

# 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, 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  
[www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm)

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

**Mrs. Nancy da Silva**  
Parish Council Chair  
538-8424

**Mr. David Mutch**  
Parish Finance Committee Chair  
293-5506

**Mrs. Nelia Pimentel**  
Parish Catechetical Leader  
236-9481

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold**  
Parish Deacon  
236-3171

**Mr. Bruce Fox**  
Music Director & Organist  
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**Mr. Joe Amaral**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep  
535-0002

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

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

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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

Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power, love, and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	4th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros ✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
Sun.	5th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Margarita Madeiros
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	6th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Tue.	7th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Wed.	8th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	9th	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	10th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro
Sat.	11th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Natalie Sousa
Sun.	12th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva, Germana deSilva & Leonor Pacheco ✠ Anne Margaret Plowman ✠ Pat DeCosta
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

Many of us compartmentalize our faith – we bring it out only when we attend Mass or a parish event – but being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a party or at work or out shopping, ask yourself: would my words and actions signal to others that I am a good and faithful servant of the Lord?

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,068.00
Offerings to Date:	\$143,409.00
Target Offerings (Week 39):	\$148,200.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$177.00



## 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.** Thank you!

## Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

In his book, "Our Greatest Gift," the priest and writer Henri Nouwen tells a story about his encounter with "The Flying Rodleighs." These were trapeze artists who performed in the Siemoneit-Barum German Circus.

Nouwen was captivated by the sight of the Rodleighs moving through the air, flying and catching each other. The next day he returned to the circus to introduce himself to the artistes, who invited him to travel with them. They became great friends.

During one of their chats, Rodleigh said: "**As a flyer, I must have complete trust in my catcher.**" The public might think that I am the star of the trapeze, but the real star is Joe, my catcher. He has to be there for me with split-second precision and catch me out of the air as I fly towards him."

When asked, "How does this work?" Rodleigh replied: "**The secret is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything!**" When I fly to Joe I have simply to stretch out my arms, waiting for him to catch me safely. The flyer has to trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him!"

**When flying through life's storms, whether through illness, poor decisions or broken relationships, to whom do you reach out in complete faith to catch you safely?**



## World Mission Sunday: October 19

Imagine a world where people have never heard the name of Jesus. Imagine villages where people walk miles to attend Mass because there's no church nearby. Imagine communities where faith is alive but fragile, challenged by poverty or isolation. This is why World Mission Sunday makes a difference! Celebrated every year on the second last Sunday in October, World Mission Sunday is when Catholics around the world unite to support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. On this day, every parish in every diocese in every country will join together in prayer and giving to ensure that missionaries can continue their vital work of building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities in need. Specially marked envelopes will be available for your kind donations. Please be generous!



## September Winners

Congratulations to the September winners of the 100 Club cash prize draw: **Chris & Brenda Montgomery, Owen & Charlene Martin, and Jon Pedro.** The final monthly cash prize draw for the year will be held at the end of October! Please ensure that your annual membership fee of \$100 has been paid before then. Thank you for your ongoing support of this initiative!



### Our Lady of Fatima Mass

Join Bishop Wes for the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima here at **St. Patrick's** on **Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in honor of the "Miracle of the Sun" that occurred on this day in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal when an estimated crowd of 70,000 people witnessed the sun appear to spin, change colors, and plunge towards the Earth as foretold by three shepherd children following the appearance of the Virgin Mary to them on May 13. The evening will begin with a candlelight procession and recitation of the rosary in the parking lot (weather permitting), and then into the church for Mass in Portuguese. All are welcome!

### Filipino Mass

The next Filipino Mass at St. Patrick's Church will be held on **Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Come and join Fr. Vivien and our Filipino community as they celebrate Mass in Tagalog. English translations will be provided, and all are welcome!



### 2025 Christmas Market

Mark your calendars for the return of the St. Patrick's Parish Christmas Market which will take place in our Church Hall on **Saturday, December 6.** Stay tuned for more information on this event to follow soon!



### Season of Creation 2025

The end of the "Season of Creation" marks a time for ecological reflection. This annual ecumenical observance, which encourages Christians to pray and take action for the protection and care of creation, began on September 1 and fittingly concluded on October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the 13<sup>th</sup> century friar known for his love of animals and nature. As environmental crises worsen around the world, let us renew our commitment to do all that we can to care for the Earth and all of God's creatures.

### Reminder: Parish Registration Forms

If you are new to Bermuda, have transferred from another local parish, or your family/contact details have changed (i.e. address, phone number, new baby etc.), please ensure you complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the counter at the entrance to the church, or under the "Useful Links" section of the Diocesan website at: [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm). **If you are not a registered parishioner, the church may be limited in its ability to act on your behalf.**



### Happy Anniversary, Bishop Wes!

On Wednesday, October 1, Bishop Wes Spiewak traded his mitre for another kind of hat as he celebrated his **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination!** We pray that the Lord continues to bless him with wisdom, strength, and dedicated service as a shepherd to the flock of our Diocese here in Bermuda!

### 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:



Paula Madeiros	Jo Frith
Joe Pacheco	Carol Melanson
Manuel Gonçalves	Liz Weaver
Dorothy Gonsalves	Bill Tatem
Karen Fleisher	Otis Ingham
Denise Somerville	Melissa DaPonte
Laurida Souza Bulhões	Andrew Card
Debbie Sampson	Dylan Peart
Mickey Johnson	



### MSA Bazaar – October 10 & 11

Come and join MSA for their annual fundraising fair! The "Not So Scary Halloween Bazaar" will be held this coming week on **Friday & Saturday, October 10 & 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Try your chances at winning some fun prizes playing the various fairground games, and of course, BINGO! Kiddyland and the Super Slide will be open for the littler ones! Stop by the Bake Stall for some delicious goodies! And don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!



### Breast Cancer Charity Walk

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bermuda Cancer & Health Centre's Breast Cancer Awareness Charitable Walk sponsored by BF&M will take place on Wednesday, October 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. in Barr's Bay Park. This event supports the charity's Equal Access Fund, ensuring that women and men can receive mammograms, ultrasounds and biopsies, regardless of their insurance coverage, in order to detect breast cancer early, when it is most treatable. Participants are asked to wear their oldest Breast Cancer Awareness Walk T-shirt, or anything pink. Register at: <https://runsignup.com/>



### October Celebrations

With this weekend being the first Sunday of the month, Fr. Vivien would like to recognize all of our parishioners who celebrate milestones in October. If you have a birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion this month, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing after Mass.

### Office Closed

Please be advised that the Rectory office will be closed next week on **Friday, October 10**, and will re-open the following Tuesday, October 14. Email [stpsats@logic.bm](mailto:stpsats@logic.bm) or leave a voicemail message at 236-9866 Ext: 0# for requests to be actioned upon re-opening. For any urgent matters, please call Fr. Vivien at 777-0368.

### Smile for the Day!

**Q:** Who is the patron saint of emails?

**A:** St. Francis of a CC



## The Bishop's Corner – Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose feast day is the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, is the youngest Doctor of the Church. Having endured life-threatening illnesses when she was an infant and a child, and the heartbreaking loss of her mother when she was only four, Thérèse had to overcome crushing adversity with her powerful faith and determination. She sought to enter Carmel while still a young teenager, and achieved this goal at the age of 15. She was not a martyr or a missionary in the conventional sense, but she offered every small act for love of God, and her teachings have spread far and wide through her autobiography, “Story of a Soul.”

Thérèse taught “the little way,” which is not about striving for great deeds, but rather doing everything, even small things, with great love. These small acts make up a lifetime, and make the ordinary extraordinary. St. Thérèse explains how forgiving a slight against you, smiling genuinely when you would rather complain, or even picking up a pin from the floor with love, any of these things can have great worth before God. It all depends on love. In her words: “Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” This Saint of Love died in 1897 at the age of twenty-four.

Did you know that 2025 marks St. Thérèse of Lisieux’s 100<sup>th</sup> year as a saint? That is 100 years of roses from heaven, as St. Thérèse is known for granting those who request her intercession with signs of her assistance through flowers. St. Thérèse, known as the “Little Flower,” famously said that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth and that, “When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens.”

What a beautiful Patroness we have for our Diocese! St. Thérèse, the “Little Flower,” the “Roses Sender,” pray for us!

May your weekend be peaceful and your week blessings-full!

*Bishop Wes*



### **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!

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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**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	M.DaCosta, M.DeSilva & <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	A.Rodrigues, J.Blee & <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	L.Amaral, Z.Moniz & <b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Lector(s)</b>	S. Sousa	R. da Silva & D. Gaspar	J. Amaral
<b>Song Leader</b>	J. Roberts	R. Lopes	J. Cassidy
<b>Mass Server(s)</b>	J. Every	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	D. & S. Mutch	L. DeFrias & J. Furtado	G. Michel & K. Onen
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Bento Family	T. Medeiros & Family	A. Tomaz & K. Garcia
<b>Flowers Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Simas		