

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

CHRISTMAS TAG APPEAL – Please take a tag and make a child’s Christmas special this year. See Works of Charity team. Please deliver gifts/monetary donations by Sunday 17th December.

ORDINATIONS – Kirt Prospere and Dr. Winston Layne will be Ordained to the **Order of Deacons** through the **Imposition of Hands and Prayer**. The Ordination will take place at the St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Cathedral beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are urged to attend this historic occasion.

24-HR ROSARY – All Diocesan Groups are invited to participate in the 24Hr Rosary at the Marian Retreat House, Verdun, St. John 16th – 17th December. Accommodation, dinner and breakfast can be arranged. See notice board.

FAREWELL MASS – Please come out to bid farewell to Fr. Charles Dominique on the eve of his reassignment to Grenada. Mass will be held on Friday 5th January 2018 6:00pm at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

CURSILLO FOOD DRIVE – Ongoing Appeal for food items and financial contributions. Jackie James:- 240-4432, 622-1781; Marion Clarke:- 248-2519, 624-7360; Elva Hall:- 428-6090; Susan Marshall 263-4126, 422-0115

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 DECEMBER INTENTION

Universal: The Elderly
That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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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**2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
10th December 2017**



**The Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together**



First Reading

Is. 40: 1–5, 9–11

Resp. Psalm

Ps. 85: 9–14

Second Reading:

2 Pt. 3:8–14

Gospel Acclaim

Lk. 3:4,6

Gospel Reading:

Mk. 1:1–8



**“Prepare the
way of the
Lord, make
straight his
paths.”**

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Clement Paul

Timetable

Sunday – Holy Mass: 7:00 am

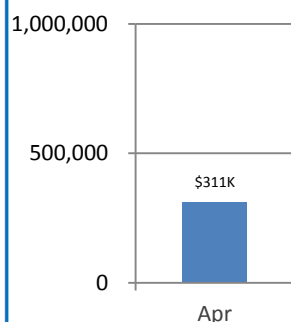
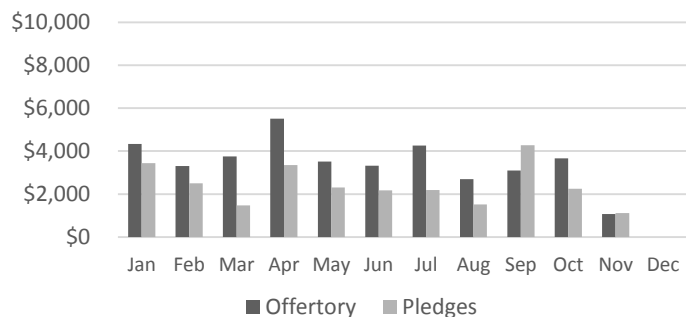
Bank Holidays – Holy Mass 7:30 am

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 [Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11] In your personal history what parts have been smooth and what parts rough? When did you most feel Christ's presence?

Second Reading [2 Peter 3:8-14] This reading says that the Lord "is patient with you." How does it feel being patient with someone? How does the Lord feel with you?

Gospel [Mark 1:1-8] How is John's message of repentance and judgment different from that of Jesus??

WALKING WITH CHRIST OR BEING CARRIED BY CHRIST?!

St. John the Baptist, whose whole life was a preparation for the coming of Christ, uses the imagery of the prophet Isaiah: "Make a straight highway for our God to cross the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill laid low – then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

Christ is coming anyway. But for St John the Baptist unless we prepare the way and clear the road of our lives from obstacles, then his coming will not touch us. When Jesus came he continued the same message, but he put it with such a different emphasis that the Baptist must have wondered if he got his message wrong.

Jesus' message was the same as John the Baptist's in that he wants our lives to be rid of anything that is wrong, but Christ is offering to do it himself if we will allow him and welcome him. His mission is to come and heal and he will never abandon us.



He knows that like little children, we prefer to be carried and he is offering to carry us. But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run and so sometimes Christ will put us down.

When someone is first converted and turns to Christ, they are often vividly conscious Christ's presence. They feel carried. As you grow closer to Christ, you will sometimes feel alone and struggling. You have not been abandoned, though it may feel

like it, but you are growing more united to God.

It is at the times when Christ puts us down to walk that we need to trust that he is still with us.

Fr. Michael



Advent Calendar

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday 10th December 4:00pm

Christmas Novena

Friday 15th December 5:45am

Christmas Vigil & Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th December 11:00pm

Christmas Day Mass

Monday 25th December 8:00am

Old Year's Night Mass

31st December 11:00pm

Guess Who?



We had a great turnout for our Christmas Motorcade 2017.