

# Saint Patrick's Church

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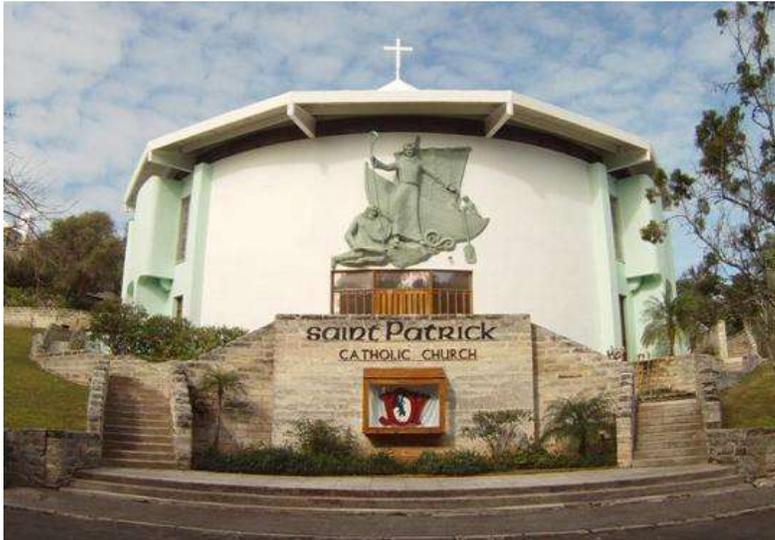
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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**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 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  
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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  
293-5506

**Nelia Pimentel & Zilda Moniz**  
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[ccdstpatsbda@gmail.com](mailto:ccdstpatsbda@gmail.com)

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold**  
Parish Deacon  
236-3171

**Bruce Fox**  
Music Director & Organist  
[stpatriksbdamusic@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriksbdamusic@gmail.com)

**Joe Amaral**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep  
535-0002

**Nicole Renaud**  
Parish Office Administrator  
236-9866 Ext 0#

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

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**of the Passion of the Lord**  
**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

On Palm Sunday, we consider our King. Entering the world in poverty, Jesus made His triumphal entry to Jerusalem on a colt. Rather than worldly power, He was armed with love. This extraordinary King calls for extraordinary followers. Therefore, let us not be in step with this world that seeks glory and riches; instead, let us seek to follow Jesus, even to the cross, as we desire to join in His resurrection.

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	28th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	29th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents
			✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann
			✠ Antonio José Gaspar
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Mario de Frias
Mon.	30th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Philip Smythe
Tue.	31st	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	1st	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	2nd	7:30 p.m.	Victims of War & Terrorism
Fri.	3rd	5:00 p.m.	
Sat.	4th	7:30 p.m.	Those Receiving Sacraments of Initiation
Sun.	5th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Those Remembered by Flower Donations
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

## Pastoral Reflection

### *"Palm Sunday: Entering into Sacred Week"*

Palm Sunday is here, and with it, we step into the most sacred week of the entire Church year: Holy Week. It begins with a powerful moment when Jesus enters Jerusalem, welcomed with palms, praise, and joy. Yet, only days later, those same voices would cry out for His crucifixion. That stark contrast reveals something deep about the human heart... and about our own faith.

***A Question We Must Face.*** Palm Sunday is not just a celebration – it is a mirror. Do we follow Christ only when it is easy? Only when it feels good? Or will we remain with Him in suffering, in silence, and in sacrifice?

***A Call to Prepare Your Heart.*** As this sacred day approaches, the Church invites us to prepare – not just outwardly, but also inwardly. Humble your heart. Let go of pride. Return to prayer and carry your cross with Christ. Holy Week is not something we watch. It is something that we enter into and reflect deeply on the mystery of the love God reveals in the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

***The True Meaning of the Palms.*** The palms that we carry on Palm Sunday are not just signs of victory. They are a quiet reminder for us that the road to glory passes through the Cross. Therefore, do not just celebrate Palm Sunday – live it! Walk with Christ... all the way to Calvary.

***This Holy Week, are you ready to stay with Jesus until the very end?***

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



## Holy Week Ministries

We are still in need of more volunteers to assist with Holy Week ministries! Please check out the sign-up sheets located at the church entrance to see where you can help on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Thank you for your kind stewardship!

## Deadline for Flower Donations – March 29

This is the final weekend to contribute towards the purchase of our Easter flower arrangements in memory of your loved ones. Please use the marked envelopes at the church entrance for your donations via cash or cheque, or you can make an online transfer to **St. Patrick's at Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, and remember to advise the Rectory office of your loved ones' names no later than **Sunday, March 29** to be included in the Easter bulletin.



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to do so by helping to “carry their crosses.” These opportunities aren't usually presented as big events, but as ordinary occurrences, like carrying someone's groceries, or holding the door open for someone. The key is to look for ways to put another's needs before our own and not expect anything in return.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,583.00
Offerings to Date:	\$43,979.00
Target Offerings (Week 12):	\$45,600.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$187.00



## Holy Land Collection – April 3

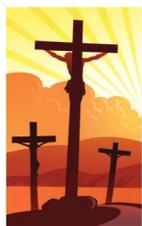
On Good Friday, April 3, we will join with parishes around the world to take up the annual Holy Land Collection. Your kind financial support of this

special collection helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve sacred shrines of Christianity in the Holy Land. Please use the marked envelopes at the church entrance for your contributions and give generously!



### Mass of the Chrism

Bishop Wes will be blessing the holy oils used in sacraments throughout our Diocese for the upcoming year during the annual Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's**. All are invited to join this celebration and support our priests as they renew their ordination promises to serve the Church.



### Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Bishop Wes, along with the Anglican Bishop Nick Dill, invite you to join them for the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross. Come and experience the final footsteps of Jesus on **Good Friday, April 3 in Victoria Park in Hamilton at 11:15 a.m.** All are welcome!

### Mid-day Mass

Please be advised that there will be NO 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Theresa's during Holy Week. The mid-day Mass will resume on Wednesday, April 8 and will be celebrated on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

### First Penance

Congratulations to the following students in our parish's Grade 2 First Holy Communion CCD class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. May they always feel the joy of God's mercy and forgiveness!

**Aaron Akol                      Andre Dyter                      Eva Faiella**

### CCD Easter Break

Parents of our CCD students are reminded that all classes will be on Easter break for April 4 & April 11, and will **resume on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.** We wish our families a restful time off and hope to see you all at Mass!



### St. Patrick's Easter Egg Hunt

We are pleased to invite the young children of our parish to come and join in the fun of our annual Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday! Please refer to the flyer inserted into today's bulletin for further details. See you there!

### Scholarship Fund Applications

Applications for the 2026/27 St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund Awards for our parish students who will be attending college or university during the next academic year will be available from the Sacristy as of **Wednesday, April 1**. Please ensure that you **write your name and phone number on the contact sheet when taking an application.** All applicants must complete the application in full and return all required documents by the submission deadline of **June 1, 2026**.



### ELP & Kindergarten Info Session

On **Wednesday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mount Saint Agnes Academy will be hosting their next information session which will focus on their **Early Learning Program & Kindergarten**. To register, please visit their website at: [www.msa.bm](http://www.msa.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:**



Joe Pacheco	Andrew Card
Manuel Gonçalves	Dylan Peart
Denise Somerville	Christine Eldridge
Debbie Sampson	Trish Walsh
Jo Frith	Carole Scraders
Carol Melanson	Shirley Love
Liz Weaver	Carol Maitland
Bill Tatem	Jackie Jordan

### Easter Triduum Schedule for St. Patrick's Parish

#### **Holy Thursday, April 2:**

- **NO** weekday morning Mass
- **7:30 p.m.** Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **8:30 p.m.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Good Friday, April 3:**

- **NO** weekday morning Mass
  - **11:00 a.m.** Stations of the Cross
  - **11:30 a.m.** Confession
  - **5:00 p.m.** Service of the Lord's Passion
- (This is a day of fasting and abstaining from eating meat)*

#### **Holy Saturday, April 4:**

- **7:30 p.m.** Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Easter Sunday, April 5:**

- **9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.** Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Easter Parking Reminders

- NO parking along St. Patrick's Road, nor the handicap ramp or sidewalks
- "First come, first served"
- Overflow parking along Pampas Road only, NOT on "The Pampas" property, especially grass borders
- Come early to drop off those needing assistance
- "Pack your patience" especially when leaving
- Do NOT block the Rectory driveway

### What is Passiontide?

Today, you may have walked into church and wondered, "Why is everything covered up?" This past week marked the start of Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent leading into Holy Week when the Church shifts focus completely to the passion of Jesus, covering statues, crucifixes, and sacred images. When something familiar disappears, we notice it, and long for its return. During Passiontide, we remove these visual aids to help us avoid distractions as we focus on the central mystery of Christ's suffering, and await the beauty and glory that will be revealed again on the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday!

## The Bishop's Corner – Liturgical Workshop

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Somebody mentioned that it might be too early, but I hope this information will help us better organize our time and possibly attend this event.

I would like to inform you that our Diocese has arranged a Retreat/Workshop entitled "The Liturgy of the Holy Mass: Spirituality, Meaning, and Organisation." It will take place from November 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Tuesday to Thursday). Each day, there will be two identical sessions: one from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and another from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our Retreat/Workshop facilitator will be Ms. Christina Ronzio, M.A., Director of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops English-Language Office for Liturgy and the Sacraments. Ms. Ronzio holds a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies, with a minor in Church Music and Worship, from St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario, and a Master's degree in Liturgical Studies from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. She has ministered in both the United States and Canada as a Parish Liturgy Director and as Diocesan Director of Liturgy for the dioceses of London (Ontario), Cleveland (Ohio), and Hamilton (Ontario). In 2018, she was appointed Director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Secretary to the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy and the Sacraments.

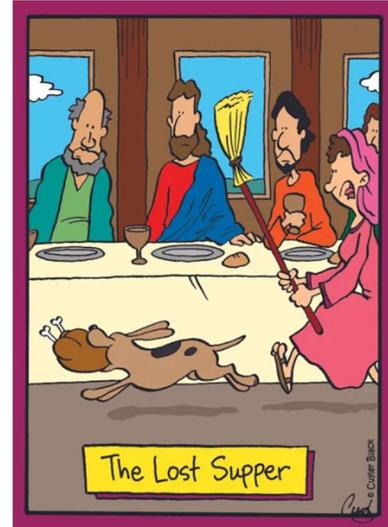
The purpose of this Retreat/Workshop is to help us deepen our spirituality by gaining a better understanding of the liturgy of the Holy Mass, including the meaning of its various parts and symbols. It is hoped that this will guide us in developing a unified Ordinary of the Holy Mass for the entire Diocese.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed Holy Week!

*Bishop Wes*



## Smile for the Day!



*Hosanna*

TO THE SON OF DAVID!  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN  
THE NAME OF THE LORD!  
HOSANNA IN THE  
HIGHEST HEAVEN!

*Matthew 21:9*

### 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)**

#### Mystery of Faith (sung in English during Lent only)

Save us, save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

#### 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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**6:00 p.m.**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
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Choir  
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**Communion Ministers**  
**Lector(s)**  
**Song Leader**  
**Mass Server(s)**  
**Hospitality Ministers**  
**Gift Bearers**  
**Flowers Ministry:** Ashley Bento

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**9:00 a.m.**  
E. Kelly & A. Rodrigues  
J. Blee & M. dos Anjos Araujo  
R. Lopes  
R. Carreon  
T. Botelho & M.P. Silva  
C. Frias & Family

**11:00 a.m.**  
K. Garcia & L. Amaral  
J. Amaral  
J. Roberts  
J. Lema  
C. Veloso & N. Pedro  
O. de Frias & Family