

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

MAGNIFICAT CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ALL GRACES -_Saturday November 11TH, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Living Water Community Centre, St. David’s Village, Christ Church. Tickets: \$25. **MEN ARE WELCOME**

DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT TEAM PRESENTS: ERUPT! – Friday, November 24th at the Living Water Community from 7:30pm. Food, drinks and snacks will be on sale.

CURSILLO FOOD DRIVE – Ongoing Appeal for food items and financial contributions. Jackie James:- 2404432, 6221781; Marion Clarke:- 2482519, 6247360; Elva Hall:- 4286090; Susan Marshall 2634126, 4220115

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017- OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC CHURCH – LUNCHEON- OLQU Cultural Centre & Carpark from 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults - \$35 Children: \$20 Great Food, great entertainment and a great family atmosphere.

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 NOVEMBER INTENTION

Universal: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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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**Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th November 2017**



**The Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together**



First Reading

Mal. 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-

10Resp. Psalm

Ps. 131: 1–3

Second Reading:

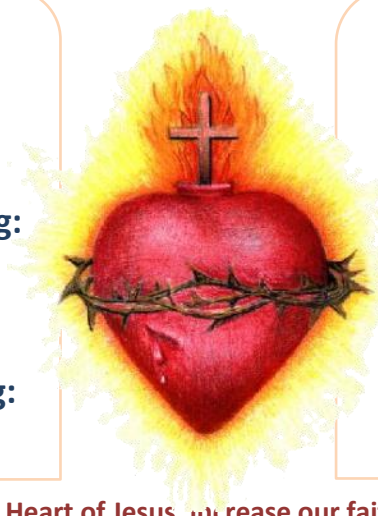
1 Thes. 2:7–13

Gospel Acclaim

Mt. 23:1-12

Gospel Reading:

Mt. 23:1-12



**Speak,
Lord, your
servant is
listening**

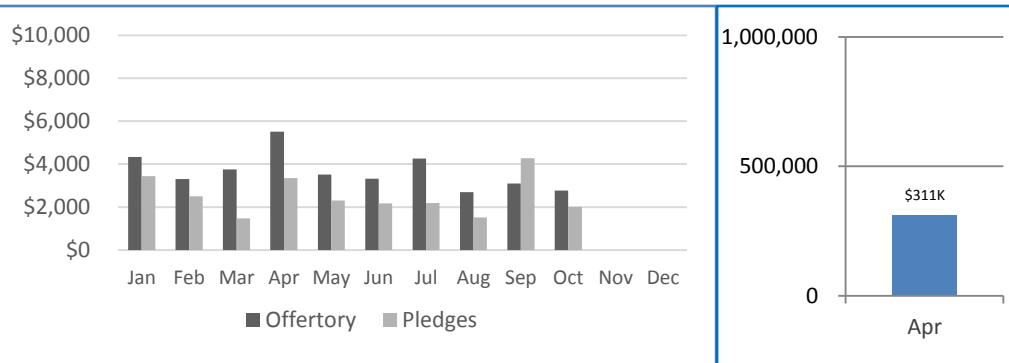
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, increase our faith and bless us!

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!**



Reflection

First Reading [[Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10](#)] "We all have one father." How does this affect your relationship with people who are not of your family, especially misguided world leaders or people who irritate you?

Second Reading [[1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13](#)] We know that St Paul was a very effective minister of the gospel. Does this reading tell you why he was so effective?

Gospel [[Matthew 23:1-12](#)] Jesus said "The greatest among you must be your servant." Do you want to be treated like the servant by the people you live with? How can you serve them?

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, OUR FATHER ON EARTH

A puzzling expression Jesus once used "You must call no-one on earth your father since you have only one Father and he is in heaven." (Matt 22.6) We know from other parts of the gospel how much Jesus taught and maintained the importance of honouring father and mother. So obviously he is not asking us to cancel Father's Day or not to acknowledge how much we owe to our father and mother. Or was he saying that priests should not be called Father?

What Jesus was objecting to was people misusing their position. Some Pharisees, insisting on being called Master or Rabbi or Father, were almost demanding the sort of respect that should be shown to God. And since then even in the Church there have been priests who have behaved like that, usurping the position of God. What is so terrible about such misuse of the word 'Father' is that for most of us it is through the love of our mother and father that we come to love God and appreciate God's love for us.

What Jesus objected to was when a father is so demanding and possessive as to take the place of God, not leading his children to be open to the love of God but trying to form them in his own image. God's love is stymied. Such a man, Jesus said, should not be called Father. It is misusing one of the greatest blessings that God has given us - the gift of fatherhood or motherhood, creating and forming a child, not only at the time of pregnancy, but as they grow and mature. By such a gift we become more aware of God's love, even as we impart it to our children.

Fr. Michael



Upcoming Activities

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR NOVEMBER 19, 2017
Come out on the 15th November, 2017 to hear
Bishop of Dominica, Gabriel Malzaire speak on the
"Eucharist and the Poor."

CHRIST THE KING AND THANKSGIVING EVENT
NOVEMBER 26TH, 2017
***** SAVE THE DATE*****

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE
Sunday 3rd December 2017

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Sunday 10th December
Rehearsals for the play
"Jesus the Light of the World"
starts today Sunday 5th November after Mass.
Please bring your scripts

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN." (JOHN 1:4)

