



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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
eBULLETIN SEPTEMBER 27, 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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Call to humility – a reflection on the second reading and the gospel

Humility – one of the outstanding characteristics of Jesus – is the focus of both the second reading and today's gospel.

St. Paul, in Philippians 2:7-8, tells us that "Jesus though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God, rather He emptied Himself taking the form of a slave. He humbled Himself becoming obedient unto the point of death".

While on earth, humility led Jesus to put on an apron and wash the smelly feet of His disciples. It led him to find common ground with tax collectors, the lame, the blind, the disease-affected. Humility enabled him to render service to everyone irrespective of their station or situation in life.

Inspired by this, St. Paul makes a plea to us to follow Christ's example and "do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regarding others as more important than ourselves, each looking out for his own interests, but also for those of others".

At the heart of Jesus' humility was obedience and surrender to the Father's will. This meant committing his ALL to the Father: walking with, talking to, listening to, communing with – generally using the Father as His source of strength and direction. Pleasing the Father was what kept Jesus on track throughout his ministry.

All scripture is meant for our instruction; and so, Jesus, who says to us: "I am the way, the truth and the life" – meaning I am the benchmark for earthly living. Our first step towards humility must spring from the recognition that we did not make ourselves. We are "God's most precious handiwork"; created to reverence the Father and to live in harmony with all that He has created. As it was for Jesus, obedience, humility, love and service must be the foundation on which we stand.

The gospel reading from Matthew highlights two sons who both hear the words of their Father, and though both fall short, one had the humility to recognise where he had erred and repented.

May we, too, have the humility to seek repentance as, daily, we fall short!

– Fran Greaves

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READINGS AT MASS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

- The Family Life Team invites you to the Family Breakfast on Sunday September 27 after the 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. We encourage you to participate in this fellowship and thank you for all your support in making it possible.
- St Francis of Assisi Parish retreat, *Growing in Holiness Through Emotional Intelligence*, begins on Tuesday September 29 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Living Water Community, St David's.
- The next *Rosary on the Block* will be held on Saturday October 3 in New Castle, St. John from 4 p.m. See next page for more details.
- The winner of the raffle for the weekend getaway at the luxury apartment will be announced next week.
- 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 19 and 20) amounted to \$1 658. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.
- The Wednesday morning Healing and Deliverance services at St. Patrick's Cathedral will continue on September 30 at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be *Faith lessons from your granny, granddad, other family*.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

26th September – 2nd October 2026

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 26th	5:00 pm	
Sunday 27th	7:00 am	81 st Birthday Blessings: Yvonne Straughn
	10:00 am	Benefactors of the Cathedral
	6:00 pm	
Monday 28th	12:00 noon	Deceased members of the Gonzague family
Tuesday 29th	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	
Wednesday 30th	12:00 noon	Success in surgery: A St. Louis
Thursday 1st	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	
Friday 2nd	12:00 noon	

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

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2026

5:00 P.M.

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

ADMISSION:

ADULTS \$35.00 | CHILDREN 12 YRS AND UNDER \$20.00

THE LEGION OF MARY presents

ROSARY ON THE BLOCK

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.

MARIAN HOUSE NEW CASTLE, ST. JOHN

Those requiring transportation are kindly asked to contact Legion members by Wednesday 30th September, 2026.

FARE: \$20.00

DEPARTURE FROM ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 2:30 P.M.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE

Healing & Deliverance

Our Theme for September

Leaps of Faith

Join us on Wednesday 30th September, 2026

Wednesday's Topic
Lessons from Granny, Granddad and Other Family

At St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral
9:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

Wednesday
30th September, 2026

Come and join us for a morning of prayer, praise and worship.

With Fr. Vibert Stephens & Brother Rommel Lawrence

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown

The Book of Revelation

A Short In-Person Course

Go beyond the fear and anxiety often associated with the "end times" and discover the book's message: hope, worship, perseverance, and the ultimate victory of Christ. Come explore its rich symbols and visions, its connection to the Church's Liturgy, and its invitation to see our future with renewed confidence and courage

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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Bible Month Reflection

As we mark Bible Month in September, parishioners have been invited to share reflections during Mass. Here is a reflection by Jacinta Alexander at the 10 a.m. Mass on September 20.

Why do I read the bible?

There are so many reasons why I read the bible, but I will only mention a couple of them.

I am inspired to follow the teachings of Christ to do good instead of evil; to have hope even when faced with challenges which at times seem so unsurmountable; to appreciate and bask in the goodness of God and the blessings I have received; to realise this world is temporary since I am only here for a time and in spite of what I may possess, I will leave it all.

Which part do I read most and why I read it?

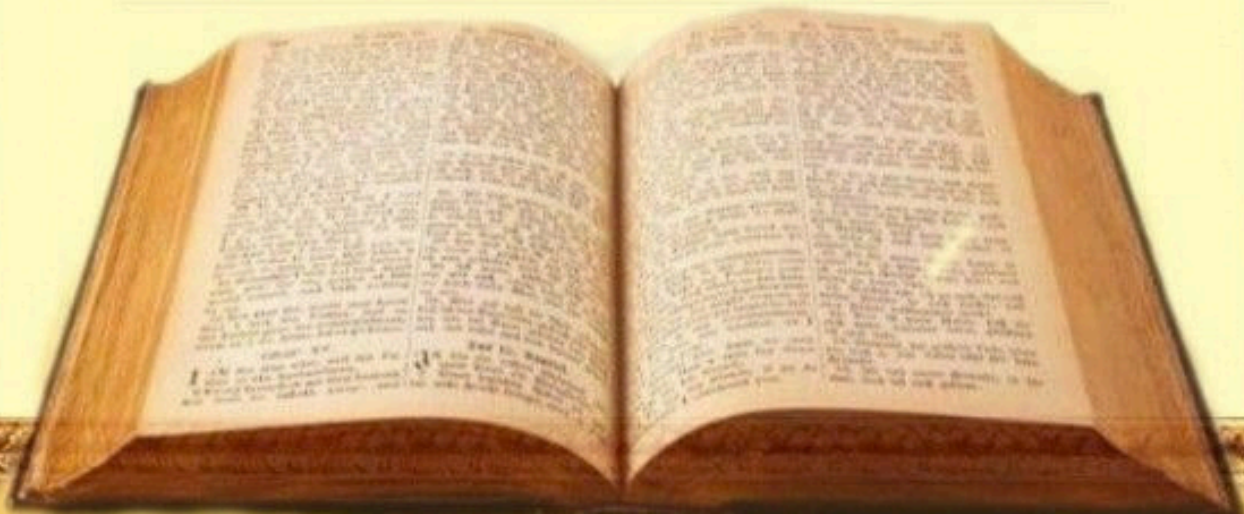
Bible reading forms part of my daily prayer life, based on the church's calendar, so I am familiar with both the Old and the New Testament, though I am not a bible scholar. I love to read the gospels which are based on the life of Christ from whose example I try to pattern my life. I also love to reflect on the psalms and the various emotions they evoke as I read or recite them. My favourites are the well-known psalm 23, along with psalms 15, 51, 91 and 100.

Share a verse or two on the passage of the Bible that you read.

My favourite bible verse comes at the end of Matthew's gospel chapter 28 when Jesus gave his disciples authority to share the gospel with others and let them know that he will be with them through the end of time. Whenever I encounter challenges, I always say Lord I know that I am not alone because you are here to help me in ways I do not even know. It is that faith, trust and hope which have helped me along life's journey so far.

I am also mindful of the advice or warning from Matthew 7:21 where Jesus says to his disciples, it is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord, who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven." My constant refrain is, if it is God's will, let it be done.

Thank you, my brothers and sisters, for reading my reflection. I hope that I have encouraged you to come and share your reflection with us as we celebrate Bible month.



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