

# 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

Most Reverend Bishop: Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD  
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### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**Mr. Bruce Fox**  
Music Director, Organist  
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**Mrs. Becky DaPonte**  
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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  
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

## 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)*

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

## Introduction

Jesus begins his healing ministry by calling ordinary people — simple fishermen — to follow him. What was it about his invitation that appealed to them, caused them to accept it? We never know the outcome of an invitation or a promise that is made. We are called in many ways, most of them simple. We don't know where we will be led. Our task is to keep our hearts and minds open to God's calling, however or whenever it may come.

## Mass Intentions

- Sat. 21 6:00 p.m. † José, Sarah & Joey Pacheco  
Sun. 22 9:00 a.m. † Daniel Calouro  
† Anne Margaret Plowman  
† Maria Isaura Almeida  
† Agnes Kelly  
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Mon. 23 8:00 a.m. † Deolinda (Dorothy) Pacheco  
Tues. 24 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Matthew Arnold & Family  
Wed. 25 8:00 a.m. † Jim & Helen Chesterman  
Thurs. 26 8:00 a.m. † Lorraine Cabral Olivieri  
Fri. 27 8:00 a.m. † Raul Clementino & Deceased Family  
Sat. 28 6:00 p.m. † Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros  
† Jeffrey Castro  
Sun. 29 9:00 a.m. † Joseph Reis & Parents  
† Gil Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann  
† Carlos Frias  
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

## Stewardship Treasure

Sunday Offering Last Weekend:	\$2,599.50
Target Offerings (Week 3):	\$10,500.00
Sunday Offerings to Date:	\$7,122.50
Poor Box:	\$164.00



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Weekly Stewardship Thought

Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.

## Sunday Offerings/Special Collections with Online Banking

Online giving is a hassle-free way to support your Church and to practice stewardship. Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank **Account #20006060102074100** and include "Sunday Offering" or "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you.

## Sunday Offering Envelopes 2023

The new Sunday offering envelopes for 2023 are available at the entrance to the church for your thoughtful stewardship donation to the Church each week. Online donations are also greatly appreciated.

## Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

We live in a world that is divided in numerous ways. Political and cultural divisions make headlines in the press. On social media, differences are highlighted, rather than similarities. The national electorate is split, and people declare themselves as "left wing" or "right wing". This is quite astonishing terminology - I cannot imagine a flock of geese splitting into left- and right-wing groups! It would certainly hamper them on their great migration journeys.

Christianity is scandalously divided, damaging the credibility of a religion dedicated to the spreading of the Gospel. We are currently in the middle of the Week for Christian Unity. This provides opportunities for us to focus on the similarities that we as Catholics have with other Christian denominations, rather than highlighting the differences.

The words that we speak can be instruments of unity, but they can also plant seeds of division. Within the Catholic Church, those seeds can grow rapidly; fertilised by constant criticism of Church teaching, Bishops and clergy.

Religious divisions are as old as time, but there is a particularly aching sadness when these occur within families. Angry words cannot be unspoken; disapproval and criticism of our spouse's, our sons' and our daughters' choices may worsen the situation. The Lord listens to the fervent prayers of those who struggle with family members who no longer attend Mass or receive the Sacraments. The answer to those prayers may come from His voice in the heart: "*Stop nagging*", "*Continue loving them*", "*Show the Lord's joy in your life*".

Let us think of ways, through prayer, that we can be instruments of unity in our families, our parish, our Church and our Island home.



## Special Collection for the Holy See – January 21/22

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in dioceses worldwide to help financially support the apostolic and administrative works of the Holy See through a special collection. Please use the special envelopes provided for your donation or make a contribution online to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank **Account #20006060102074100** and be sure to include "Holy See" in the memo field. Thank you for your stewardship.

## 2023 Budget Presentation and Annual Report

The St. Patrick's Finance Committee have just completed the Parish Annual Financial Report for 2022 and Budget for 2023 and will be presenting it shortly. Many thanks to **David Mutch**, the Chairperson, and members of the Finance Committee: **Owen Martin**, **Geoff Blee** and **Karen Leseur** for your stewardship.



### 'Thank You' for Your Help!

Now that the Christmas season is over, we want to thank all those who helped to neatly and quickly pack away the wreaths,

Christmas tree, ornaments and the manger scene used to decorate the Church. We look forward to your help again for Christmas 2023!

### 2023 Flower Ministry Schedule

Throughout the year, a group of ladies volunteers each week to prepare the flowers for the Sunday Liturgy. St. Patrick's Parish thanks these dedicated parishioners for their assistance and we are grateful for their stewardship of time and talent. The new Flower Ministry Schedule for 2023 can now be collected from the Sacristy.



### Message of Thanks from St. Vincent de Paul Society

Happy New Year everyone! Best wishes for a happy, healthy, joy-filled, and peace-filled 2023.

Thank you, everyone, for your assistance with the SVDP Christmas Food Voucher programme. We are truly grateful to those who provided names enabling us to reach out to members of the Diocese and friends assisting them with food gift vouchers. We are also extremely grateful to all who supported the Society financially, both individuals and the various companies. Your generosity was astounding and so important to our success.

The SVDP Society distributed approximately \$42,000 worth of Christmas Gift Food Vouchers. Working closely with the SA and other agencies, we were able to ensure that as many families and individuals as possible were assisted without "double-dipping" thereby spreading the benefit during this holy season. This was amazingly successful and rewarding to all of us at the SVDP Society. Feeling truly blessed!

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for guiding us and allowing us to do your work. Amen.

### Grade 1 CCD Classes

Parents, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, classes for Grade 1 students ONLY have been postponed and will now **start on Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.** We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing our Grade 1 students on this new date.

### Espirito Santo Dinner Bingo

The Espirito Santo Committee will be hosting a Dinner Bingo on **Saturday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the MSA Auditorium.** Adult tickets are \$40 and children (under 12) are \$25 each and can be purchased from a Committee member or by calling Susanna Almeida at 535-3195 or Eugene Lima at 705-3215.

### Dessert Bingo this Sunday!

St. Patrick's Parish Council will be holding a **Dessert Bingo** in the **Church Hall** this **Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 3 – 5 p.m.**

Dessert and prize donations will be gratefully received. Please contact Becky DaPonte at 325-7589 or [beckydaponte@outlook.com](mailto:beckydaponte@outlook.com).

Tickets are \$5 which includes one Bingo Card and will be on sale from Parish Council members after all Masses or from Fr. Vladimir. It's not too late to invite a friend and buy your tickets today!



### Sign-Up / Renew for 100 Club 2023

Now is the time to renew your membership or sign-up for 2023! Simply fill in a membership form found at the entrance to the Church or contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or e-mail: [davidgamutch@gmail.com](mailto:davidgamutch@gmail.com).

Pay your \$100 membership fee to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank **Account #20006060102074100** or directly to Fr. Vladimir and include "100 Club" in the memo field. The annual fee entitles you to a chance to win at each of the monthly draws. The first draws will take place at the end of April at a Welcoming Reception.



### Keep Bermuda Beautiful – 2022 Year in Review

In 2022, KBB engaged with more than **4,800** volunteers; organised close to **300** clean-ups; and removed nearly **37** tonnes (over 81,000 pounds) of litter and waste from Bermuda's roadsides, parks, beaches and coastal areas.

Since last May, they have pulled more than 60 abandoned or derelict marine vessels (ADVs) from local waters through the Abandoned Boats Project, which is a joint initiative with the Bermuda Government. Next steps include working with BEST in identifying more boats to be removed.

2022 also saw BEST and KBB come together to launch the Beyond Plastic Bermuda campaign. The project has been received well throughout the community and provides community education in support of Government's intended ban on single-use plastic.

These are just some of the initiatives spearheaded by the KBB. For more information, or to become a member or renew your existing membership, call the KBB office on 799-5142.

### Smile for the Day!

As I watched the dog chasing his tail I thought "Dogs are easily amused", then I realized I was watching the dog chasing his tail.



## The Bishop's Corner – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dear Fellow-Catholics:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing this week on the same dates from the 18th to 25th of January, Christians want to move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

"Do good; seek justice" (Is 1:17) is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023. It was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for Christian communities to contemplate the ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. These virtues originate in God's love for all, and racism runs counter to this vision. Isaiah's challenge to do good and seek justice together applies equally to us today.

Have a peaceful weekend and a fruitful week!

*Bishop Wes*



### Responsorial Psalm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

**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 @Pontifex

Last Saturday, a new missile attack in Ukraine caused many civilian victims, babies among them. I unite myself to the sorrow of their relatives. The testimonials of this tragic episode are a powerful appeal to every conscience. You cannot remain indifferent!

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Communion Min.</u>	Mi DeSilva	T. Correia	M. Squire
<u>Lector(s)</u>	H. Güntl	A. Rodrigues    L. Frias	J. Amaral, Jr.
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	N. Every	T. Furtado    H. Furtado	J. Lema
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	R. Simas      M. Simas	J. Furtado    D. Rego	C. Veloso      C. Faria
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Sinclair Family	N. daSilva & Family	K. Garcia      A. Tomaz
<b><u>Flower Ministry</u></b>	<b>Angelina Tomaz</b>		