



Our Lady of the Rosary

Embracing God in a Family Friendly Community

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Laetere Sunday
4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)
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God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

~ John 3:14-21

From the Desk of our Parish Priest...

"For God so loved the world that he gave..." (John 3:16).

The Fourth Sunday of Lent used to be called Rejoicing or *Laetere* Sunday. That is because we are in the middle of Lent. Today the church allows us to ease up a bit on the rigors we have undertaken so far, all in reparation for what is called the Paschal mystery. The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, God's only begotten Son.

The Gospel today highlights the tremendous love of God for the world. Jesus tells Nicodemus "God loved the world so much that he sent his only begotten, so that all who believe in him will not perish but have everlasting life." (John: 3:16).

This used to be so oft repeated but one hardly hears reference to it. In fact, there was a time when many of us had to commit that verse to memory. I guess it is now both cliché and stale news. And yet it remains the most important piece of Good News for our society, indeed for our world that seems to be able to live with hopelessness and death. Yes, the Good News is relevant and indispensable today more than ever. And that news is 'God loved the world so much that he gave his most precious gift, the gift of himself in and through his Son, so that the world may be saved.' Saved from what and for what. Saved from disintegration and for life without end with our Father, the Creator of heaven and earth.

The question that need to be asked and answered is, how come this God News is not welcomed by the majority who encounter it? One answer among many is that the news is proclaimed but more often than not those of us called to proclaim and live it, do so timidly. People need to hear and experience that God loves them, loves them so much that he sacrificed his very life on the cross, so we may have life and have it to the full. (cf, John10:10).

Pray for the grace to be a disciple who proclaim and live the Good News, telling others that God loves them. Will you?

~ Clement Paul. (Fr.)

Parish Priest

Readings at Mass

1st Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalms

Psalms 136(137):1-6

2nd Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Parish Priest
 Fr Clement Paul

Mass Times
 Saturday 7am
 Sunday 9am

Confession
 After Mass or on
 Request

Questions for Reflection on Today's Gospel

Theme: We believe.

Step One: Listen to the Word



- ✧ As you hear Jesus words to Nicodemus today, which words or phrases strike you?
- ✧ What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

Source: <http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

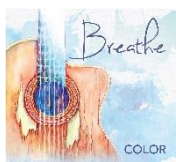


What's Happening at OLOR This Week

- **Thu 15th:** Contemplative Worship, 6pm – 8pm
- **Fri 16th:** *Stations of the Cross*, 6:30pm
- **Sat 17th:** Mass, 7am
- **Sun 18th:**
 - 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 9am Mass – 5th Sunday of Lent (B)



Breathe CD's Available for Purchase



Breathe album CD's are available for sale from the Choir of Our Lady of the Rosary (COLOR) at a cost of \$30. Please contact Audra or any member of the choir to purchase your copy.

For additional information, check out their website or Facebook page below.

Website: www.colorbb.org

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/olorchoir/>

Church Figures

Sunday 4th March:

- Collection: \$ 615.00
- Annual Appeal: \$40.00
- Attendance: 55

What's Happening Around the Diocese

12-16 Mar: Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of the Universe

The Lenten Retreat at the Our Lady Queen of the Universe will start on Monday 12th March (tomorrow) and continues nightly until Friday 16th March. The starting is 7pm and Bishop Gabriel Malzarie from the Diocese of Roseau Dominica will speak on the theme 'Now is the time, repent and believe the Good News' (Mark 1:15).

Thursday 15 March - Contemplative Worship

This month, you are invited to join us for Contemplative Worship led by the Choir of Our Lady of the Rosary on **Thursday 18th January** at the **Our Lady of the Rosary, Verdun, St John**.

Join us as your schedule permits, **anytime between 6pm and 8pm** for worship music, reading of the Word and spontaneous testimonies and sharing as the Holy Spirit moves. **All are welcome.**

16-17 Mar: "Simply Redeemed ... Amen"

Come and see the wonderful talent of the Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown in the presentation of 'Simply Redeemed...Amen' at St. Patrick's RC Cathedral Friday March 16th at 7 pm and Saturday March 17th at 8 pm.

The Sorrowful Mysteries will be depicted in narration and song.

Funds from this event will go towards the restoration of the Cathedral.

For information please contact Ann Thomson - 262 4132

17 Mar: "Here I Am Lord"

The second part of the Catholic Formation Institute's workshop on the theme "Here I Am Lord" facilitated by Fr. Andy Nyga will be held on Saturday 17th March 2018 at 10am to 11:30 am in the Upper Room, St. Patrick's Cathedral compound. All interested persons and all persons involved in ministries are invited to attend. Please see the flyer for all the information. Email: formationinstitute@gmail.com to [register](#) or tel: 426-3510

Have a Peaceful and Blessed Week.