

# Saint Patrick's Church

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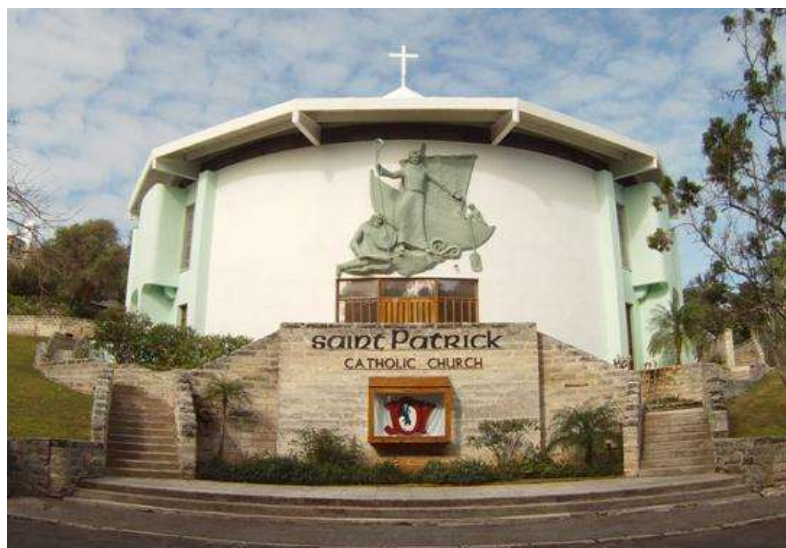
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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Monday to Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday:** 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment one year in advance

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment five weeks in advance

### BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

### PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

### PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. preceded by the Rosary

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

### CCD CLASSES

Saturdays during the school year from  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall  
(*Grades 1, 2, 7 & 8 only*)

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays during the school year from  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

### MAMA PLAYGROUP

Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
in the Church Hall

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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Cycle B



## Introduction

In today's Gospel, Jesus' analogy of the grain of wheat illustrates that true life and fruitfulness often require sacrifice. As His followers, we also must sacrifice. We must be willing to let go of our own desires and follow the will of God. This can be a difficult and painful process, just as it was for Jesus on the cross. Through this sacrifice, Jesus brought great glory to God, and His death and resurrection brought salvation to all who believe in him. Through our sacrifices, we can bear much fruit and bring glory to God also. Reflect on the sacrifices you are called to make in following Jesus. How do they contribute to producing fruit in your life, and in the lives of others?

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	16	6:00 p.m.	✠ Karla deSousa
Sun.	17	9:00 a.m.	✠ Laureano Castro
			✠ Olivia Frias Simas
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	18	8:00 a.m.	✠ Paulo Cardoza
Tue.	19	8:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Neto & Family
Wed.	20	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	21	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	22	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	23	6:00 p.m.	
Sun.	24	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents
			✠ Gil Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann
			✠ Hortencia Lima
			✠ José da Conceição Melo
			✠ José Luis DaSilva
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

--- Pope Francis

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,172.00
Sunday Offerings to Date:	\$36,710.00
Target Offerings (Week 10):	\$35,000.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$49.00

## Holy Land Collection – March 29

On Good Friday, there will be a special collection for the Holy Land, specifically supporting the crisis in Gaza. The outbreak of the war last October has paralyzed the Holy Land, and the lack of pilgrims and tourists has put many local families in difficulty. The Pope is planning a project to help the people of Gaza resume a better life once the war is over. Envelopes will be at the entrance to the Church, or donations may be made online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank #20006060102074100**. Please include a memo for proper allocation. Thank you!

## Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

### Thoughts on St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day holds special meaning for me and my family. My late father, Patrick, was born on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1927; a very fitting date of birth to celebrate his Irish heritage. Along with his Celtic roots came the capacity for Dad to throw and enjoy a great party, especially on his birthday. I have many fond childhood memories centered on St. Patrick's Day parties in our home. My mother's Irish roots are found in the Contae Thiobraid Árann (in English - County Tipperary). Irish emigrant families often faced hostility and discrimination in their new country, based on religious and cultural prejudices. I heard stories within family circles, witnessing to this.

On St. Patrick's Day, 2024, I am delighted to welcome the Irish Freemasons of Bermuda to St. Patrick's Church. Today, we have the opportunity to focus on what unites us, rather than on the historical differences and institutional incompatibilities of Catholicism and Freemasonry. We meet today in a shared space with mutual respect for one another. One thing we have in common is charitable outreach programmes. I am pleased to announce that our Church will be contributing to the Freemasons' fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Bermuda.

My siblings and I learned from my father's example to be welcoming to all people, to see the good in others and to treat everyone with respect. These lessons came not from my Dad giving us a lecture, or telling us how to do things, but by his lived example in the presence of others.

The Lord expects us all to be welcoming to others, especially those who are different to us. Whether the differences are cultural, religious, racial or socioeconomic, he expects us to respect and be gracious towards others, "loving our neighbour as ourselves".

## Holy Week – Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of volunteers for Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, in particular Altar Servers and Hospitality Ministers! Sign-up sheets are located at the entrance to the Church. Please take a moment to see where you can assist. Thank you for your kind stewardship!



## Deadline for Easter Flower Donations

Envelopes are still available at the entrance to the Church for Easter flower donations in memory of your loved ones. If you prefer to pay online, please ensure that you include a note in the memo field so it can be allocated appropriately. **The final day for the office to receive names for inclusion in the Easter bulletin is this Monday, March 18.**



### Feast of St. Patrick

On Sunday, March 17, we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, our Church's patron saint. St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain near the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. At the age of 16, Patrick was kidnapped by a group of Irish raiders attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland as a prisoner where he became a shepherd. During this time, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. After more than six years, Patrick escaped back to Britain. He then had a revelation; an angel in a dream told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick began religious training, and after his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity. While Patrick is recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church, he has never actually been canonized, and is a saint in name only. There was no formal canonization process in the Church during its first millennium when Patrick died. This came about much later, around the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Patrick was proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim, probably with the approval of a bishop. Many legends are attributed to St. Patrick, including that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Over the years, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, food, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green! This weekend, we warmly welcome the Irish Masons of Bermuda to the 11:00 a.m. Mass to share in the celebration of this special feast, and wish everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### CCD Classes – Easter Break

Due to Easter break, CCD classes will be cancelled on March 30 and April 6. They will resume as normal on Saturday, April 13.

### St. Patrick's Fish Fry – March 22

This is the final week to purchase tickets for our Lenten Fish Fry Night hosted by the Parish Council. Collect your delicious mahi-mahi fish dinner catered by Bella Vista from the Church Hall on **Friday, March 22 between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be reserved by calling the Rectory during office hours. You can also purchase them directly from any member of the Parish Council after Mass.



### St. Patrick's BINGO – April 28

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of family fun playing BINGO on Sunday, April 28 in the Church Hall. More information on this event to follow soon.

### Portuguese Mass

Reminder: Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's will start at **6:00 p.m.** on Wednesday evenings throughout March.



### Lenten Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross are being said on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Lenten Mid-day Mass

During Lent, there is mid-day Mass at 12:10 p.m. Monday to Friday at St. Theresa's. On Fridays, Stations of the Cross will begin at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass.

### Lenten Reconciliation – Updated Locations

This week, you will have two opportunities to attend Diocesan Penitential Services, noting the change in locations. The first service will be on **Wednesday, March 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. now taking place at St. Patrick's Church.** The second service will be on **Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and remains at St. Theresa's Cathedral.** Plan to make this devotional time a part of your Lenten experience.

### Chrism Mass

During Holy Week, a special Mass is celebrated at Cathedrals worldwide where three types of oil (chrism) are blessed, and priests renew their commitment. This year, the Mass of the Chrism will be on **Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's.** All are welcome to attend!



### Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Bishop Wes, along with Anglican Bishop Nick Dill, invites everyone to Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, March 29 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Victoria Park, Hamilton.** Come and walk the footsteps of Jesus with our Anglican brothers and sisters.

### Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

Following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday, children of St. Patrick's Parish are invited to hop on over to the Rectory lawn for an Easter egg hunt! A big thank you to Andy & Andrea Bento for organizing this fun event for our kiddos once again!



### Smiles for the Day!



Q: What do you call an Irish spider?

A: *Paddy Long Legs!*

Q: Why did the leprechaun go outside?

A: *To sit on his paddy-o!*



Q: Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

A: *You don't want to press your luck!*



## The Bishop's Corner – Canadian Bishops on Social Media (Part One)

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This Bishop's Corner is going to be composed of two parts. The first you will find below; the second you shall find next weekend.

"Catholic institutions and media outlets must hold themselves to the highest standards," the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said in their pastoral letter that focuses on social media. As a communication tool, social media has great potential to "serve a fundamental human good; the building of bridges among people by the sharing of information," the Bishops write in their "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious" letter.

The Canadian Bishops "applaud the missionary spirit of those who have chosen to witness" through social media, and they "admire the creative work" of Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations that use social media to engage people with opportunities for greater participation in local faith communities.

However, the letter comes with a warning: "We mustn't be naive. The design of the platforms and the algorithms that dictate their performance can play on the worst of our human tendencies, leading to online environments that violate the core Christian values of truth and human dignity," the Bishops write. "Digital relationships can also give the illusion of creating bridges between people when it is, in fact, tearing apart our common life. If Catholics share their faith with others online in ways that are not grounded in charity, prudence, and truth, we may end up doing harm rather than good."

The Bishops encourage Catholics on social media to "pause and reflect both individually and communally, on their engagement with social media and on how they might be part of the larger effort to claim the 'digital continent' for Christ, most particularly by the quality of their conduct online."

Have a real-ly good weekend and a fruitful 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent!

*Bishop Wes*



### Responsorial Psalm – The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



#### 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!

### Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Communion Min(s)</u>	K. Wicks S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues H. Tavares D. Gaspar	N. Pedro K. Garcia
<u>Lector(s)</u>	J. Roberts	R. Lopes	D. Mutch
<u>Song Leader</u>	N. Every	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	R. Simas M. Simas	J. Furtado T. Medeiros	A. Tomaz C. Sta Maria
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	Bento Family	T. Botelho & Family	C. & H. Faria
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	N/A		
<u>Flower Ministry</u>			