

# 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 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

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

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

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**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 prophet Isaiah says that God's chosen one is called to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. When the Spirit descended upon Christ at His baptism, these promises were fulfilled. But these promises aren't only for Jesus; we are also called to be signs and instruments of God's presence in the world.

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	10th	6:00 p.m.	✠ José, Sarah, Joey & Lisa Pacheco
Sun.	11th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho
			✠ Mariano Simas
			✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva
			✠ Germana deSilva
			✠ Leonor Pacheco
			✠ Maya Doppelreiter
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	12th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	13th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Deacon Matthew & Family
Wed.	14th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	15th	8:00 a.m.	✠ All Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	16th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo
Sat.	17th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	18th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Deacon Edward Outerbridge
			✠ Agnes Kelly
			✠ Isabel MacNeil
			✠ Neily O'Sullivan
		11:00 a.m.	✠ José Cabral Rodrigues



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Weekly Stewardship Thought

The Catholic Catechism teaches us that Jesus' immersion in the water at His baptism is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. In other words, as baptized Catholics, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus which is ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God!

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,749.00
Offerings to Date:	\$4,749.00
Target Offerings (Week 1):	\$3,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$279.00



## Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded whenever coordinating any online 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.** 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

### ***"Removing Baby Jesus from the Crèche"***

Every year, many Catholics ask this question: *when exactly should we remove Baby Jesus from the crèche (Christmas crib)?* Some remove the Baby Jesus on January 1. Some wait until the Feast of the Epiphany, and some even longer. So, who is doing it right? The answer may surprise us.

***First, the Church Did NOT Decree One Strict Date.*** The Catholic Church did not give us one hard rule saying that we must remove the crèche on an exact day, and this is important because the crèche belongs to what the Church calls popular devotion, which means loving traditions that help people pray, not strict laws like fasting rules. So, the Church allows different customs, as long as they respect the meaning of Christmas.

***The Christmas Season Does NOT End on December 25.*** This is something many people get wrong. Christmas is not one day – it is a season. The Church officially ends the Christmas season on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany. This is why many parishes remove the Baby Jesus after the Baptism of the Lord. So, why that day? Because Christmas begins with Jesus being born and it closes when He steps forward to begin His mission.

***In Old Tradition, the Crèche Was Kept Until February.*** What most Catholics don't know is that in Rome, even under Pope John Paul II, the crèche in St. Peter's was sometimes kept until February 2, which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called Candlemas. On that day, Mary and Joseph brought Baby Jesus to the Temple. Simeon called Him "a Light for the nations," and only after this feast was the crèche removed.

***So, When Should You Remove Baby Jesus?*** After the Feast of the Epiphany? Okay. After the Baptism of the Lord? Very common and liturgical. After Candlemas on February 2? Ancient and very meaningful. The simple answer is that none of these are wrong. What really matters is understanding what you are celebrating.

***It's Important to Understand the Deeper Meaning.*** The crèche is not just a Christmas decoration. It is a silent sermon, a lesson without words, the Gospel made visible. When we rush to remove Baby Jesus, we often rush past the mystery itself. The Church teaches us to stay, to look, to pray, and to ponder, like Mary did. What do you do in your home? Do you remove the crèche after the Epiphany, after the Baptism of the Lord, or on Candlemas? Let us share our traditions and learn together as one Church.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP  
Parish Priest



### Stewardship in Action

We would like to thank Manuel DeSilva & Family for their kind care of the statue of Our Lady as we observed the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1. Your continued stewardship is most appreciated!

### Holy See Collection

As a bond of unity and charity with churches throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires the bishops in all dioceses worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection. In Bermuda, we will take up this collection in all parishes next weekend, **January 17 & 18**. Please use the specially marked envelopes for your kind donations. Alternatively, you can make your contributions online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Please be sure to include a note such as "Holy See" in the memo field and follow-up with an email to the Rectory office to ensure that your donation is properly allocated.



### 100 Club Memberships for 2026

The time has come to renew your annual membership to the St. Patrick's 100 Club, or sign-up for the first time! Please deposit the \$100 fee in cash or cheque into a specially marked envelope and drop it into the collections basket. Alternatively, you can pay via online transfer to St. Patrick's Church at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Please include a note in the memo field and follow-up with an email to the Rectory office to ensure the funds are allocated appropriately.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has now resumed at St. Patrick's Church every Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and experience this quiet devotion.

### Cathedral Gift Shop Hours

Please be reminded that the St. Theresa's Cathedral Gift Shop will be open this month on January 17, 24 & 31 only. They will resume normal operating hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday starting next month on Tuesday, February 3.

### Synodal Bible Study

Fr. Joe will be leading a new Bible study inspired by the method of Spiritual Conversion used during the Synod on Synodality with text from the Sacred Scriptures in a structured small group format emphasizing listening, discernment, and community, with the aim to foster a deeper connection with Scripture and with each other. It will take place at St. Michael's on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Pastor's office beginning on January 15. There is parking available behind the church and make sure to bring along your Catholic Bible. This is free and open to anyone in the Diocese who is interested. For any questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



### 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:



Joe Pacheco	Andrew Card
Manuel Gonçalves	Dylan Peart
Denise Somerville	Christine Eldridge
Debbie Sampson	Trish Walsh
Mickey Johnson	Maria de Lima
Jo Frith	Carole Scraders
Carol Melanson	Shirley Love
Liz Weaver	Carol Maitland
Bill Tatem	



### Movie Afternoon – January 25

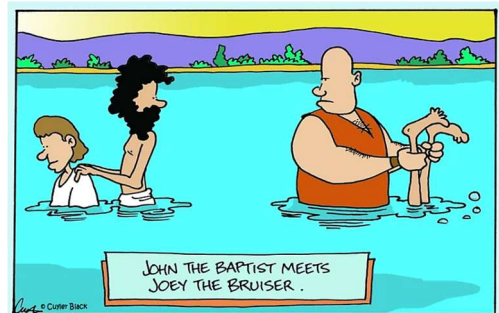
The St. Patrick's Parish Social Committee will be hosting a FREE movie event on **Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. "The Encounter" is a highly praised Christian film released in 2011 which follows five strangers stranded in a California diner whose owner reveals himself to be Jesus and attempts to help each of them face the truth in their lives. The run time is approximately 1.5 hours and the rating is PG. Popcorn and cold drinks will be available for purchase. Please sign-up at the church entrance if you plan to attend so the committee can prepare accordingly.



### The Bible in a Year

Are you looking for additional ways to help you connect with your faith this year and gain a deeper understanding of God's Word? Have you considered trying a podcast? This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ascension's free "Bible in a Year" podcast which has reached listeners in more than 150 countries, making it the #1 podcast in the US, and the #1 religious podcast in the world! This Catholic podcast will help you to understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together and feel more confident in your understanding of Scripture. The "Bible in a Year" is hosted by Catholic priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will walk you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes with a reading plan inspired by "The Great Adventure Bible Timeline" developed by the renowned Catholic Bible scholar, Jeff Cavins. Each of the 20-25-minute episodes includes 2-3 scripture readings followed by a guided prayer and reflection from Fr. Mike. It is available on most major platforms such as Apple and Spotify, as well as on the Ascension app and website (<https://ascensionpress.com>). Give it a try in 2026!

### Smile for the Day!





## The Bishop's Corner – Diocesan Events for 2026

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to share with you some events that are to take place in our Catholic community in Bermuda in 2026. I am not including the main Christian solemnities nor Government public holidays.

18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

25<sup>th</sup> of January, Sunday – Word of God Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> of January, Saturday – 11:00am – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diaconate Ordination of our Permanent Deacons Matthew, Andrew and David – Holy Mass at St. Theresa's and Reception in the Cathedral Hall

18<sup>th</sup> of February, Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

17<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday – St. Patrick's Parish Liturgical Feast

19<sup>th</sup> of March, Thursday – St. Joseph's Parish Liturgical Feast

24<sup>th</sup> of March, Tuesday – 4:00pm to 6:00pm – Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's

26<sup>th</sup> of March, Thursday – 6:00pm to 8:00pm – Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Theresa's

31<sup>st</sup> of March, Tuesday – 7:00pm – Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's

3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Good Friday – 11:15am – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Victoria Park

11<sup>th</sup> of April, Saturday – 11:00am – Annual Mass for the Deceased at Holy Calvary Cemetery

12<sup>th</sup> of April, Sunday – 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Patrick's

13<sup>th</sup> of May, Wednesday – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's

17<sup>th</sup> of May, Sunday – 1:30pm – Senhor Santo Cristo Feast in St. Theresa's

31<sup>st</sup> of May, Sunday – 2:00pm – Confirmation Mass at St. Theresa's

12<sup>th</sup> of June, Friday – 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of our Diocese

13<sup>th</sup> of June, Saturday – St. Anthony's Parish Liturgical Feast

14<sup>th</sup> of June, Sunday – 2:00pm – Divino Espirito Santo Feast at Stella Maris

29<sup>th</sup> of September, Tuesday – St. Michael's Parish Liturgical Feast

1<sup>st</sup> of October, Thursday – St. Theresa's Feast, Patroness of the Parish and of the Diocese

3<sup>rd</sup> of October, Saturday – St. Theresa's Feast Celebration

13<sup>th</sup> of October, Tuesday – Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's

7<sup>th</sup> of November, Saturday – 11:00am – All Souls' Mass at St. Theresa's

12<sup>th</sup> of December, Saturday – Stella Maris Parish Liturgical Feast

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

*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

#### 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	M. DaCosta & A. Bento	M. Suschak-Matvey & E. Kelly	L. Amaral & Z. Moniz
<b>Lector(s)</b>	S. Sousa	J. Blee & L. Frias	K. Garcia
<b>Song Leader</b>	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
<b>Mass Server(s)</b>	A. Lutkin	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair	J. Furtado & L. DeFrias	K. Onen & N. Pedro
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Berlo Family	C. Frias & Family	Arnold/Pedro Family
<b>Flowers Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Simas		