

Saint Patrick's Church

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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

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.

FILIPINO MASS

Second Friday of every month 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 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8 only*)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

ACTIVELY AGING EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
in the Church Hall

MAMA PLAYGROUP

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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3rd May 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
Year A

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health illness or suicidal thoughts, please call:
236-3770 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MWI)
911 or 239-1111 (24/7 crisis hotline)

Introduction

The second reading today provides a beautiful and yet challenging description of who we are as Christians. By virtue of baptism, we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart to give praise to God. This reminds us what a grace and privilege it is to be chosen, and reassures us of how God sees us, and how we ought to see ourselves and others. All that we do must reflect this holy status.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2nd	6:00 p.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun. 3rd	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Robbie & Bernice Sinclair
	11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon. 4th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue. 5th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John, Connie & Joe Correia ✠ William DeMello
Wed. 6th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Thu. 7th	8:00 a.m.	✠ All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 8th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Teresa Medeiros
Sat. 9th	6:00 p.m.	Intentions of Lillian DeSousa
Sun. 10th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Sandy Johnson ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Maria Simas ✠ Eduarda DaCosta ✠ Daniel DeFrias
	11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Stewardship

TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE

Weekly Stewardship Thought

Everyone has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit called “charisms” to build God’s kingdom on earth. While most are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, some may be unsure of their charisms. If someone is struggling to find direction in life, give them encouragement to help discern their charisms and how God calls them to use them. No gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,887.00
Offerings to Date:	\$65,594.00
Target Offerings (Week 17):	\$64,600.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$111.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded whenever coordinating any electronic transfers to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, we would be most grateful if you could please **send an email to the Rectory office to advise of the incoming funds and how they should be allocated.** Thank you!



April Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our first cash prize draw in 2026 for the 100 Club: Luke Pimentel, Janet Lutkin, and Joan Blee!

Pastoral Reflection

“Sunday: The Lord’s Day”

Every week, Catholics gather on Sundays... why? Did the Church change God’s commandment? Did Christians abandon the Sabbath? Or is there something far greater at work? The answer lies at the very heart of Christianity.

The Old Testament Sabbath. In the Old Covenant, God commanded Israel: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). The Sabbath was the seventh day which was Saturday. It commemorated God’s rest after creation. For Israel, it was a sign of the covenant – a sacred memorial of the first creation.

The Resurrection Changed Things. When Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, it transformed history. This was not merely another miracle. It was the beginning of a new creation – a new world, a new covenant, a new humanity. Sunday became the day when death was defeated.

The Apostles Gathered on Sunday. The New Testament shows Christians assembling on a Sunday. Acts 20:7 says: “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread...” That breaking of bread is the Eucharist. St. Paul also instructed Christians to make collections on the first day (1 Corinthians 16:2). Sunday worship was not a later invention. It began with the apostles.

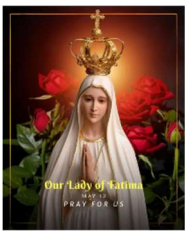
The Lord’s Day. By the end of the first century, Sunday already had a special name which was the Lord’s Day because it belonged uniquely to the Risen Lord. St. John writes: “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day” (Revelation 1:10). It was the day of His victory, the day of His triumph.

Fulfillment of the Sabbath. Christ did not abolish the Sabbath, rather, He fulfilled it. The old Sabbath celebrated completion of creation; Sunday celebrates the beginning of a new creation. Saturday remembered God’s rest after making the world; Sunday rejoices in Christ’s victory after redeeming the world. The first creation gave us life; the Resurrection gave us eternal life.

Catholics Must Keep Sunday Holy. The Third Commandment still stands in that we must keep holy the Lord’s Day. For Christians, that day is Sunday. That is why the Church obliges Catholics to participate in Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. Missing Mass deliberately without serious reason is grave matter because Sunday is not simply “the weekend.” It is the weekly Easter.

Sunday is Not a Replacement for Saturday. Sunday is the day the stone was rolled away from the tomb and Christ conquered death. It was the day Heaven touched Earth and the Church was born anew. Remember this always, we worship on Sunday because Jesus rose on Sunday. And every Sunday, the Resurrection echoes again. That is why Sunday is and always will be the Lord’s Day.

Blessings,
Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Our Lady of Fatima Mass

Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese to mark the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on **Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.** here at St. Patrick's. Let us heed Our Lady's call to prayer as the path of salvation and to bring peace to our war-torn world.

Filipino Mass

Come and join Fr. Vivien and our Filipino community as they celebrate Mass in Tagalog here at St. Patrick's on **Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

Discover or Rediscover Catholicism (DORC)

DORC is open for anyone – converts, reverts, lifelong Catholics, the curious, those interested in the faith, those questioning the faith – and is based upon 88 common questions with many answers using the Sacred Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. DORC is based upon the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and will take place in a casual group discussion setting on **Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting on May 27** at St. Michael's Church in the Pastor's Office. Contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236 for further details.



Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2026/27 St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund Award are available from the Sacristy. Please record your name and number on the contact sheet before taking an application. Submissions must be received in full by **Monday, June 1**.

Reminder for Egg Cartons

If you have empty egg cartons at home, please remember to bring them to Mass and leave them in the box located at the entrance to the church to be used for our Seniors Feeding Program weekly meal deliveries. Thank you!



MSA Golf Tournament

The MSA Home & School Association's 24th Annual Golf Tournament will take place next **Saturday, May 9** at Belmont Hills and it's not too late to sign-up! Entry is \$1000 per team of 4 people which includes a cart and lunch. To register, scan the QR code on the flyer located at the church entrance.

Movie Thursdays

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a Lunch & Movie event every Thursday during the summer in St. Theresa's Hall. The first event will be on July 2 and the final event will be on August 27. Each event will start with lunch at 12:00 p.m. which will include soup, sandwiches/bread, ice cream, and coffee/tea, followed by the movie at 12:30 p.m. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the organization of the lunches, and you can commit for the entire program, or just part of it. If you are interested, please send an email to the St. Theresa's Rectory Office at sttheresas@northrock.bm, or to the Chancery Office at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com.



Prayer List

Almighty God, giver of life and health, we ask you to send forth your blessings of comfort and strength to those who are sick and suffering, and their caregivers, in particular:



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| Joe Pacheco | Andrew Card |
| Manuel Gonçalves | Dylan Peart |
| Denise Somerville | Christine Eldridge |
| Debbie Sampson | Trish Walsh |
| Jo Frith | Carole Scraders |
| Carol Melanson | Shirley Love |
| Liz Weaver | Carol Maitland |
| Bill Tatem | Jackie Jordan |



St. Patrick's Quiz Night

Mark your calendars for our next event! The St. Patrick's Social Committee will be hosting a Quiz Night after Mass on **Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes pizza and a soft drink. Please use the sign-up sheets located at the church entrance to register (maximum of 8 people per team). There will also be a 50/50 draw so bring some extra cash for a chance to win! Gather your teams, brush up on your knowledge, and get ready for a great night of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition!



Santo Cristo Festa

The annual Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres will take place on **Sunday, May 17** starting with a Mass at **1:30 p.m.** in **St. Theresa's Cathedral**. Immediately following, there will be a procession, with the festivities continuing in the main courtyard of MSA, including food, live entertainment, and raffle draw.



Fr. Vlad's 50th Anniversary

On June 19, Fr. Vladimir will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination! Do you have any photos of him during his time here in Bermuda? If so, **please email them directly to him at:** wlodeksobolewski1@gmail.com. If you would also like to give Fr. Vladimir a card or small gift, Bishop Wes has kindly agreed to pass them along to him when he travels to Poland to join in the celebrations. Please deliver them to the Chancery Office **no later than Friday, June 12**.

Smile for the Day!

I taught my dog how to fetch tools from my workshop. He's not perfect. But he knows the drill.



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Leo to Newly Ordained Priests

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Leo XIV ordained a group of ten priests as the Church celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I must say, I love the homily that he directed to the ordinands.

The Pope described priesthood as a “ministry of communion.” He stressed that a close relationship with Christ does not distance priests from others but deepens their connection to all people. “The deeper your bond with Christ, the more radical your belonging to humanity,” he noted.

He went on to highlight that the communities to which priests are sent are not empty or passive but already marked by the presence of the Risen Christ. “These communities will also help you to become saints,” he observed, and encouraged the ordinands to foster unity, helping people come together and creating spaces where individuals can experience the value of community life.

A central theme of the homily was Jesus’ image of himself as the “gate.” The Pope warned against placing obstacles in the way of those who seek to approach the faith. “Do not block this gate,” he said, urging priests to ensure that the Church remains accessible.

The Pontiff then insisted that priests should not act as gatekeepers who restrict access, but as “channels, not filters.” In a context where many people feel distant from the Church, he encouraged them to keep doors open and to be ready, both to welcome and to go out. “You belong to everyone and are for everyone,” he said. He also emphasized that the Church should not confine people but help them engage more fully with life.

Bringing his homily to a close, the Pope encouraged the new priests to engage with the wider world, including culture and everyday life. He acknowledged that they may at times feel uncertain but reminded them that the Good Shepherd guides the way.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

Bishop Wes



Portuguese Lyrics for Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m.

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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)

Misterio da Fé (Mystery of Faith)

Anunciamos, Senhor, a Vossa Morte, proclamamos a Vossa Ressurreição: Vinde, Senhor Jesus.

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God)

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

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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

9th & 10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

6:00 p.m.

Communion Ministers M.DaCosta, A.Bento & **VOLUNTEER**
Lector(s) B. DaPonte
Song Leader J. Mathias
Mass Server(s) A. Lutkin
Hospitality Ministers M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair
Gift Bearers R. & M. Simas
Flowers Ministry: Maria Luisa Pacheco

9:00 a.m.

L. DeFrias & C. Frias
J. Blee & D. Gaspar
R. Lopes
H. Furtado
M.P. Silva & J. Furtado
T. Medeiros & Family

11:00 a.m.

L. Arnold & Z. Moniz
K. Garcia
J. Cassidy
J. Lema
C. Veloso & O. de Frias
J. & L. Amaral