

Saint Patrick's Church

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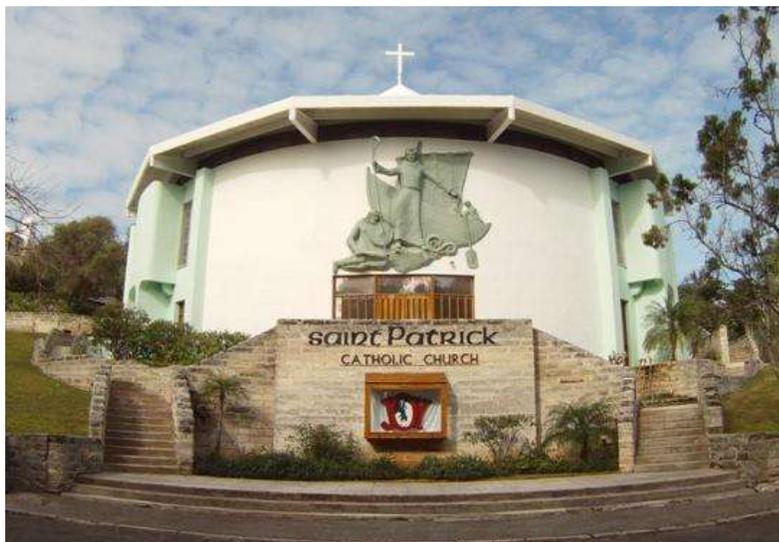
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 6:00 p.m.



Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.



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Rev. Vladimir Sobolewski, CR
Pastor

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop: Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director, Organist
236-8196

Mr. William DaCosta
Chairperson
232-0086

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

Mr. David Mutch
Parish Finance Chairperson
293-5506

Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Deacon
236-3171

Mr. José Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Mrs. Kimberley Güntl
Office Administrator
Hrs: Tues/ Wed/ Fri: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Stewardship Chairperson

Confirmation Class
Wednesdays in hall
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment five weeks in advance

WEDDINGS

By appointment one year in advance

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Church hall

PORTUGUESE MASS

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
in St. Patrick's Church

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Every Saturday during the school year
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church hall

29th November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent
Year B

Introduction

Brothers and sisters, today's readings reflect the overall mood of the Advent season as a time "in the gap." We recognize this time: when we know that things are not what they once were, nor yet what they will be. So, we wait -- somewhat fearfully, somewhat hopefully -- for the coming of Jesus. Are we truly an expectant people? If so, what are we waiting for? As we look to the future, what gives us hope?

Mass Intentions

Sat.	28	6:00 p.m.	✠ Joseph & Theresa R. Madeiros ✠ Jeffrey Castro
Sun.	29	9:00 a.m.	✠ Eugene Cabral ✠ Lorraine Cabral Olivieri ✠ Piriquito Deceased Family Members
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	30	8:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro
Tues.	1	8:00 a.m.	✠ Willie Fox
Wed.	2	8:00 a.m.	✠ João & Maria Callisto Martins & Deceased Family Members
Thur.	3	8:00 a.m.	✠ Raul Clementino & Deceased Family
Fri.	4	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Sat.	5	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	6	9:00 a.m.	✠ José daConceição Melo ✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros ✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Roddy Adcock
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Maria Araujo & Deceased Family

Stewardship Treasure

Sunday Offerings last weekend:	\$2,401.00
Sunday Offerings to date:	\$129,670.00
Target Offerings (Week 47):	\$164,500.00
Poor Box:	\$158.00

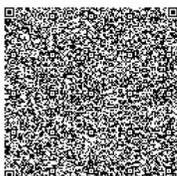


Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your stewardship and support of the Peter's Pence Collection. As a parish, we have collected **\$4,010.00** which will provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

Responsorial Psalm for this Weekend

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.



QR Code for This Weekend

Please scan this code to download the hymns for this weekend, visit St. Patrick's Facebook page or ask Bruce to borrow a Hymnbook to use each week.

Pastor's Reflection

Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent and it marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. This is actually Year B of St. Mark. However, we do not begin at the beginning of St. Mark's Gospel, that will come next week. The opening Gospel passage of this Sunday is taken from near the end of the Gospel - just before St. Mark begins the account of Jesus' passion.

In the literal sense, the word '*advent*' means '*coming of someone*,' and we wait for the coming of someone we love, but in the Christian liturgical sense it specifically implies '*the coming of Christ*' and we eagerly and watchfully wait for the coming of Christ.

The Gospel Reading of today teaches us that we are to be '*watching*' for the return of Jesus, not just '*waiting*' for it. Those who watch for it will keep themselves alert and self-controlled; those simply waiting may slip into sloppy business with other things and let their priorities slip! Are we just killing time '*waiting*' for Jesus to return, or are we really making time productive while '*prayerfully watching*' for his return? We are to understand the days in which we live. We have to be a sentry! We are to be on guard duty. We have to be alert at all times. We have to be watchful. So over these four weeks of Advent, let us watch with the Church for the Lord, that we may be better prepared to receive the Lord when he comes at Christmas, or indeed whenever he comes.



New Christmas Mass Times for 2020

The Coronavirus pandemic has forced us to adapt to many changes in the way we live. The virus has also required the Catholic Church to regulate attendance numbers and seating arrangements at Mass in accordance with Government guidelines. This becomes especially important as we anticipate the busy Christmas Masses.

With this in mind, Fr. Vladimir will be celebrating Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's Church at the following times:

Christmas Eve, Family Mass: Dec. 24 – 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Christmas Mass During the Night – 10 p.m., Midnight
Christmas Day, Dec. 25 – 10 a.m.

As numbers of people attending these Masses will be restricted, **you are asked to book in advance the Mass you and your family plan to attend.** Please sign the sheets at the entrance to the church with your name, telephone number and the actual number of family members (including yourself) who will be attending. Please understand that this situation is unprecedented and subject to change. Your cooperation is very appreciated as we try to determine how many people intend to participate at each Mass. Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Patrick's Church each **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.**



St. Patrick's Facebook & Diocesan Website

Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? Also check out www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

Caritas House of Prayer (236-5877)

♦ Today we begin a new liturgical year, Cycle B Year 1. May this new liturgical year be a source of many blessings for each of you and our world so much in need of recognizing God's loving presence in our midst.

Sister Dolores and I want to thank each and every one who has shared life with us over the years and for your kind words, cards and gifts to us as we prepare to begin a new chapter in our lives. We will be leaving Caritas on December 23rd and will stay at Grotto Bay until we fly to JFK and on to Logan on December 27th. May the holy season of Advent be a time of reflection and many blessings for each of you and our diocese. Please keep us in prayer as we surely will keep all of you.

♦ **Reflection:** Today we begin a new liturgical year and ironically our Gospel speaks of endings rather than beginnings! It is taken from the Gospel of Mark, believed to be the earliest written and used by Matthew and Luke in their writings. In the final chapter before Mark recounts the Passion of Jesus, Christ stresses the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning. The disciples and we, too, must not be caught unprepared but rather must stay alert.

The church's special liturgical season of Advent is set aside to remind us of the incredible truth that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to be one of us in order that one day we would be happy with Him in heaven. This beautiful season of expectation often gets lost because all around us is present the sights and sounds of the season without really focusing on the true meaning of Who it is that we celebrate. While Christmas celebrates Christ's birth, we must also be watchful and ready as we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will come to us in death -- now or when He will come in majesty at the end of time. **Watch!** --Sisters Judith and Dolores



Parish Outreach – The Angel Tree

As in previous years, Prison Fellowship Bermuda is asking for your help to give some Christmas cheer to 65 needy children of incarcerated men and women in Bermuda.

Angel tags are available at the entrance to the church and you are invited to pick up a tag and to purchase a gift certificate or fill a party bag with treats for the child named on the tag. Special envelopes have been provided at the entrance to the church for gift certificates or for your monetary donation. The deadline to drop off all gift certificates and treat bags at the Rectory is **Sunday, December 13.** Please include the Angel Tree tag with **your child's gift.** Thank you so much for your kindness.

Sign-Up Sheets for Christmas Masses

As we prepare for the Christmas season, please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheets at the entrance to the Church and volunteer to help with the Christmas Masses.



Start Collecting Now! Fun Family Advent Project

During the Advent season, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a "Reverse Advent Calendar

Food Drive" (See flyer). Each day of Advent, add one item from the list to your collection box. By Christmas, you will have a food basket which will be donated in the New Year to those in need. **Drop off your food box at St. Patrick's Church Hall between 5 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30.** For more information, contact Elaine Kelly at ekelly@ibl.bm or Ricky Lopes at rllcc.lopes@outlook.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Fundraiser - See Flyer

Local author and artist, Joan Aspinall has generously offered to donate the proceeds from her latest book, "*Dear God, Save the Children. We are the Future*" to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This book would make a great Christmas gift for young children and a purchase includes a personal dedication from Joan and a T-shirt. See the flyer in today's bulletin for details. E-mail: svdp@northrock.bm for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Voucher Program

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be distributing food vouchers to those in need at Christmas. If you know of any parishioners that could use a voucher, please contact Fr. Vladimir (stpats@logic.bm or 236-9866 ext. 1#). Please give the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number. **Deadline for names is Friday, December 4.** **Distribution of vouchers will take place from Monday December 14.** Thank you for your assistance in helping SVDP reach those in need.

St. Theresa's Cathedral Normal Hours Return

St. Theresa's Cathedral Masses have returned to normal with weekday Masses at 7:30 a.m.; Wednesday through Friday lunchtime Masses at 12:10 p.m. and the usual Saturday and Sunday Masses. Visit the Diocesan website: romancatholicbermuda.com for further information.



Christmas Flower Donations

Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church for donations for flowers in memory of loved ones for the Christmas season.

Happy Birthday, Deacon Matthew!

In the midst of so many changes, it's nice to know that birthdates never change! So, it is with great pleasure that we wish **Deacon Matthew Arnold** a very happy 67th birthday on **Thursday, December 3.** May God continue to bless him with good health and happiness.



Smile for the Day!

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

The Bishop's Corner – Pew Research Center

My Dear Fellow-Catholics:

According to the Pew Research Center report, 2018 was a record year in terms of restrictions on religious freedom in the world. Christians are still the most persecuted religious group. They face violence, both verbal and physical, in one hundred forty-five countries around the world.

Christians have been on the top of the list since the establishment of the Pew Research Center in 2007. Muslims, Jews, ethnic religions and Hindu are the other groups affected. The least disliked religious group are Buddhists. "The fact that Muslims and Christians are at the forefront is due to the fact that they are the two largest and most spread out religious groups in the world," says Samiry Majumdara, one of the authors of the report.

The document, which is over one hundred pages long, states that the most serious threat to Christian religious freedom, has been observed in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia. The report also emphasizes that religious intolerance is not only a problem of rights and repression, but also of mentality. According to the authors of the document, aversion to religion as such, has increased significantly in the world. The greatest tensions were recorded in Denmark, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany. In these countries, social enmity towards Muslims and Jews is growing. This could be associated with the fact that these countries are losing their Christian identity which affects attitudes towards other religions as well.

For the purposes of the report, the Pew Research Center divided countries into four categories: authoritarian regimes, hybrid regimes, and young and mature democracies. As might be expected, authoritarian regimes are responsible for the most serious restrictions on freedom of religion.

Have a nice Sunday and a fruitful Advent season!

Bishop Wes



Preparing for Christmas Decorating

Christmas is around the corner! And we want to thank the Cabral family in advance for volunteering to decorate the church again this year; however, they need your help in sourcing moss or Old Man's Beard which they plan to use to decorate the Christmas crèche in front of the altar. If you have any moss growing from trees in your garden, please give the Rectory office a call (236-9866 ext 0#) and leave a message with your name and telephone number. We will then call you closer to Christmas to arrange a time for you to drop off the moss. Thank you for your help.

Safety Requirements at Church

The safety protocol mandated by the Bermuda Government requires you to:

- Wear a mask at all times
- Space yourselves at least 3 ft apart in the pews (unless you are members of the same family) and when you walk down the aisle
- When you approach the Pastor, Deacon or Communion Minister, stretch out your arms to receive the Eucharist in your hands and keep as much social distance as possible
- If you use the bathroom, please sanitize the toilet handle and tap handles before leaving. Use a hand towel to open the bathroom door. Thank you
- Please don't congregate after Mass

Ministers, Don't Forget to Sign-Up for Christmas Mass!

With five Masses this Christmas season, we desperately need Ministers to volunteer to serve. Check the sign-up sheets at the entrance to the church and volunteer today!

Also a reminder to all...Sign-up for the Mass you plan to attend this Christmas:

December 24 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Family Masses

December 24 – 10:00 p.m. Mass During the Night

December 24 – Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

5th & 6th December 2020 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>		<u>9:00 a.m.</u>		<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Lector(s)</u>	K. Wicks		J. Napieralski	C. Frias	P. Lowry
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	S. DaPonte		W. Silvester		Z. Moniz
<u>Hospitality Mins.</u>	R. Simas	M. Simas	R. Sousa	L. Thompson	B. Pimentel C. Veloso