



HOLY MASSES

Sundays:
(Saturday evening) Vigil 6.30pm,
7.00, 10.30am & 6 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 6.30 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 7am

Confessions: before and after Masses
if possible and by appointment

Baptisms:
Call to make an appointment

Online Masses
St Dominic Barbados



Office hours

Monday: 7.30 – 12

Tuesday: 7.30 – 2 pm

Wednesday: 7.30 – 12

Thursday: 7.30 – 12, 3-5

Friday: 7.30 – 12

**Priests are available during office
hours or by appointment**

Office is closed:

on bank holidays & weekends, and
sometimes we may be out of the
office. (Please call before coming)

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St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church National Shrine of Divine Mercy

Barbados

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
March 30, 2025 #822 Year C



Metanoia

First reading: Book of Joshua 5:9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading: 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
5:17-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and Honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will leave this place and to my father and say: Father I
have sinned against heaven and against you.

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Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

We are a Catholic community committed to welcoming our brothers and sisters, celebrating the Eucharist, receiving the Sacraments, spreading the Good News, passing on our Catholic faith and Traditions, promoting devotion to Divine Mercy and assisting the poor and less privileged in our community. As the National Shrine of Divine Mercy we encourage fuller participation in the Divine Mercy devotions in order to strengthen our Catholic faith, to experience the healing grace and mercy of God and to be merciful to others as Jesus.



Jubilee Year 2025 -
Message on Volunteering and Care Ministry-
Pilgrims of hope, builders of peace

“Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves.” (Pope Francis, 2024)

All of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in the world. Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Care Ministry at St. Dominic RC Church was founded in December 2009 by the late Mrs Lynette Andrew and sanctioned by the former Parish Priest Father Luke. The Care Ministry provides services aimed at improving the quality of life and enhancing the well-being of people, particularly the disadvantaged and vulnerable groups in the community.

Our aim is to promote a culture of volunteerism in a framework that seeks to embrace diversity and fellowship by encouraging a willingness to serve in a compassionate and non-judgemental way. Our patron saint is St. Martin de Porres, a pioneer social worker and a formidable fundraiser. Our Theme is “Compassion Without Walls”

The Care Ministry is managed and executed by a committee comprising of our Parish Priest, Fr Andy, six parishioners and approximately sixty volunteers

Our Breakfast Programme serves 112 meals to four Primary Schools in Christ Church.

The Monthly Hamper programme serves 115 families, where the Care Ministry provides 75 hampers and a generous donor supplies 40 packed hampers.

Life Counselling is offered by a psychologist.

Legal Counselling is offered by a lawyer.

Career and Employment Counselling is offered by a business consultant.

The counselling programmes are offered by appointment only and services are available to all persons in the diocese and any other, regardless of their religion.

In August 2024 we initiated an outreach visitation programme for home-bound parishioners. Visits or calls are made at least twice per month.

In October 2024 we began a “widows group” named St Monica’s Group, seeking to bring some comfort and assist members to face the realities of this aspect of their lives.

All of our programmes are generously supported by many donors, benefactors and parishioners. We pray for them and for the continued success of our ministry.



On-Line BANKING information for St Dominic's Church

DONATIONS/SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Name: St. Dominic's Church
Account Type: Chequing
Transit Number: 09616
Account Number: 78101019
Currency: BBD
Institution: CIBC Caribbean (formerly
FCIB International Bank)
Branch: Rendezvous

On-Line BANKING information for Society of St Vincent de Paul

Name: Society of St Vincent de Paul
A/C number: 1000547969
Account Type: Chequing
Currency: BBD
Institution: FirstCaribbean International
Bank Limited
Branch: Rendezvous

Our Ministries:

Altar Servers
Catechists
Choir – practice Friday 7pm
Care Ministry: *Breakfast team*
Hampers team
Outreach programme
Decorators and flower arrangers
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucha-
rist (EMHC)
Liturgical group
Men's group
Prison Ministry
Readers
Rosary Group
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)
St. Monica's Group

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stdominic.newsletter@gmail.com

2-Click the link on our website

3-Call the Office at 428-7677 during
office hours and give your email address



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Mass Intentions

Mar 29 –05Apr

Vigil: Sat 6.30pm: Terry Foster & family(Blessings)
Sun 7:00 am: Intention know to God & Larry Tatem (Blessings)
Sun 10:30 am: Merle Ramoutar(RIP) /Geoffrey Bayne(RIP)
Sun 6:00 pm: Madeline Reece (RIP)
Tue 6:30 am: Christina Roberts (RIP)
Wed 6:30am: Parishioners & Visitors
Thu 6:30 am : Catechists at St Dominic's Church
Fri 6.30 am: Priests, Deacons and religious
Sat 7:00 am : Barbara Forde (RIP)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

6.30pm

EACH FRIDAY STATIONS WILL BE LED BY A DIFFERENT MINISTRY

4th April– EMHC

11th April - Rosary Group



WHAT IS LAETARE SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT) ?

It is a time of celebration within the penitential period, marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and a focus on joy and hope for the coming resurrection.

The name "Laetare Sunday" comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem," which translates to "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".

Lent and Penance:

Lent is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter, traditionally marked by penance, fasting, and reflection.

Mid-Lent:

Laetare Sunday is often referred to as "mid-Lent" or "Refreshment Sunday" because it occurs roughly halfway through the Lenten season.

Rose Color:

The liturgical color of Lent is typically purple, symbolizing penance, but on Laetare Sunday, the color shifts to rose, representing joy and hope.

Celebrations:

On Laetare Sunday, the Church encourages expressions of joy, including the use of instrumental music, flowers on the altar, and rose-colored vestments.

Other names:

Laetare Sunday is also known as "Mothering Sunday" in some traditions and "Refreshment Sunday".

Symbolism:

The rose color symbolizes joy and hope in the midst of the Lenten season, reminding Christians of the coming resurrection of Christ.

Saturday 5th April adora-
tion after the 7am Mass
until 9.00am



Sunday 6th
April at 9.00am
Children's Mass



National Shrine of Divine Mercy

We are commissioned to spread the Message of Di-
vine Mercy to all. Please join us for Divine Mercy De-
votion **every Friday at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.**

