



Our Lady of the Rosary

Embracing God in a Family Friendly Community

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**As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you:
receive the Holy Spirit**

~ John 20:19-23

From the Desk of Our Parish Priest ...

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"He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we praise God for the gift of himself in sending us the Holy Spirit to be among and within us. Today we see yet again the tremendous generosity of God our Father. He gave us his only Son Jesus who was born of a humble and gracious mother, lived, suffered and died for love of us and who in turn gave and continues to give the Holy Spirit to all who are open to receive him. John tells us in the Gospel today, "After saying this he breathed on the disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" I am giving you the Spirit who is God himself.

That same Holy Spirit is God actually present not just among us but actually within us. It is that that moved St. Paul to write "Do you not know that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God?" (1Corinthians 6:19) Today, then, we are meant to rejoice that Pentecost recalls the birth of the Church and the New People of God in and through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This is an opportune time for us to recall our Confirmation and open our hearts yet again to hear and receive the Holy Spirit who is given to us for a good purpose as we read in the 2nd reading for today's Mass. Today is also the solemn moment to pray earnestly "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth."

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

2nd Reading

1 Cor. 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel

John 20:19-23

Parish Priest

Fr Clement Paul

Mass Times

Saturday 7am

Sunday 9am

Confession

After Mass or on
Request

Fr. Clement Paul

Parish Priest



Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage which held on Saturday was a special devotion to The Mother of the Church. Pilgrims from the seven churches in our Diocese traveled around the island in this Pilgrimage of prayerful reflection. We must give thanks and praise to God for what was a beautiful day of Catholic fellowship.

Questions for Reflection on the First Reading

Theme: We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Step One: Listen to the Word

- ✧ As you listen to this dramatic reading again today, what image strikes you in the story?
- ✧ What single word or phrase catches your ear or touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

Question for Youth: When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

Question for Adults: Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

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



What's Happening at OLOR This Week

- **Sat 26th:** 7am Mass
- **Sun 27th:** 9am Mass



Calling All Families!

Are you interested in having a family photo taken? The Roman Catholic Diocese is inviting 12 families to sign up to have a family portrait taken - free of cost. All we ask is for you give us permission to use the photo in the diocese publications. Only the first 12 families who register will be contacted.

Interested persons can contact Christopher Williams at catholiccommunication.bb@gmail.com or call 426-3510

What's Happening Around the Diocese

Mon. 21 May – Special Memorial for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis has introduced a new feast on 21st May to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "Mother of the church". Please spend some time on Monday 21st May with family members and praying the rosary.

Sat. 26 May – Catholic Formation Institute ...

The Catholic Formation Institute presents a workshop on "The Preferential Option for the Poor", facilitated by Fr. Peter McIsaac, on Saturday, May 26, 2018 in the Upper Room, St. Patrick's Cathedral compound, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All are invited, especially persons involved in or interested in care ministries.

Sun. 27 May – Sacred Heart Annual Luncheon

Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church invites you to a 'Scrumptious Lunch'

"Our Annual Fundraising Luncheon will be held at the Sea Rocks Dome, Maxwell, Christ Church, 27th May, 12:00 noon to 3:00pm. Tickets are \$60.00 per person and include meal, dessert, complimentary drink and entertainment." This is a grand event; it is a wonderful day of food, friends, fellowship and FAMILY!!!

Tue. 5 June - Ordination and Installations

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgetown will celebrate another milestone when on Tuesday 5th June 2018, Rev. Winston Layne will be ordained a priest at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Rev. Layne will be the first Barbadian Diocese priest to be ordained in 40 years. Fabian Alexander from Our Lady Queen of the Universe (OLQU), **Stephen Joseph from Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR)** and Michael Gonsalves from St Francis of Assisi parish will also be installed as permanent Deacons at the Mass.

This is a joyous moment for our diocese and we invite you to attend the celebration in your numbers. Please remember Rev. Layne and our diaconate candidates in your prayers.

June - Catholic Formation Institute ...

The Catholic Formation Institute presents two workshops facilitated by life coach, Tony Furlong in the Upper Room, St. Patrick's Cathedral compound.

"**The Stress Buster**" Workshop to be held on 9th June and "**The Conflict Handling**" Workshop to be held on 16th June.

Please see the Flyer for all of the details. To register: Email: formationinstitute@gmail.com or tel. 426-3510

Have a Peaceful and Blessed Week.