

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

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.

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.

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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**4th Sunday of Advent Year B
24th December 2017**



**The Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together**



First Reading
2Sm. 7: 1–5,8–12,14,16
Resp. Psalm
Ps. 89: 2–5, 27, 29
Second Reading:
Rom. 16:25–27
Gospel Acclaim
Lk. 1:38
Gospel Reading:
Lk. 1:26–38



**“Behold,
I am the
handmaid
of the
Lord.”**

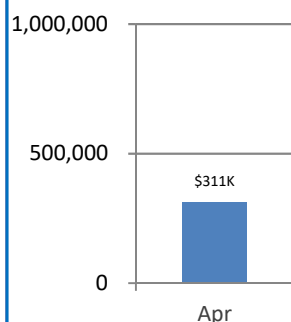
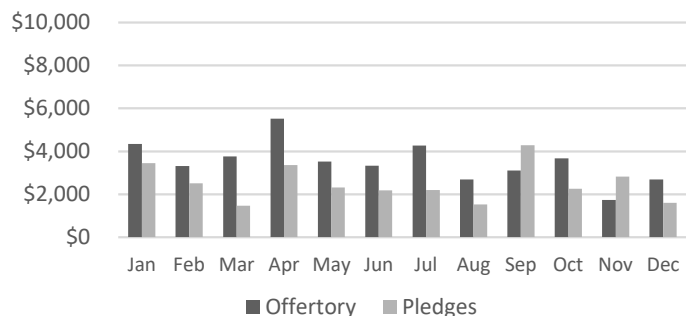
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, increase our faith and bless us!

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!**





Christmas Reflection

Christmas in Dominica was simple but enjoyable. Traditionally, no one bought Christmas trees. Live trees or plants in the yard were decorated.



About two weeks before Christmas, one or two groups in the community would organize caroling. At about 11 p.m. they would meet and quietly approach people's doorsteps and suddenly break into song. It was important that no-one heard you approaching. The occupants of the house would open the doors and sometimes offer drinks after the singing was over.



Sewenal (called serenading in other countries) was also popular. People would gather with drums, mouth organs, shak-shaks and box guitars (optional) and sing lively songs while dancing through the streets in a carnival-like atmosphere. This would start at about 9 p.m.

Midnight mass was usually well attended, and afterwards people would go straight to village dances or other fetes which continued till day break.

Pigs and other animals were sometimes slaughtered after midnight mass, especially before people had refrigerators. People had fresh meat for their soup, which was the meal of choice on Christmas day.

On Christmas morning some people would go from house to house and would take a drink at each stop. You did not need to be a friend to be welcomed. People then relaxed at home for the rest of the day.



By Shalyn Firebrace

Memories of Christmas!



Advent Calendar

- 4th Sunday of Advent Mass - Sunday 24th December 7:00am
- Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass - Sunday 24th December 11:00pm
- Christmas Day Mass - Monday 25th December 8:00am
- Holy Family Sunday Mass - 31st December 7:00am
- Old Year's Night Mass - 31st December 11:00pm
- Mary Mother of God and New Year's Mass – 1st January 8:00am

Coming Soon to CBC TV8!

If you missed our play, *Jesus The Light of The World*, don't worry. It will soon be screened on CBC TV. Here we see our seasoned cast going through their paces at the CBC studios last week

Stay tuned for the dates of the airing.

