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.



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Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak, CR DD
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Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.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

8th November 2026
32nd 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

With great faith, we are invited to place our hope in the Lord. Today's readings encourage us to joyfully prepare for the coming of Jesus, the bridegroom. All who believe in Christ are offered the gift of eternal life, so we are reminded to stay awake, be ready, and prepare our hearts for this glorious day.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	7th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	8th	9:00 a.m.	✞ Manuel & Maria José Pacheco
			✞ Leonor Pacheco
			✞ Maya Doppelreiter
			✞ José G. Amaral
			✞ Maria dos Anjos Faries
			✞ Andrew Faries
			✞ Daniel DeFrias
		11:00 a.m.	✞ Maria da Conceição Rodrigues
Mon.	9th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	10th	8:00 a.m.	✞ Mary & Manuel DeMello
			✞ Eddy DeMello
			✞ John, Connie & Joe Correia
			✞ William DeMello
Wed.	11th	9:00 a.m.	
Thu.	12th	8:00 a.m.	✞ All Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	13th	8:00 a.m.	✞ Frank Alves
			✞ Angelo Alves
			✞ Deceased Members of the Alves Family
			✞ All Souls
Sat.	14th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	15th	9:00 a.m.	✞ José & Maria Botelho
			✞ Harry & Shirley Fox
			✞ Noel Gonsalves
		11:00 a.m.	✞ Carlos Faria



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and an essential gift for living the stewardship way of life. When we seek the Lord each day through prayer, the sacraments, and the faithful use of the gifts that He has entrusted to us, we keep our hearts prepared to meet Him whenever He calls. That is the wisdom Christ desires for each of us.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	$3,554.00
Offerings to Date:	$164,067.00
Target Offerings (Week 44):	$167,200.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	$254.00



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

"Praying for the Dead"

When we pray for someone who has died… when we offer a Mass for them… when we whisper their name before God… do they know? Does the soul somehow become aware that we are praying for them? These are questions that touch something very human. The Church approaches this mystery with both faith and humility.

In Christian belief, death does not destroy the bond between members of the Church. The Church exists in three states: the faithful on earth, the souls being purified, and the saints in Heaven. All remain united in what is called the Communion of Saints within the Catholic Church. Because of this unity, prayer flows across the boundary of death.

When we pray for the dead, especially during the Holy Mass, the prayer is offered to God who stands outside time. God applies the grace of that prayer to the soul who needs it. This is particularly meaningful for those souls who are undergoing purification, what the Church calls Purgatory. Our prayers can assist them in their journey toward the fullness of Heaven.

The Church does not define precisely how the souls become aware of these prayers. Theologians suggest that God can allow the soul to know that help has come, not necessarily in the same way we recognize things on earth, but in a deeper spiritual awareness that grace has been given. In Heaven, the saints certainly know and rejoice when the faithful on earth pray and offer sacrifices in love.

This is why the Church has prayed for the departed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, because love does not stop at the grave. God's mercy continues to work even after death. This becomes a beautiful exchange: we pray for the departed, and once they reach Heaven, they then pray for us. It becomes a circle of charity that unites the whole Church, earth, purification, and glory.

So, when you pray for someone who has died, do not think that your prayer disappears into silence. It reaches God. And through His mercy, it reaches the soul you love. And love continues its work – even beyond death.

Blessings,
Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



October Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our final cash prize draw for the 100 Club: **Michael Sinclair, Ronnie Lopes, Raymond & Helen Medeiros, Liz Arnold, and Luke Pimentel.** We thank you all for your support of this fundraising initiative this past year, and look forward to your continued support when we resume again next year!

SVDP Christmas Food Vouchers

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Bermuda will be providing Christmas food vouchers once again this year for those less fortunate in our community and would like your help in registering people of our parish who are in need of assistance. Please advise SVDP of the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in the event that they need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail. Alternatively, you can speak directly with our SVDP Parish Representative, Joe Amaral. The deadline for SVDP to receive all names is **Saturday, November 28.**



Book of the Names of the Dead

November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls – those who have died and are awaiting the Lord's work on them to be completed so that they may be purified and thus able to see him face-to-face. At the base of the statue of St. Patrick, you will find our parish's *Book of the Names of the Dead* which has been inscribed with the names of those whose funerals were held in our parish during the past year. You are invited to add the names of your family and friends who have also passed away into the book, so that we can pray for all of their souls during our Masses throughout the month of November.

Filipino Mass

Come and join Fr. Vivien and our Filipino community as they celebrate the next Mass in Tagalog at **St. Patrick's on Friday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.** As a reminder, the schedule of Filipino Masses has been updated to now include Masses in every parish as follows:

- St. Michael's - every Sunday at 4:30 p.m.
- St. Theresa's - first Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Patrick's - second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph's - third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.
- St. Anthony's - fourth Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.
- Stella Maris - last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan Liturgical Workshop

As previously announced in the October 18, 2026 edition of the *Bishop's Corner*, there will be a Diocesan Liturgical Workshop held from **Tuesday, November 17 through to Thursday, November 19 in St. Theresa's Hall** with two identical sessions each day from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The facilitator will be Ms. Christina Ronzio, Director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Secretary to the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the Sacraments. The purpose of this workshop is to help deepen our spirituality by gaining a better understanding of the liturgy of the Holy Mass, including the meaning of its various parts and symbols. The lens for this is how to participate in these sacred mysteries. Everyone is welcome, and those who are involved in the various parish ministries are strongly encouraged to attend.

Prayer List



A "Sweet" Success



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of those who supported our "Sweet Treats" BINGO last Sunday afternoon, in particular our MC Ronnie Lopes, our Social Committee members and volunteers, those who donated prizes as well as delicious desserts, and everyone who came out to take part in this event. It was a great success which raised **$1,490** for our parish!

St. Patrick's Christmas Market



The Social Committee is excited for the return of our parish's Christmas Market on **Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.** Please see the enclosed flyer for more information, and share the details with everyone who may be interested! Let the holiday shopping begin!

Dinner, Movie, and Zoom Discussion

The Peace & Social Justice Ministry will be hosting three upcoming events for just $20! Join them on **Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall** for dinner, followed by the movie "23,000 Lives" at 8:15 p.m., and on **Tuesday, November 17 at 8:30 p.m.** for a Zoom session to discuss the social justice teachings of the Church on immigration and migration. Proceeds from these events will be donated to the SVDP Society. To register, email: peaceandsocialjusticeorcc@logic.bm.

Mass Intentions

The Rectory office is accepting requests to book Mass intentions in 2027 for your loved ones. Please remember that intentions for multiple bookers are available for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass only. A cash stipend of $15.00 is suggested for each Mass which can be given directly to Fr. Vivien (or the celebrant) on the day of the Mass.

Smile for the Day!

What do you call a flying nun?

A) A bird
B) A plane
C) Nun of the above 😊

The Bishop's Corner – SIPRI Report

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In 2025, the world spent a record US$2.9 trillion on military purposes, while development and humanitarian aid continued to decline. According to a new report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the funding gap between needs and available resources could reach at least US$179 billion by 2028. Researchers warn that these cuts could threaten the security and well-being of millions of people.

Military expenditure reached 2.5% of global GDP last year. Researchers point out that core funding for official development assistance had already stopped growing in 2021. The decline was less apparent because of increased support for Ukraine and spending on hosting refugees in donor countries. Healthcare and economic infrastructure have been particularly affected.

"We are witnessing a prolonged withdrawal of essential humanitarian and development assistance at precisely the time when the need for it is increasing," warns Nan Tian, Director of SIPRI's Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme. He points out that closing this funding gap would require only a fraction of the additional resources being allocated to defence.

Xiao Liang, co-author of the report emphasises that, "Military capabilities alone do not guarantee security." In his view, development assistance addresses the underlying, long-term causes of instability and should therefore complement defence spending rather than compete with it.

Have a peaceful weekend and a blessed week of the Remembrance Day!

Bishop Wes



Pope Leo XIV
@ Pontifex

Faith in Christ tells us that our bond with the faithful departed is not broken, but transformed. Through our prayers for the repose of their souls, we accompany our loved ones toward full communion with the Lord, of which we already have a true foretaste here, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Inspired by this faith filled with hope, let us continue our earthly journey, awaiting the day when the Lord will wipe away every tear.

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!

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

14th & 15th November 2026 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M. DaCosta, A. Bento & VOLUNTEER	C. Frias, F. Medeiros & VOLUNTEER	S. Mutch & VOLUNTEERS
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	R. da Silva & M. dos Anjos Araujo	S. Fitzgibbon
Song Leader	J. Roberts	R. Lopes	D. Mutch
Mass Server(s)	A. Lutkin	VOLUNTEER	V. Easton
Hospitality Ministers	T. & S. Every	T. Botelho & C. Moss	C. Veloso & A. Tomaz
Gift Bearers	Berlo Family	T. Botelho & Family	A. Tomaz & H. Faria

Flowers Ministry: Connie Frias