



ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHEDRAL JEMMOTTS LANE, ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
eBULLETIN SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Our mission: *To know, love, and serve God and each other*

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday - Closed
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday - 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

VISITING HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday - 12 noon
Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 am

WEEKENDS

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 7:00 am, 10:00 a.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY BANK HOLIDAYS

7:00 am

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Saint Matthew

September 21 is celebrated as the feast day of Saint Matthew in Western Christianity. Saint Matthew is primarily known as one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. According to many Christian beliefs, he was also one of the four Evangelists and the traditional author of the first Gospel in the New Testament.

Matthew's birth name was Levi. He was the son of Alphaeus. Jesus called him Matthew, which comes from the Hebrew name Matityahu, meaning "gift of God" or "gift of Yahweh".

Before following Jesus, he worked as a tax collector (also called a publican) for the Roman Empire in the town of Capernaum. This job made him deeply unpopular with his fellow Jewish people.

It is said that he famously left his customs post immediately after Jesus told him, "Follow me." Sometime later, he hosted a dinner for Jesus, other tax collectors and sinners. For those of us who may not know, Saint Matthew is recognised as the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, civil servants and tax collectors.

The "Gospel of Matthew" was written largely for a Jewish-Christian audience to show how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. It contains many quotes which people deem their favourite and often recite publicly.

- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- "Judge not, that you be not judged." (Matthew 7:1)
- "The harvest is plentiful enough, but the labourers are few." (Matthew 9:37)
- "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)
- "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

Is there a verse from The Gospel of Matthew that you prefer? Would you say you have a favourite? If not, why not read Saint Matthew's Gospel again and see if you can find one that resonates with you.

FINANCE CORNER

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READINGS AT MASS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

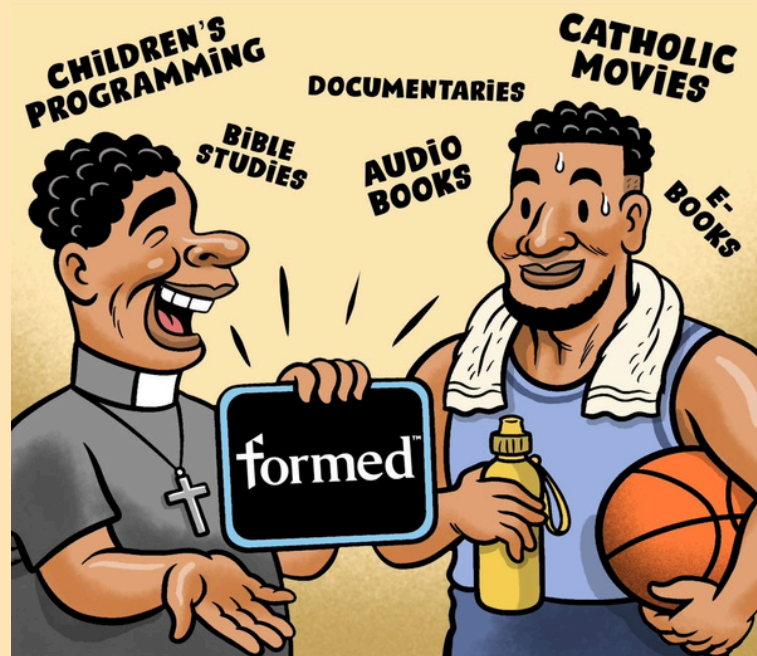
- The Parish Family Life team is hosting a family breakfast on Sunday September 27 after the 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. We appreciate your kind contributions towards this event and encourage full family participation as we seek to bring families together in prayer.
- St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School's monthly Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday September 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of a booth is \$50. Come and support and have fun.
- We are in the final weeks of the raffle for a weekend getaway at the luxury apartment. Those who have taken chances and are yet to pay are reminded to do so. The raffle will be drawn at the end of this month.
- The St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Old Scholars Association is holding its annual music concert on Sunday October 11 at the Cathedral at 5 p.m. It features the Barbados Police Service Band, St. Patrick's Augmented Choir and other artistes. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 12 years and under. Proceeds are to assist with the upkeep of the school. Tickets can be purchased from Michael Hunte or any member of the choir. The Mass that evening will be held in the chapel.
- The Diocese will be staging *Magnificat* under the theme *My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord* on Saturday October 9 and Sunday October 10 at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Cultural Centre, Black Rock, St Michael at 7:30 p.m. on both days. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Bishop's Office on Ladymeade Gardens and all parishes.
- Collections for last weekend's Masses (September 12 and 13) amounted to \$1 753.85. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.
- The Wednesday morning Healing and Deliverance services at St. Patrick's Cathedral will continue on September 23 at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be *Lessons from Elisha's faith*.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

19th – 25th September 2026

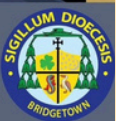
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 19th	5:00 pm	Benefactors of the Cathedral
Sunday 20th	7:00 am	1 st Anniversary of death: Paulette Williams
	10:00 am	91 st Birthday: Geraldine Rock
	6:00 pm	
Monday 21st	12:00 noon	Judith Serville RIP
Tuesday 22nd	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	Birthday Blessings: Kathyann Augustine
Wednesday 23rd	12:00 noon	Joan Farrel RIP
Thursday 24th	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	Verene Auguste RIP
Friday 25th	12:00 noon	

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RETREAT 2026

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A TIME OF RENEWAL. A JOURNEY OF FAITH.

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
29 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2026
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED EACH EVENING

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JUDY JOSEPH MCSWEEEN
TIME OUT SPECIALIST CERTIFIED COACH FACILITATOR
For more than fifteen years, Judy has guided individuals, couples, faith communities and organizations through transformational experiences that cultivate greater self-awareness, healthier relationships and purposeful leadership.

ALL ARE WELCOME
JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING WEEK OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND RENEWAL.
Let us grow in love, wisdom and faith as we walk closer with God.

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Jemmotts Lane, St. Michael, Barbados
Bookings: Judy@stfrancisbarbados.org

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The St. Patrick's R.C. Old Scholar's Association

Annual MUSIC CONCERT

FEATURING

THE BARBADOS POLICE SERVICE BAND

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AND THE ST. PATRICK'S AUGMENTED CHOIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2026

5:00 P.M.

At St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Jemmotts Lane, St. Michael

ADMISSION:

ADULTS \$35.00
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"My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord"

An evening of Scripture • Psalms • Sacred Music • Visual Contemplation • Reflection

Friday October 9, 2026, 7:30 pm
Saturday October 10, 2026, 7:30 pm
Our Lady Queen of the Universe Cultural Center
Black Rock, Saint Michael

Tickets \$50
(Available in ALL PARISHES and the Bishop's Office, 426-3510)
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE



Join Color Music Ministry for

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY RC CHURCH

Friday, Sept. 18, 2026

6:00 - 6:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration in silence

6:30 - 8:00 pm
Music, prayer and reflection

Come and leave at any time

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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown

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Lecturer:
Rev. Dr. Ian Rock

September 19 to November 21, 2026
Saturdays, 10:00 AM
@ The Upper Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, Jemmotts Lane, Bridgetown

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