

# 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*)

### ACTIVELY AGING EXERCISE CLASS

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

### MAMA PLAYGROUP

Mondays & 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  
292-0607 Ext 4

**Nancy da Silva**  
Parish Council Chair  
703-8424

**David Mutch**  
Parish Finance Committee Chair  
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**Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold**  
Parish Deacon  
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Music Director & Organist  
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**Joe Amaral**  
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535-0002

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

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. The antidote to despair is to keep our hearts focused on the gracious gifts from God. When we contemplate the good around us instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we play a role in God's plan to redeem the world.

## Mass Intentions

|      |      |            |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------|------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 3rd  | 6:00 p.m.  | Parishioners of St. Patrick's                                                                                                                                               |
| Sun. | 4th  | 9:00 a.m.  | ✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros<br>✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro<br>✠ Mary DeSilva<br>✠ Antonio Fagundo<br>✠ Ahleam & Consuelo Chiucio<br>Intentions of Cyrill Chiucio |
|      |      | 11:00 a.m. | ✠ Mario de Frias                                                                                                                                                            |
| Mon. | 5th  | 8:00 a.m.  |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tue. | 6th  | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros                                                                                                                                                |
| Wed. | 7th  | 8:00 a.m.  |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thu. | 8th  | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello<br>✠ Eddy DeMello<br>✠ John, Connie & Joe Correia<br>✠ William DeMello                                                                              |
| Fri. | 9th  | 8:00 a.m.  |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sat. | 10th | 6:00 p.m.  | ✠ Daniel Calouro                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sun. | 11th | 9:00 a.m.  | ✠ José & Maria Botelho<br>✠ Anne Margaret Plowman<br>✠ Daniel DeFrias<br>✠ Antonio Fagundo                                                                                  |
|      |      | 11:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Patrick's                                                                                                                                               |



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."*  
~ Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause us to be "rejected" by others, but we must remember that we, like Jesus, are also called to be obedient to the Father.

## Stewardship of Treasure

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Offerings Last Weekend:     | \$4,442.00   |
| Offerings to Date:          | \$145,565.50 |
| Target Offerings (Week 39): | \$148,200.00 |
| Poor Box Last Weekend:      | \$270.00     |



## Notification of Online Transfers

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

## \*Pastoral Reflection by Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

### *"The Gradual Road to Ruin"*

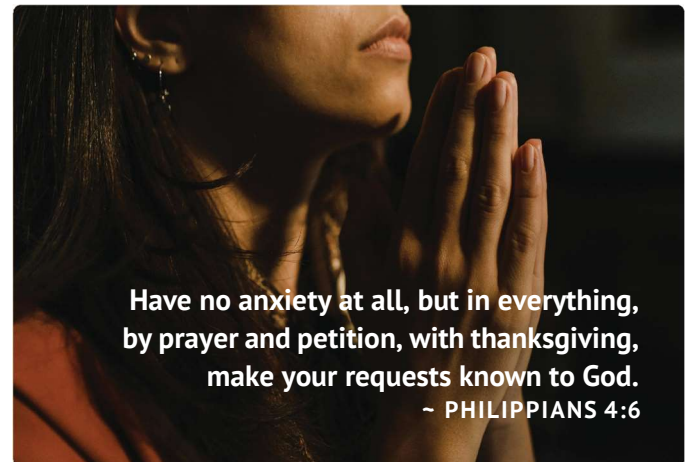
A wise old sage once observed, "When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid." The parable in today's gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It's time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son*, they think, *and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from "don't pay the rent" to "kill the son"? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find that you have lost it all – your very self. And the corruption you've embraced convinces you that you're making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again.

## **Reflect**

*Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?*



**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.**  
~ PHILIPPIANS 4:6

**About the Author:** Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A. He was professed as a Redemptorist in 1973 and ordained a priest in June 1978. He is a graduate of Holy Redeemer College (Waterford, Wisconsin) and the State University of New York (Mount Saint Alphonsus). Fr. Santa's work has included teaching theology, directing retreats, Scrupulous Anonymous ministry, and authoring many books and articles. He is currently serving in his second assignment as the President/Publisher of Liguori Publications.

\*During the absence of Fr. Vivien and Deacon Matthew, please note that our weekly Pastoral Reflections will be sourced from the Liguori Publications bulletins.

## 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the 100 Club's cash prize draw for September: Ray & Nancy Madeiros, Ray Medeiros, and Michael Maguire! The final draw for this year will be held at the end of October. If you have not yet done so, please ensure that your annual membership fee has been paid before then.



## Fatima Mass

Join Bishop Wes for the celebration of the "Miracle of the Sun" witnessed in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 at **St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** beginning with a candlelight procession in the parking lot (weather permitting) and recitation of the Rosary, followed by the Holy Mass in Portuguese.

## Filipino Mass

Join Fr. Vivien as he celebrates our next monthly Filipino Mass at St. Patrick's on **Friday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Confirmation Classes

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin next month with two CCD class options as follows:

- Mondays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall with Maura Almeida beginning on November 2
- Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall with Anthony Donaghy beginning on November 4

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for this sacrament. If you have not been contacted to register them, please call or email the Chancery Office at 232-4414/[orcc.bermuda@gmail.com](mailto:orcc.bermuda@gmail.com). Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 16, 2027 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Cathedral. Please save the date!

## Catechesis for Adults & Youth 13+

Are you burdened by your past, or anxious about the future? Do you experience loneliness? Where is your life going? Come and see what catechesis can offer! Classes for adults and youth aged 13+ are held on **Mondays & Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Hall.** For more information, call Maura Almeida at 704-2255.

## Monthly Lunch & Movie

The Lunch & Movie Programme will re-start on **Tuesday, October 6** in St. Theresa's Hall. Lunch will be served first at 12:00 p.m. (this week's menu is split pea and ham soup with rolls) and ice cream during intermission. The movie will be "Immortal Beloved," a mesmerizing mystery film from 1994 based on the tumultuous life of Ludwig Van Beethoven. Whether seducing regal followers or criticizing the ruling class, Beethoven made many enemies, but he also had one true love – the unnamed "Immortal Beloved" mentioned in an enigmatic letter discovered upon his death. The thrilling search for the identity of this mystery woman leads into Beethoven's dark past, his hidden passions, and ultimately the unparalleled genius of his music. The film's length is 121 minutes and it is rated R for violence and language.



## 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:



Manuel Gonçalves  
Denise Somerville  
Debbie Sampson  
Carol Melanson  
Liz Weaver  
Bill Tatem  
Dylan Peart  
Trish Walsh  
Carole Scradars

Shirley Love  
Carol Maitland  
Ken MacNeil  
Sylvan Lindo  
Marianne Anderson  
Shirley Sousa  
Michelle Taylor  
Kelly Wiebe



## MSA Bazaar – October 9 & 10

Join MSA as they head "Off to the Races" for their annual fundraising fair this week **Friday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Bring the whole family out for two days of fun with lots of great prizes to win at the various game stalls and, of course, BINGO! Kiddyland and the Giant Super Slide will be open for the littler ones to enjoy, and the Bake Stall will be stocked with yummy goodies. And don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win TWO cars, TWO motorbikes, and over \$15,000.00 worth of gift vouchers for electricity, groceries, restaurants, local retailers, and more!



## Sweet Treats BINGO

The St. Patrick's Parish Social Committee is pleased to announce their next event! Join us for a "Sweet Treats" BINGO on **Sunday, November 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.** Dessert donations and raffle prizes would be most appreciated! Tickets will be \$5.00 each which includes one BINGO card, and they can be purchased starting next weekend from any member of the Parish Council or the Parish Social Committee.

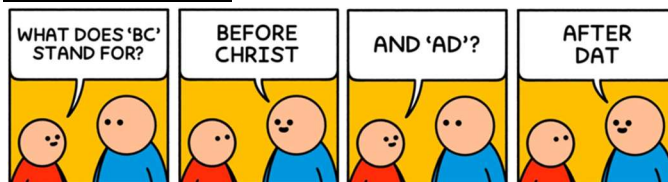
## Request for Egg Cartons

The kind volunteers of the St. Patrick's Feeding Program are in need of egg cartons to divvy out their weekly bulk order of eggs to provide to the needy in our community along with fresh produce. If you have any cartons at home to donate, please drop them at the church entrance.

## Office Closed

Please be advised that the Rectory office will be closed on **Friday, October 9**, re-opening the following Tuesday, October 13. Please email or call and leave a message for any requests to be actioned upon re-opening. For urgent matters, please call Fr. Vivien directly at 777-0368.

## Smile for the Day!



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

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Thinking these days about St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, the Patroness of our Diocese and our Cathedral with its Parish, I would like to share with you a poem by Dr. John Celes:

*If every flower be a rose, and drape the world in hues,  
The earth could look less beautiful, and every dawn – stale-news!  
If every flower be a lily, and emanate perfume,  
Then nostrils will discontent be, and women all could fume!  
If every flower, daisy be, and turn the fields to lawns,  
The feast to eyes could soon be lost, and empty will be dawns!  
So, every flower, God has made with beauty that can't fade;  
And uniqueness that is well-laid, to decorate the braid.  
No matter, how silly, it be, each flower seems so nice;  
The flower in the wilderness is dressed to well entice.  
You cannot belittle something in Mother Nature's lap!  
For God has taken every care to give each, needed sap.  
The world God made is perfect most, and man can't find a fault;  
Man's wisdom is far too little to make salty, the salt!*

Happy St. Thérèse Feast! And a blessed week!

*Bishop Wes*



“What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love.”

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX  
~ OCTOBER 1 ~



### 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

#### 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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

|                              | 6:00 p.m.                               | 9:00 a.m.                                  | 11:00 a.m.                            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Communion Ministers          | M.DaCosta, M.DeSilva & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> | A.Rodrigues, F.Medeiros & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> | L.Amaral, K.Garcia & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> |
| Lector(s)                    | A. Lutkin                               | H. Tavares & M. dos Anjos Araujo           | S. Fitzgibbon                         |
| Song Leader                  | J. Roberts                              | R. Lopes                                   | D. Mutch                              |
| Mass Server(s)               | A. Lutkin                               | H. Furtado                                 | V. Easton                             |
| Hospitality Ministers        | R. & M. Simas                           | J. Furtado & L. DeFrias                    | A. Tomaz & K. Onen                    |
| Gift Bearers                 | D. & K. Raymond                         | C. Frias & Family                          | J. & L. Amaral                        |
| Flowers Ministry: Mrs. Simas |                                         |                                            |                                       |