



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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
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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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World Mission Sunday



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BRIDGETOWN

13 October 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters

World Mission Sunday 2026: "One in Christ, United in Mission"

On Sunday, 18 October, Catholics throughout the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday, a special day of prayer, solidarity and generosity in support of the Church's missionary work. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this annual observance reminds us that the Church is missionary by her very nature. Christ entrusted to His disciples the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel to all nations, a mission shared by every baptised Christian.

This year, as we mark its centenary, Pope Leo XIV invites us to reflect on the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission." He reminds us that evangelisation is fundamentally a work of love, sustained by our prayers, our witness and our generosity.

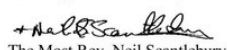
For us in Barbados, and throughout the Caribbean, World Mission Sunday has particular significance. The Catholic faith we cherish today came to our shores through the dedication and sacrifices of missionaries who answered Christ's call to bring the Gospel beyond their own communities. Our parishes, our traditions and our Catholic identity are living fruits of that missionary spirit.

We have benefited from the ministry of missionary priests, religious and lay faithful who serve or have served among us. They remind us that mission is not merely part of our history; it remains essential to the life of our Church today.

Having received the gift of faith, we are now called to share it. Through our prayers and generous contributions to the World Mission Sunday Collection, we stand in solidarity with missionaries and Catholic communities across the world, especially those where resources are extremely limited.

I therefore encourage every Catholic in Barbados to give generously at Mass this Mission Sunday weekend. May our gratitude for the faith we received inspire us to help bring Christ's love and hope to others.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


The Most Rev. Neil Scantlebury
Bishop of Bridgetown

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Bank account no: 68801614

Account name: St. Patrick's Cathedral

READINGS AT MASS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

- A reminder to pray the rosary daily for peace during this month of October.
- Health checks will be conducted on Sunday October 18 after the 7 a.m. Mass.
- The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members. See the flyer on the notice board for further details or contact any member of the society for additional information.
- The annual Diocesan calendars will be available soon. The price remains at \$20 each.
- Collections for last weekend's Masses (October 10 and 11) amounted to \$1 400.40. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
- There is a second collection this weekend (October 17 and 18) for Mission Sunday. Please give generously.
- The Catholic Prayer Movement's Tuesday online meetings will continue on October 20 at 5:30 p.m. The topic is *How to lead our youth back to Christ amid the temptations and distractions of the world* and the presenter is Rommel Lawrence.
- The Wednesday morning Healing and Deliverance services at St. Patrick's Cathedral will continue on October 21 at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be *Our testimonies – Part 1*.

Update on Pope Leo



Pope Leo XIV underwent surgery at Gemelli Hospital, during which doctors removed the lower lobe of his right lung on Tuesday October 13. Tissue examined during the operation confirmed the diagnosis of "lung adenocarcinoma," suspected from tests conducted beforehand.

On the afternoon of Friday October 16, the Holy See Press Office released a statement from Pope Leo XIV's doctors, who said his postoperative recovery continues with steady improvement.

Dr. Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora said the Pope "underwent blood tests and a chest X-ray this morning, which confirmed steady improvement in his overall condition."

They added that "respiratory physiotherapy sessions have continued," noting that his "postoperative recovery allows him to carry out normal daily activities entirely independently."

The Holy See Press Office said separately that Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass at noon in the room set up on the 10th floor of Gemelli Hospital, noting that he distributed Communion. Several members of Gemelli's medical and nursing staff attended the Mass, along with members of the Vatican City State Gendarmerie Corps.

"In his homily, the Pope thanked all the staff – doctors, nurses, and orderlies – for the work they do every day caring for patients in their frailty, and especially for what they have done and continue to do for him," read a statement. (Vatican News)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

17th – 23rd October 2026

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 17th	5:00 pm	
Sunday 18th	7:00 am	Birthday Blessings: Ilene Tull
	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Benefactors of the Cathedral
Monday 19th	12:00 noon	Beryl & Joffre Volney RIP
Tuesday 20th	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	
Wednesday 21st	12:00 noon	
Thursday 22nd	6:30 am	
	12:00 noon	Victor Peelie RIP
Friday 23rd	12:00 noon	Virginia Simon RIP





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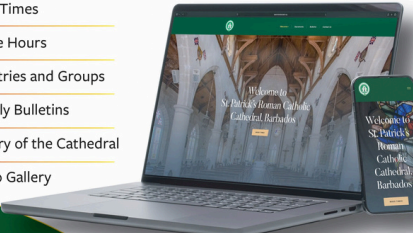


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2027 - "I have overcome the
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**The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Roman Catholic Church**

**Karaoke
&
BBQ Night**

Saturday
October 24th, 2026
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Chicken
Fish

**TICKETS
\$50**






JOIN OUR TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ONLINE | TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.

TOPIC
**HOW TO LEAD OUR YOUTH BACK TO CHRIST AMID
THE TEMPTATIONS AND DISTRACTIONS OF THE
WORLD**

PRESENTER
BRO. ROMMEL LAWRENCE

Meeting ID: 870 9398 4291
Passcode: 073345

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87093984291?pwd=ZlNlcnR0YU9uSW53a2pPL2ZSVkRBRz1>
Come, let us pray together.



**The Dominica Association
of Barbados**
will be celebrating with

Dominica
on its **48th** year of
Independence
with a church service and brunch.

DATE
November 1st
2026

TIME
Mass at 9:00 am
followed by
Brunch

VENUE
OLQU Catholic Church
and Cultural Center,
Black Rock, St. Michael

BRUNCH
\$30
per plate

Traditional Creole Dishes
Bakes and Salt Fish • Titiwi Accra • Stew Chicken
Ground Provision • Green Banana and Herring
Red Beans • Salad
and other Dominican delicacies will be on sale!





**Healing &
Deliverance**

Our Theme for October
Sharing Testimonies

Join us on Wednesday 21st October, 2026
Wednesday's Topic
**Our Testimonies
Pt. 1**

At St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral | Wednesday
9:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. | 21st October, 2026

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

With Fr. Vibert Stephens & Brother Rommel Lawrence

Antilles fiscal officers gather for financial accountability conference

Diocesan fiscal officers from across the Antilles gathered in Barbados from October 12 to 16 for the Conference of the Antilles Diocesan Fiscal Officers, under the theme *Fiscal Accountability in a Synodal Church*.

The five-day conference took place at the Blue Horizon Hotel, Rockley, Christ Church, bringing together Church leaders and financial professionals for reflection, formation and discussion on the responsibilities of managing the temporal goods of the Church.

The programme combined spiritual formation with practical discussions on financial stewardship, Canon law, ethical management, internal controls and the changing financial realities facing dioceses and parishes.

In addition to Bishop of Bridgetown, Neil Scantlebury, Archbishop of Nassau Patrick Pinder and Bishop of Roseau Kendrick Forbes participated in the conference.

The Diocese of Bridgetown was also represented by chairman of the Diocesan Finance Committee Francis McBarnette, Reverend Michael Gonsalves, Rosie Parris and Cora Tang.



Click on the link below to hear from the Diocesan fiscal officers about their experience at the conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvayQpOAS-0>

Rosary on the block

Hosted by the Legion of Mary at
Marian House, New Castle, St. John
on Saturday October 4



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