

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 6:00 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 1, 2, 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 (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
Parish Priest
292-0607 Ext 4

Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Parish Deacon
236-3171

Mrs. Nancy da Silva
Parish Council Chair
538-8424

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

Mr. David Mutch
Parish Finance Committee Chair
293-5506

Mr. Joe Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep
535-0002

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

Mrs. Nicole Renaud
Parish Office Administrator
236-9866 Ext 0#

Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

9th March 2025
1st Sunday of Lent
Year C



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

One way Jesus prepared for his public ministry was by going into the desert, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. During Lent, as we strive to follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we too may have to confront a similar experience as we encounter temptations to abandon our good resolutions. These challenges along our Lenten journey help us prepare to carry our own cross. Jesus' example shows us the disposition we must have if we are to triumph over the enemy.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Harry & Shirley Fox
Sun.	9th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Florina Garcia
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	10th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro
Tue.	11th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Carriero
Wed.	12th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Maria Carreiro
Thu.	13th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros ✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
Fri.	14th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Raul Clementino & Deceased Family
Sat.	15th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Anthony Sousa
Sun.	16th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Wendell Rance
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Do you give to God from your "first fruits" – the first and best that you have to offer – or do you give from what you have left over? Do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything; we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,738.00
Offerings to Date:	\$33,861.00
Target Offerings (Week 9):	\$34,200.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$279.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded when coordinating any online transfers to our Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100, we would be grateful if you could please **send an email to the Rectory office to advise of the incoming funds and how they should be allocated.** Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details do not always appear on our end, particularly for funds received from HSBC and Clarien Bank. Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

"Lenten Journey"

This Lenten journey is a time of spiritual renewal and transformation as we seek to turn away from sin and turn towards God. Today sets a tone for the season of Lent because it reminds us of Jesus' preparation for His ministry through prayer, fasting, and overcoming temptation in the wilderness. This calls us also to reflect on our own spiritual preparation during Lent, as we strive to draw closer to God through a period of self-examination and acts of repentance, seeking to purify our hearts and minds. Here are three key points of reflection based on the Gospel:

First, The Importance of Spiritual Preparation: Just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, fasting and praying before beginning His ministry, we are reminded of the significance of preparing ourselves spiritually, especially during the season of Lent. It is really a time for self-examination, repentance, and drawing closer to God through prayers, fasting, and almsgiving.

Second, Resisting Temptation Through Scripture: Jesus responded to the temptations of the devil by quoting the scriptures, saying: "It is written, One does not live on bread alone" ... "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve" ... "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When faced with challenges or temptations, we can follow Jesus' example by relying on the Word of God for strength and guidance. Scripture is a powerful tool that can help us resist temptation and stay rooted in our faith during difficult times.

Third, Trusting in God's Plan: Even in the face of temptation, trusting in God's plan is indispensable. Despite the devil's attempts to deceive Jesus, He remained steadfast in His trust in God the Father. As we navigate our own struggles and temptations, let us remember to trust in God's protection and have faith that He will guide us through every trial we face.

So, as we begin our Lenten journey, may this reflection help us deepen our understanding of the importance of spiritual renewal, resisting temptation through the Word of God, and the necessity of trust in God to inspire us to approach this season with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our faith.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Let's Connect!

Have you found us on Facebook yet? Follow us at ***St. Patrick's Church, Bermuda*** to read all of our weekly bulletins and notices online. You can also follow Fr. Vivien on Facebook... search for ***SiYoyo Lugo Nuera*** and send him a friend request!



SVDP Lenten Stewardship

Thank you to those parishioners who answered the call for donations to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society last weekend. We collected an amazing **\$279.00** through our Poor Box for SVDP, higher than any weekend recorded last year! What an excellent start to our Lenten almsgiving! If you missed the bulletin notice, it is included below again. Please keep those generous donations coming throughout Lent!

Did you know 100% of the funds received in our Poor Box goes to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Bermuda? SVDP is a worldwide organization of Christian lay men and women who help those who are in need throughout their communities. It is also the only recognized Catholic charity in our diocese. There is nothing outside the concern of SVDP, be it sickness, social or economic need, loneliness, addiction, or grief. In Bermuda, their volunteers visit people in hospitals and nursing homes, and host a weekly feeding program (Loaves & Fishes), in addition to other initiatives where they see a need, such as clothing and food drives. Donations received in our Poor Box in 2024 were lower than in past years, and it would be wonderful to get the numbers back up in 2025! With Lent now beginning, please consider supporting the very worthwhile efforts of our local SVDP Society in your Lenten almsgiving through donations to the St. Patrick's Poor Box. Thank you for your kindness!



Lenten Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Stations of the Cross will be prayed here **every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** during Lent followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are encouraged to attend either or both devotions as part of your Lenten practices.

Mid-Day Mass at St. Theresa's

Mass will be celebrated at **12:10 p.m.** at St. Theresa's Cathedral every weekday during Lent starting **Monday, March 10**. On Fridays, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11:40 a.m. followed by the mid-day Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Throughout Lent, Fr. Vivien is offering everyone the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** prior to commencing the Stations of the Cross and Adoration. Confession is also available at the usual time each week before the Saturday Mass begins. Please speak directly to Fr. Vivien if you want to schedule an appointment outside of these times, or contact the Rectory during office hours.



Jubilee Mass for Married Couples

The next event within our Diocesan Jubilee 2025 calendar will be a celebration for all married couples which will take place on **Saturday, March 22 at St. Joseph's**. Mass will begin at **11:00 a.m.** with a reception following in the parish hall. If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to the Chancery at 232-4414 so they can prepare accordingly.

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:



Genevieve DeSouza
Paula Madeiros
Joe Pacheco
Manuel Gonçalves
Dorothy Gonsalves
Karen Fleisher
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville
Laurida Souza Bulhões

Debbie Sampson
Mickey Johnson
Jo Frith
Isabel LaVangie
Angus MacMullin
Anthony Amaral
Maria Cristina Imelda Catudio
David Mathias

Filipino Mass

The next Filipino Mass at St. Patrick's Church will be held on **Friday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Join Fr. Vivien and our Filipino community as they celebrate the Mass in Tagalog with English translations provided. Everyone is welcome to attend!



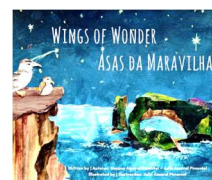
St. Patrick's Dinner BINGO

Have you purchased your Dinner BINGO tickets yet?! Come out for a fun evening to celebrate St. Patrick's Day after Mass on **Saturday, March 15 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12, which includes your meal and one BINGO card. Please approach any of our Parish Council members after Mass to purchase yours today! Delicious dessert donations for this event would be most appreciated!



MS Society BINGO

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Bermuda (Registered Charity #336) will be hosting a BINGO afternoon in the St. Patrick's Church Hall on **Sunday, March 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Prizes include a variety of vouchers for grocery and beauty items, utilities, jewelry and medical supplies. There will also be a raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 each, which includes baked goods, tea/coffee, and one BINGO card, with additional cards on sale for \$5.00 each. Sodas will also be available for purchase. To reserve tickets, email Carolyn at carolynarmstrong416@gmail.com, or call 335-2772. Tickets will also be available upon arrival.



"Wings of Wonder" Presentation

Susana & Julia Amaral Pimentel, two of our talented parishioners, have co-authored a bilingual children's book to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Portuguese immigration to Bermuda! Join them as they present "Wings of Wonder" to the local community on **Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m.** at Casa dos Açores located at #1 North Shore Road in Pembroke.

Smile for the Day!

Q: What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
A: Yamahahaha



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Francis' Message for Lent

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to “journey together in hope,” and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. The central theme of the Message is encapsulated in the phrase “Let us journey together in hope,” which ties into the broader theme of the Jubilee Year, “Pilgrims of Hope.”

The Pope's reflection focuses on conversion and unfolds in three key dimensions: the importance of journeying, journeying together, and journeying with hope.

The Pope reminds us that our lives are a journey, one that should be directed toward God. This journey is not merely a metaphorical one, but involves a constant call to conversion, “to leave behind the occasions of sin” and situations that degrade our human dignity.

A fundamental aspect of the Lenten Message is the emphasis on community and synodality, i.e. Christians must walk together rather than in isolation. Pope Francis reminds us, “The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded.”

The third fundamental dimension of the Lenten journey is hope, anchored in God's promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection, the victory over sin and death. Do we concretely experience the hope that inspires in us “a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?”

The Pope concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, “Mother of Hope,” praying that she may accompany the faithful as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed Lent!

Bishop Wes



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise forever.

Amen

Franciscus

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy) – 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) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only

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

15th & 16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

6:00 p.m.
Communion Min(s) M. DaCosta & G. Zanol
Lector(s) C. Berlo
Song Leader S. Abraham
Mass Server(s) A. Lutkin
Hospitality Min(s) D. & S. Mutch
Gift Bearers Sinclair Family

9:00 a.m.
J. Chisnall & A. Rodrigues
H. Tavares
R. Lopes
VOLUNTEER
D. DeFrias & J. Smith
N. da Silva & Family

11:00 a.m.
L. Arnold & K. Garcia
K. Onen
J. Mathias
C. Easton & V. Easton
O. de Frias & C. Veloso
J. & L. Amaral

Flowers Ministry: Maria Luisa Pacheco