

Saint Patrick's Church

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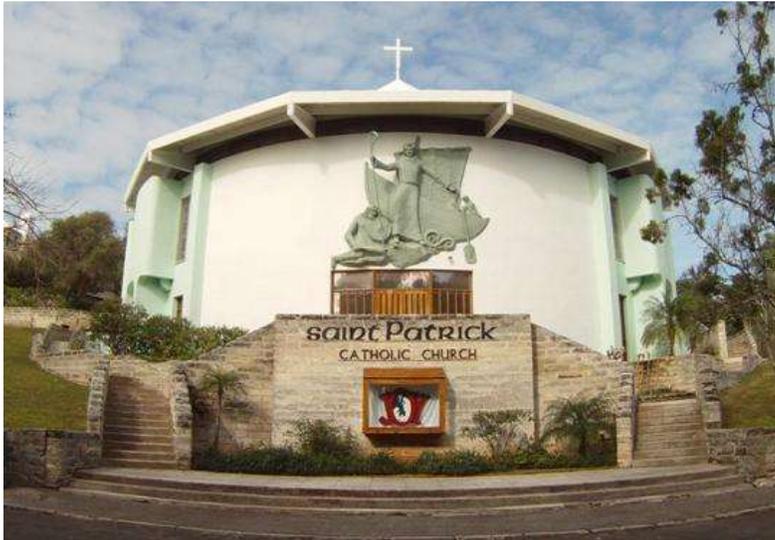
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 6:00 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.

12th January 2025
Baptism of the Lord
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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

Today's feast is another "epiphany" revealing who Jesus is. By submitting Himself to John's baptism – a baptism of repentance – Jesus, who was sinless, draws near to sinners and joins Himself with them. We, who are joined to Christ in baptism, are made beloved children of God the Father. These truths reveal God's goodness and remind us of His unconditional love for us.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	11th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Mariano Simas
Sun.	12th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva, Germana deSilva & Leonor Pacheco ✠ Bobbie Kanter
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	13th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jim & Lyco Kelly
Tue.	14th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mickey Johnson
Wed.	15th	8:00 a.m.	✠ LaVerne Lau
Thu.	16th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo
Fri.	17th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Sat.	18th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Deacon Edward Outerbridge
Sun.	19th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Deodato Rego ✠ Agnes Kelly ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly Stewardship Thought

Jesus' immersion in the water 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 we need to give to Jesus – the gift of 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:	\$3,447.00
Offerings to Date:	\$3,447.00
Target Offerings (Week 1):	\$3,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$71.00



2025 Memberships for 100 Club

The time has come to renew your annual 100 Club membership, or sign-up for the first time! Simply fill in a membership form which can be found at the entrance to the Church, and return it to David Mutch along with your membership fee of \$100 cash or cheque. Alternatively, you can pay via online transfer to St. Patrick's Church at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, and remember to include a note in the memo field.

Pastoral Reflection

"Jesus is the Beloved Son"

The readings today proclaim that Jesus is publicly beginning HIS role as the Servant of God, and that God reveals to the people that Jesus is the "Beloved Son" in Whom **Abba** – the Father – is pleased. In the Gospel, we heard a succinct but powerful account of Jesus being revealed to the world as He is baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Here are the three key points to reflect on the Baptism of Jesus:

First, the Significance of Baptism: The baptism of Jesus by John marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It symbolizes His identification with humanity and His commitment to fulfill the will of God. Baptism is a sacrament that signifies purification, renewal, and entry into the community of believers of God.

Second, the Holy Spirit Descends: As Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove, and a voice from heaven declared, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This moment manifests the TRINITARIAN nature of God – **Father, Son and Holy Spirit** – and affirms HIS divine identity and mission.

Third, Our Call to Follow Jesus: Just as Jesus was baptized and anointed by the Holy Spirit for His ministry, we too are called to follow Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live out our baptismal promises. Through our own baptisms, we are adopted children of God and are empowered to carry out the mission of spreading the good news of salvation to all people of the world.

I hope these reflections have inspired the congregation to ponder and deepen our own baptismal identity, promises, and mission as followers of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Holy See Collection – January 18 & 19

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 next weekend during all Masses on January 18 & 19. Special envelopes will be provided 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 to ensure that your donation is properly allocated. Thank you for your stewardship!



Volunteering Opportunities

The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on the past year, and consider how you want to improve for the next... don't forget to include your Church in your plans! Have you thought about how you can exercise your stewardship in 2025? Volunteers are always needed for our Mass ministries, including Communion Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers and Gift Bearers, as well as for our CCD program and our various community outreach programs. Our Parish Council also welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member, or anyone who wishes to join a sub-committee to help them with things such as parish social events, stewardship, maintenance etc. Please speak with Fr. Vivien or Deacon Matthew for more information, and provide them with your completed Stewardship Form which can be found at the entrance to the Church – it's that easy! Please volunteer today!



Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive

The organizers of the 2024 Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive initiative would like to share the below note with the parishioners of St. Patrick's:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Food Drive. It was a great success and we are very grateful for your generosity. Across the Diocese, we delivered approximately 100 bags/boxes of groceries to The Eliza DoLittle Society for their food pantry, which is amazing. This will go a long way to help those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Reorientation Sessions for Communion Ministers

As communion is once again being distributed under both species at St. Patrick's Church, our Communion Ministers have been asked to attend one of the following two reorientation sessions with Fr. Vivien & Deacon Matthew: either **Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m.** or **Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Both sessions will take place in the Church. Please remember to RSVP if you have not done so already so they can plan accordingly. If you are interested in serving as a new Communion Minister, please speak with Fr. Vivien or Deacon Matthew and advise them which session you can attend.



Are you a senior who has made health and fitness a New Year's resolution for 2025? If so, come and check out the gentle exercise classes held in our Church Hall with Frances Smith of Actively Aging on **Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The cost is \$20.00 per session and discounts are offered if you purchase a "package deal." To reserve your spot, send an email to Frances at: activelyagingbda@gmail.com, or feel free to just drop in. The first class is FREE for all newbies – what a perfect opportunity to give something new a try for the new year!

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:



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| Genevieve DeSouza | Dina Simas |
| Paula Madeiros | Mark Every |
| Joe Pacheco | Pat Rego |
| Charlie Ray | Denise Somerville |
| Manuel Gonçalves | Laurida Souza Bulhões |
| Dorothy Gonsalves | Debbie Sampson |
| Karen Fleisher | Mickey Johnson |



Prayers for Our Olympian, Mickey

One of our well-known parishioners, Charles "Mickey" Johnson, suffered a stroke recently and is in need of prayers! He is pictured here bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as a young competitor in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Finland when Mickey proudly represented Bermuda in the men's diving and springboard events. Please send your positive thoughts up for the healing of our very own St. Patrick's Olympian, as well as for strength for his family during this difficult time.



Quiz Night – January 17

Mark your calendars for an exciting Quiz Night organized by the St. Patrick's Parish Council for next week **Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun and a bit of friendly competition! Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes the entry fee, pizza and refreshments. You can form teams of up to 8 members, or you can join a team upon arrival. Please plan to be there a few minutes early to get settled before the quiz begins. Purchase tickets ASAP to secure your spot! All proceeds will support the Church so your participation contributes to a great cause! For more details and to register, contact any of the Parish Council members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Un-decorating the Church

Thank you to all of the volunteers who beautifully decorated the Church for Christmas! The time has come to put the decorations away for another year. If you are available to help with this after the 11:00 a.m. Mass this weekend, we would be most grateful!

Smiles for the Day!

- Q: Why do you have to be careful when it's raining cats and dogs?
A: *Because you may step in a poodle!*
- Q: What is worse than raining cats and dogs?
A: *Hailing taxi cabs!*



The Bishop's Corner – Pontifical Collections

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I presume that the information below is generally known but I also thought that it would not be wrong to give you some further explanation into this practice.

Our Diocese, as all Catholic dioceses worldwide, is obliged to organise annually four collections that are destined to support the needs of specific sectors of the Church. These collections are known as "Pontifical Collections."

1. **Canon 1271 Collection:** This Code of Canon Law requires dioceses to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See. This collection in our Diocese is usually done in January and this year it will be taken on the weekend of the 18th/19th of January.
2. **Collection for the Holy Land:** Its target is to collect funds for support of Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land, and for the welfare of their Christian brethren and local communities. This year, this collection will be taken at Good Friday services on the 18th of April.
3. **Peter's Pence Collection:** Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. It will be taken on the weekend of the 28th/29th of June.
4. **World Mission Collection:** Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, beginning or poor. This collection will be taken on the weekend of the 18th/19th of October.

I would like to have one more Special Collection, sometime in Lent, in order to support the construction of the Pastoral Centre at the new church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Bangladesh. More information will be provided in due course.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

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

18th & 19th January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)	G. Zanol & A. Bento	C. Frias & F. Medeiros	M. Squire & L. Arnold
Lector(s)	K. Wicks	R. da Silva & D. Gaspar	K. Garcia
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Mathias
Mass Server(s)	J. Every	VOLUNTEER	J. Lema
Hospitality Min(s)	R. & M. Simas	D. DeFrias & J. Smith	C. Veloso & G. Michel
Gift Bearers	D. & K. Raymond	T. Botelho & Family	Arnold/Pedro Family
Flowers Ministry:	Mrs. Simas		