a closer relationship with him.

Fr. Michael

Christmas Memories



New member of the Sacred Heart Family, Nadean Alleyne was confirmed and received her First Communion at Our Lady of the Rosary with her son Na'mari fully involved in the proceedings.



The newest addition to the Mitchell family little Eden, was baptised into the Catholic faith with her big brother Sebastien, parents and grandparents in attendance



Deacon Dr. Winston Layne, flanked by family and friends at his recent ordination



Deacon Kirt Prospere surrounded by family and friends at his recent ordination



Nicholas and Brenya strike a dashing pose beside our Christmas Tree as they came home to spend Christmas with their families