

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*)

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 (Wes) Spiewak, CR DD
www.romancatholicbermuda.bm

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

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703-8424

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236-3171

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535-0002

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

27th September 2026
26th 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

One must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's kingdom. A disciple is one who has turned away from sin, repented, and eagerly strives to follow His ways. No matter one's past, anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering their sincere "yes" to God in word and in deed.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	26th	6:00 p.m.	✠ David Gutteridge
Sun.	27th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho
			✠ Charlie Ray
			✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva
			✠ Germana deSilva
			✠ Leonor Pacheco
			✠ Maya Doppelreiter
			✠ Eduarda DaCosta
			✠ Armando Basco Jr.
		11:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Members & Volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Mon.	28th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo
Tue.	29th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Octavia Rombeiro
Wed.	30th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Maria Simas
Thu.	1st	8:00 a.m.	✠ Robbie & Bernice Sinclair
Fri.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	3rd	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	4th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros
			✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
			✠ Mary DeSilva
			✠ Antonio Fagundo
			✠ Ahleam & Consuelo Chiuco
			Intentions of Cyrill Chiuco
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Mario de Frias



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Pride and ego are two hard things to control. Sometimes, we can idolize our own self-image, or think we are superior to others. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we must recognize *all* the people that God has put in our lives as gifts, and be grateful for how they enrich our lives.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,366.00
Offerings to Date:	\$141,123.50
Target Offerings (Week 38):	\$144,400.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$255.00



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 Ann M. Garrido

"Will You Work in God's Vineyard?"

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God – a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching, and we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word!

Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

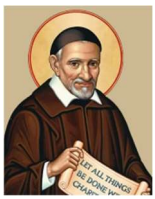
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

~ PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4



About the Author: Ann Garrido is the oldest of eight siblings in a large Catholic family from St. Louis, Missouri. Her childhood dream of sharing the faith as a teacher and preacher has taken her to all 50 of the U.S. states and 20 countries. Ann is an Associate Professor of Homiletics at the Aquinas Institute of Theology, and a longtime formation leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd movement. She currently lives in Georgia with Mike, her husband of more than 30 years.

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



Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Each year, the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is celebrated on September 27 which marks the anniversary of his death in Paris in 1660. St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of all charitable societies, volunteers, hospitals, and prisoners. SVDP Societies around the world use this day to honor his legacy of serving the poor. Did you know that 100% of the funds that are received in the St. Patrick's Poor Box goes directly to our local SVDP Society? Please consider making a kind financial donation today to support the members and volunteers of our local SVDP Society so that they can continue their important work for those in need throughout our community. Your stewardship is most appreciated!

First Holy Communion Classes

CCD classes will begin again on **Saturday mornings in the Church Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. starting November 7**. If your child was born in 2019 and you have not yet been contacted by the diocese to get them registered for First Holy Communion, please send an email to our Parish CCD Mentors at ccdspatsbda@gmail.com **prior to the deadline of September 30**.

Confirmation Classes

Registration is open for 2027 Confirmation. If your child was **born in 2012 or prior**, please contact the Chancery Office at 232-4414 / orcc.bermuda@gmail.com to sign your child up for CCD classes to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 16.

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+ will be held on **Mondays & Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Hall starting on September 28**. For more information, contact Maura Almeida at 704-2255. Free babysitting available!



St. Theresa's Feast & Fr. Dandy's Farewell

You are invited to a joint celebration dinner on **Saturday, October 3 in St. Theresa's Hall at 7:30 p.m.** for St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Feast, our diocese's patron saint, and to bid farewell to Fr. Dandy as he prepares to depart Bermuda next month. The tickets are \$45 for adults, and \$25 for children 13 and under. They can be purchased directly from Fr. Dandy, or any member of the St. Theresa's Parish Council, or the St. Theresa's Rectory during office hours.



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.

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 Scraders
Shirley Love
Carol Maitland
Ken MacNeil
Sylvan Lindo
Maryanne Anderson
Shirley Sousa
Michelle Taylor



MSA Raffle Tickets

It's that time of year again for MSA's Bazaar which will take place on **Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Raffle tickets can be purchased from any MSA student – be sure to buy them in advance to be entered into the weekly "early bird" draws for extra prizes! You can also purchase them from the Rectory during office hours, or by emailing: stspats@logic.bm. Let's support our community's only Catholic school with their biggest annual fundraiser. Get your tickets today!



Musical Bridges

Are you a senior interested in making new friends while learning to play an instrument? Come and join Musical Bridges, a **FREE** intergenerational music program that brings seniors and local students together through music, friendship, and connection. Whether you are looking to meet people, try something new, or simply enjoy a fun weekly activity, this program is for you! Sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons throughout the school year from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bermuda Centre for Creative Learning (BCCL) located on Cedar Avenue in Hamilton. Spaces are limited so reserve yours today by calling 232-0859, or emailing: development@hospice.bm.



2026 Coastal Clean-Up

Local environmental charity KBB is calling for volunteers to roll up their sleeves and help remove litter and marine debris from Bermuda's coastlines during their annual island-wide Coastal Clean-Up event taking place from **Friday, September 25 – Sunday, October 4**. Gather your friends, family, co-workers, and classmates to form a clean-up team and choose a location (they are in particular need of help in the areas of St. David's and St. George's) and KBB will provide all supplies needed. Together, let's keep Bermuda beautiful! Register online at www.kbb.bm.

Smile for the Day!

Gravity is one of the most fundamental forces in the universe, but if you remove it, you get gravy.



The Bishop's Corner – Parish Feasts, Plenary Indulgence, and Fr. Dandy's Farewell

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The week beginning with this Sunday is going to be quite intense in our diocesan community.

Firstly, on Tuesday the 29th of September, the solemnity of the Archangels marks the liturgical feast of St. Michael's Parish in Paget. May this be an occasion for all of us to surround this Catholic community with our prayers and warmest thoughts, invoking the blessing of the Lord and the protection of their mighty Patron.

Secondly, Thursday the 1st of October, marks the feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, the Little Flower, the Patroness of our Cathedral Parish and our Diocese. Again, may this liturgical feast encourage each one of us to a special moment of prayer for St. Theresa's Parishioners as well as for our Diocese.

Thirdly, Saturday the 3rd of October, offers two festive occasions. At 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, there will be a third community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi. He passed away on the 3rd of October 1226, so on this Saturday, it will be precisely 800 years from his passing. There will be an opportunity for confession from 10:30 a.m. for those who would like to receive this Sacrament.

Also on Saturday, the 3rd of October, there will be a special celebration of thanksgiving for Fr. Dandy Traje, CP. He will preside at the 6:30 p.m. Mass at our Cathedral and preach. After the Mass, the Parish Council have organised a dinner as a thank-you moment for the four years of his ministry in Bermuda. Even if Fr. Dandy will stay with us for a few more weeks, this evening will be an official farewell event for him.

May you have a restful weekend and a truly blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Pope Leo XIV
@ Pontifex

Sunday, 27 September, marks the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. My thoughts go out to migrants and refugees, especially minors compelled to leave their homeland. Children and teenagers are the most vulnerable. They often endure unspeakable suffering, violence, torture, exploitation, and traumatic conditions. It is not uncommon for them to lose their lives along migration routes. I appeal to everyone's sense of responsibility: may we all feel a sense of involvement in the lives of these young people, who must always be protected and supported.

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

3rd & 4th October 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M. DaCosta, S. Mutch & VOLUNTEER	A. Rodrigues, L. DeFrias & VOLUNTEER	L. Amaral & VOLUNTEERS
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	H. Tavares	J. Amaral
Song Leader	D. Mutch	J. Mathias	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	F. Virbert	VOLUNTEER	J. Lema
Hospitality Ministers	T. & S. Every	T. Botelho & M.P. Silva	C. Veloso & G. Michel
Gift Bearers	R. & M. Simas	T. Botelho & Family	O. de Frias & Family
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		