

# Saint Patrick's Church

23 South Road, Smith's FL05, Bermuda  
Rectory/Office Tel: (441)236-9866



P.O. Box FL267, Flatts FLBX, Bermuda  
Email: stpats@logic.bm

## 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  
[stpatriksbdamusic@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriksbdamusic@gmail.com)

**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.

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**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

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring His perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation!

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	13th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral ✠ Eugene Cabral
Sun.	14th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Bill Bilsland ✠ Maria Rita Ribeiro
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	15th	8:00 a.m.	✠ LaVerne Lau
Tue.	16th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo
Wed.	17th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Thu.	18th	8:00 a.m.	✠ João Rombeiro
Fri.	19th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros ✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
Sat.	20th	6:00 p.m.	✠ David Gutteridge
Sun.	21st	9:00 a.m.	✠ João & Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ José & Maria Botelho
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

God created us to be in relationship with Him, but sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so we could reconcile our relationship with God. We can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in heaven if we follow His example. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,649.00
Offerings to Date:	\$132,580.00
Target Offerings (Week 36):	\$136,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$48.00



## 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

### ***“The Exaltation of the Holy Cross”***

As we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are invited to reflect on the profound mystery of God's love and salvation revealed in the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. Based on today's Gospel of John, we can draw out the following powerful insights:

**First, Symbol of God's Love and Salvation:** The Exaltation of the Cross, which is often celebrated on September 14, symbolizes the triumph of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross for the salvation of humanity. In the Gospel of John 3:14, Jesus refers to the lifting up of the serpent in the desert as a foreshadowing of His own exaltation on the Cross. Just as the serpent was lifted up for the healing of the Israelites, Jesus is lifted up on the Cross for the redemption and salvation of all who believe in Him. The Cross, once a symbol of suffering and shame, becomes a symbol of God's love, mercy, and victory over sin and death.

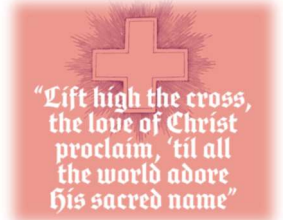
**Second, Source of Eternal Life:** In John 3:16, Jesus proclaims the profound truth of God's love: *“For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* The Exaltation of the Cross highlights the central message of this Gospel – that through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection, believers are offered the gift of eternal life. By embracing the Cross and the One who hung upon it, believers are invited to experience the fullness of God's love and the promise of everlasting life in communion with Him.

**Third, Call to Discipleship and Witness:** The Exaltation of the Cross challenges believers to take up their own crosses and follow Jesus in a life of discipleship and witness. In verse 17, Jesus states that He was not sent to condemn the world but to save it through Him. As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate His selfless love, to bear witness to His saving grace, and to proclaim the message of the Cross to all people. The Exaltation of the Cross reminds us of the cost of discipleship – of taking up our crosses daily, of denying ourselves, and of following Jesus with faith and obedience.

Thus, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross calls us to contemplate the profound mystery of God's love and salvation revealed in the Cross of Christ. It challenges us to embrace the Cross as a symbol of victory, to receive the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus, and to respond with lives of discipleship and witness to the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP  
Parish Priest





## Have YOU Renewed Your Membership for the 100 Club?

The St. Patrick's 100 Club is in its tenth year! Thank you to those parishioners who have supported this fundraising initiative in the past which has created significant annual contributions for various parish projects. If you have not yet renewed your annual \$100 membership, please do so using the marked envelopes at the entrance to the church today, or make an online transfer to St. Patrick's Church at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, and remember to notify the Rectory office of your transfer. If you are considering joining the 100 Club for the first time, please speak to David Mutch for more information.

## Mid-day Masses

Following summer break, the mid-day Masses celebrated at St. Theresa's Cathedral have resumed. They take place every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:10 p.m.

## Portuguese Masses

The weekly Portuguese Mass celebrations have now resumed on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa's, and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's.



## Mass for Migrants & Foreign Labourers

There will be a Jubilee Year celebration for the Migrants & Foreign Labourers of our Diocese taking place at **St. Theresa's** on **Saturday, September 27**. Mass will begin at **11:00 a.m.** followed by a light lunch in the Hall. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the Chancery Office by calling 232-4414, or by email to: [orcc.bermuda@gmail.com](mailto:orcc.bermuda@gmail.com).



## Diocese Feast & Bishop's Anniversary Celebration Dinner

There will be a joint celebration dinner in honor of the Feast Day of our Diocese's Patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Wes on **Saturday, October 4 at 7:45 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall**.

Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 12 years old and under. They can be purchased from any member of the St. Theresa's Parish Council, or from the St. Theresa's Rectory Office.



## Updating Parish Records

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 take a moment to complete a Parish Registration Form. Hard copies of this form are located at the entrance to the church, or you can find it under "Useful Links" on the Diocesan website at: [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm). Completed forms can be left inside the Sacristy, or sent via email to the Rectory Office at: [stpats@logic.bm](mailto:stpats@logic.bm).

## 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  
Joe Pacheco  
Manuel Gonçalves  
Dorothy Gonsalves  
Karen Fleisher  
Denise Somerville  
Laurida Souza Bulhões  
Debbie Sampson  
Mickey Johnson  
Jo Frith

Carol Melanson  
Liz Weaver  
Bill Tatem  
Otis Ingham  
Melissa DaPonte  
Pat Gibbons  
Andrew Card  
Dylan Peart  
Mario de Frias  
Charlie Ray



## Wanted: Painting Volunteers

Please see the below request received from St. Joseph's Parish, and reach out to them if you are able to lend a helping hand!

*At the last St. Joseph's Pastoral & Finance Council meeting, a few topics were discussed that involved the church property, and it was decided that the priority should be that we start by painting the church. Justin Tavares has agreed to oversee this work and is looking for able-bodied volunteers on **Saturday, October 4 (rain date: Saturday, October 11)**. If you can give some time (stewardship) to help beautify St. Joseph's Church, please **contact Justin on 516-4326**. Lunch will be provided. Note: this is only for the church, not the Parish Centre.*



## After-Mass Socials

Join us next weekend, **September 20 & 21**, for casual socials after Mass to catch up with our parish families after their summer travels and to welcome back Fr. Vlad to Bermuda (and our Deacon!) 😊 Yummy donations for these events would be appreciated!



## MSA Bazaar Raffle Tickets

It's that time of year again! The MSA Bazaar will be held on **Friday, October 10 & Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Raffle tickets can be purchased from any of their students. Get them in advance to be entered into the "early bird" draws for extra prizes! You can also purchase them from the Rectory during office hours, or email: [stpats@logic.bm](mailto:stpats@logic.bm). Let's support our community's only Catholic school with their biggest annual fundraiser!

## Smile for the Day!





## The Bishop's Corner – Concert at St. Peter's Square

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In a landmark cultural and spiritual celebration, the Vatican is preparing to transform St. Peter's Square into a stage for a one-of-a-kind concert, bringing together global music stars and a powerful message of fraternity. Promoted as a first-ever event, the concert will stream live worldwide on Disney+, Hulu, and ABC News starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 3:00 p.m. ET / 12:00 p.m. PT.

For the first time, St. Peter's Square will host a public musical spectacle, co-directed by the unlikely duo of Pharrell Williams and Andrea Bocelli, with the blessing of the Vatican. The concert not only caps the third World Meeting on Human Fraternity, but also serves as a joyful highlight of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025. The Vatican describes the evening as designed to be a mix of music, reflection, visual storytelling, and as a moment of global unity.

Perhaps most striking is the collaboration at the helm with Pharrell Williams, the American pop hit-maker not generally associated with Church events, and Andrea Bocelli, Italy's world-famous tenor, co-directing the concert. Speaking about the project, Williams said: "This is a rare cultural moment where the world stops and collectively tunes in. It is a message of unity and grace for all of humanity." Bocelli echoed the sense of mission, stating: "Let us shine a spotlight on humanity with music from the very heart of Christianity and the most important spiritual square, reaching the entire world with a single message of brotherhood and peace."

Their words highlight not only the uniqueness of the concert itself but also the deeper symbolism of two very different musical worlds joining forces to promote fraternity.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*



### **A WORD FROM POPE LEO**

*I chose to take the name Leo XIV... mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers... the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to... new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.*

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, ROME – MAY 10, 2025

#### **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**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September**

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

**6:00 p.m.**

**Communion Ministers** M. DaCosta & G. Zanol

**Lector(s)** B. DaPonte

**Song Leader** S. Abraham

**Mass Server(s)** J. Every

**Hospitality Ministers** D. & S. Mutch

**Gift Bearers** Gutteridge Family

**Flowers Ministry:** Mrs. Simas

**9:00 a.m.**

L. Arnold & J. Blee

H. Tavares

R. Lopes

R. Carreon

T. Botelho & C. Moss

T. Medeiros & Family

**11:00 a.m.**

L. Arnold & **VOLUNTEER**

K. Garcia

J. Mathias

C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria

G. Michel & K. Onen

Arnold/Pedro Family