

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

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

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Deacon
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Mr. José Amaral

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Representative

Mrs. Kimberley Güntl

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

First Holy Communion Class

Tuesdays in hall
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays in hall
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

MAMA

Fridays in Hall 9:00 – 11:30 a.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

PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. preceded by the Rosary, Devotion or Stations of the Cross

BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CCD

Every Saturday during the school year
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church Hall
(Grades 6, 7 & 8 ONLY)

19th March 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A



Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we hear the second story from John's Gospel of the healing of the young man born blind, and we are invited to think about what it is to be spiritually blind. We all have times when we are unable to see clearly, when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Let us ask God today for the gift of clear vision.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 18 6:00 p.m. ✠ José DePaiva Carolo
Sun. 19 9:00 a.m. ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents
✠ Gil Pereira Reposo & Daughter Suzann
✠ Olivia Frias Simas
✠ Carmelita deSilva & Deceased Silva
Family Members
✠ Sandro deSilva & Deceased Silva
Family Members
11:00 a.m. ✠ José Neto
Mon. 20 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tues. 21 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Matthew Arnold
& Family
Wed. 22 8:00 a.m. ✠ Ruth Calhoun
Thurs. 23 8:00 a.m. ✠ Antonio Navarro
Fri. 24 8:00 a.m. ✠ Frank Cabral
Sat. 25 6:00 p.m. ✠ Hortencia Lima
Sun. 26 9:00 a.m. ✠ José daConceição Melo
✠ José Luis DaSilva
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Stewardship Treasure

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| Sunday Offering Last Weekend: | \$4,592.00 |
| Target Offerings (Week 11): | \$38,500.00 |
| Sunday Offerings to Date: | \$36,005.50 |
| Poor Box: | \$307.00 |



Weekly Stewardship Thought

We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Sunday Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank **Account #20006060102074100** and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Facebook & Diocesan Website

Read the weekly bulletin and notices on St. Patrick's Facebook and visit www.romancatholicbermuda.bm for information from the Chancery and Parish churches and to hear Bishop Wes' reflections and live-streamed Mass.

Pastor's Reflection

As we had last week, our Gospel today is from St. John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a dominant belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.



Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church

Fr. Vladimir is offering an opportunity for individual confession during Lent at St. Patrick's Church on **Mondays from 7 – 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 6 – 7 p.m.** (before the Stations of the Cross). Confession will also be available on Saturdays at the usual time from **5 – 5:30 p.m.** Please take

advantage of this opportunity to make confession part of your Lenten journey.



Stations of the Cross and Adoration – Thursdays at 7 p.m. – St. Patrick's

As in previous years during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church each **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are encouraged to attend either or both devotions as part of your Lenten practice.

Lunchtime Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral

Mass will be celebrated each day of Lent, Monday through Friday, at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Diocesan Penitential Services – March 28 & 30

Parishioners from across the Island are invited to attend a Diocesan Penitential Service at **St. Anthony's Church**, Warwick, on **Tuesday, March 28, from 4 - 6 p.m.** A second Penitential Service will take place at **St. Theresa's Cathedral** on **Thursday, March 30 from 6 – 8 p.m.** Make this devotional time a part of your Lenten experience.



Easter Flower Donations

Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church for Easter flower donations in memory of loved ones. Deadline for the Rectory office to receive names for inclusion in the Easter bulletin is **Tuesday, April 4.**



St. Patrick's Meal Program

Each week, several St. Patrick's Parish volunteers distribute bags of freshly-picked farm produce and frozen chicken or fish, intended for

four small meals, to seniors and the vulnerable. If you or a member of your family would like a home delivery from a St. Patrick's Meal Program volunteer, please contact Deacon Matthew at 236-3171 or David Mutch at 293-5506. Your conversation with them will be kept confidential.



Thank You for the Egg Cartons

The volunteers of the St. Patrick's Meal Program would like to thank everyone who dropped off egg cartons over the last couple of weeks. They now have enough cartons for their deliveries and **NO MORE EGG CARTONS ARE NEEDED** at this time.



Pre-Marriage Preparation 2023

All couples planning to marry in a Catholic church either in Bermuda or overseas within the next eighteen months are required to make an appointment to meet with their Pastor. If

you are a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church, please call Fr. Vladimir at 236-9866 ext. 1# to discuss your wedding plans.



St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund

Application forms for the 2023-2024 academic year will be available in the Sacristy on Palm Sunday weekend,

April 1 and 2. Please complete the application form - **in full** – before submitting to the Selection Committee by the Thursday, June 1, 2023 deadline.



MSA – 'Boots & Bubbly' Fundraiser –

April 15

Tickets are now available for the MSA Country-Western fundraiser on **Saturday, April 15,** starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

Enjoy live music with Ronnie Lopes and TRS and the Silvertones and end the evening with dancing to The Travelers. A silent auction and tombola raffle will be held – Credit Cards are welcomed. Visit: MountSaintAgnesAcademy@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com to purchase your tickets.

Sign-Up Sheets for Holy Week

Thank you very much to the parishioners who have signed up to serve in the Holy Week Masses; however, we need more help – especially Altar Servers! And Lectors for the Easter Vigil. Sign-up



sheets are located on the counter at the entrance to the Church for anyone wishing to serve in the various ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please volunteer. Thank you.

Fish Fry Friday 'Thank You'

The St. Patrick's Parish Council would like to thank all those who supported the Fish Fry held on Friday by buying tickets and making donations. Over 100 tickets were sold for this



successful event. The members of the Parish Council look forward to your continued support for their future social activities.

Bingo Lunch -- MSA – March 26

The Portuguese Parish Council invites you to a **Bingo Lunch on Sunday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the MSA Auditorium.** Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children and are available from members of the



Portuguese Pastoral Council or by **calling 705-1422 or e-mail: isaurabp@hotmail.com.** Don't delay! Buy your tickets soon!

Apartment Needed for "Young" Senior Lady

A single senior, who is a recipient of the St. Patrick's Meal Program, has been asked to vacate her apartment by the end of April. She has been actively looking for an unfurnished one-bedroom or studio within walking distance to the bus route and, ideally, centrally-located. Can you help? Her budget is around \$1,300 per month. If you have an apartment available or know of someone who has rented accommodation coming vacant, please contact David Mutch at 591-2468 for a referral or for more information.

Smile for the Day!

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Francis on the 10th Anniversary of His Election

Dear Fellow-Catholics:

Pope Francis marked the 10th anniversary of his election on Monday, 13th of March by celebrating Mass with cardinals in the chapel of Casa Santa Marta where he lives. Vatican Media also released a podcast in which he reflects on the past ten years.

"Time flies" he said "It's in a hurry. When you want to grasp today, it is already yesterday. To live like this is something new. These ten years have been like this; living in tension." Of the thousands of audiences, the hundreds of visits to dioceses and parishes, the forty apostolic journeys to every corner of the globe, the Pope has clear memories.

He also said that, "the most beautiful moment" was the meeting in St. Peter's Square with the elderly - the audience with grandparents from all over the world on 28th of September 2014. "Old people are wisdom and they help me so much. I too am old, am I not? There have also been some very negative times. They are all related to the horror of war." Pope Francis mentioned his visits to the war cemeteries in Redipuglia and Anzio, the commemoration of the landing of the allies in Normandy, the vigil to stop the war in Syria, and now, "the barbarity" that has been going on for over a year in Ukraine. "Behind the wars, there is the arms industry, this is diabolical. It makes me suffer to see young men dying; be they Russian or Ukrainian, I don't care, they are not coming back. It is hard." Pope Francis has no doubts about what to ask of the world as a gift for this important anniversary; "Peace, we need peace".

The Pope's "three dreams" for the Church, for the world and for those who govern the world, for humanity are: "Fraternity, weeping, smiling."

Have a joyful "pink" Sunday and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 4th Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Santo (by José Paulo Abreu) 9:00 a.m. Mass only

Santo, Santo, Santo é o Senhor, Deus do Universo.
Cheios estão os céus e a terra,
Da Tua glória, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.
Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God)

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a vossa paz!

Pope Francis Makes Appeal for Cyclone-Hit Malawi (By Deborah Castellano Lubov, *Vatican News*, 15 March 2023)

"I am close to the people of Malawi, hit in recent days by a very strong cyclone," Pope Francis said during his General Audience on Wednesday morning in the Vatican, as he recalled the destruction perpetrated by Tropical Cyclone Freddy, which killed hundreds of people and displaced thousands more in the landlocked southeastern African nation. "I pray for the dead, the injured, the displaced. May the Lord support the families and communities most tried by this calamity." According to the Associated Press, the cyclone, [is] now set to be the longest ever...[and] has killed at least 199 people in Malawi's southern region and within and around Blantyre, the country's financial hub.

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-03/pope-francis-appeal-malawi-cyclone.html>)

25th & 26th March 2023 5th Sunday of Lent

| | <u>6:00 p.m.</u> | | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> | | <u>11:00 a.m.</u> |
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| <u>Lector(s)</u> | H. Güntl | | A. Rodrigues | M.dosAAraujo | J. Amaral, Jr. |
| <u>Song Leader(s)</u> | S. Abraham | | R. Lopes | | D. Mutch |
| <u>Mass Server(s)</u> | S. DaPonte | A. Lutkin | T. Furtado | H. Furtado | C. Easton |
| <u>Hospitality Min(s)</u> | J. Lutkin | A. Bento | T. Botelho | J. Furtado | K. Onen G. Michel |
| <u>Gift Bearers</u> | Bento Family | | N. daSilva & Family | | K. Garcia & A. Tomaz |