

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
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

26th April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
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

In today's readings, we hear of the many ways Jesus reaches out to us and saves us, tending to us as a shepherd. He is, indeed, as Peter says, the shepherd and guardian of our souls. If we pray and listen attentively for His voice in our hearts, we will hear the call of the Good Shepherd, who is our strength and our salvation.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	25th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Denis DeSousa Intentions of Lillian DeSousa
Sun.	26th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ João Manuel Veloso ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	27th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	28th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Frank Alves
Wed.	29th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	30th	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	1st	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Pedro Family
Sat.	2nd	6:00 p.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun.	3rd	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Robbie & Bernice Sinclair
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

Weekly Stewardship Thought

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..."

~ Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn away from sin – to change our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. This type of change is considered a transformation or conversion of heart, and it requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is hard! The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help, but the good news is that we are not alone in our journey. Remember to ask Jesus daily for His guidance, and then patiently listen for His response.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,279.00
Offerings to Date:	\$60,707.00
Target Offerings (Week 16):	\$60,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$180.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded when 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.** Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

"Why is the Eucharistic Host Round?"

Someone once asked: "Father, why is it that the Holy Communion is round? Is it just practical, or is there a deeper meaning?" At first, it may seem like a simple detail. Just a wafer. Just a shape. But in the Church, nothing at the altar is accidental. And the roundness of the Host carries a quiet but powerful theology.

It Is Not Only Practical, But Also Symbolic. Yes, there is a practical reason: a round host is easy to handle, easy to distribute, and less likely to break unevenly. But the Church did not stop at practicality. The round shape itself speaks volumes.

A Circle Has No Beginning and No End. The shape of a circle is unique, with no starting point, no ending point, and no corners. This equates to something divine: eternity! God has no beginning. God has no end. So, the round Host quietly proclaims: "The One that you receive is eternal."

It Speaks of Unity... One Body, One Christ. From one bread many receive. Yet it remains One Christ. The roundness suggests wholeness, completeness, and unity without division. Even when broken, Christ is fully present in every part.

It Echoes the Sun... the Light of the World. The early Christians often saw in the Eucharist a reflection of the sun, not as a replacement but as a symbol. The sun gives light. The sun gives life. And Christ said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). So, the radiant, round Host reminds us that He is the Light who feeds us.

Do Not Miss the Main Point. Here is the most important truth: The power of the Eucharist is not in its shape; it is not in being round, nor in its appearance, but in Who is present, because after consecration, it is no longer bread but Christ Himself.

The Hard Truth. Many people may look at the Host and see only a wafer – a white, thin, simple wafer – and miss that the infinite reality is hidden within. The Host is round... but what it contains is eternal.

Remember the Deeper Meaning. Therefore, the next time that you see the Host, don't just notice the shape of it. Take a moment to look deeper and say: "My Lord and my God." Because what may appear to be small and simple is really the full presence of Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Portuguese Mass

Due to Bishop Wes' Ad Limina trip to Rome to visit the Pope and Vatican Dicasteries, please be reminded that there will be NO Portuguese Mass at St. Theresa's nor at St. Patrick's from April 24 – May 12. Masses will resume on Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Theresa's and Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's. The Mass for Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated as usual by Bishop Wes on May 13 at St. Patrick's.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2026/27 St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund Award are available from the Sacristy. Please record your name and number on the contact sheet before taking an application. The deadline for all submissions is **Monday, June 1, 2026**.



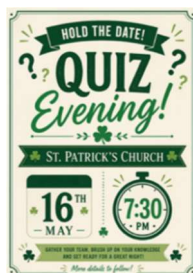
Request for Egg Cartons

The kind volunteers of our St. Patrick's Seniors Feeding Program are in need of egg cartons for weekly meal deliveries as their current supply is running low. If you have any empty egg cartons to donate, please bring them to Mass and leave them at the entrance to the church. Thank you!



MSA Golf Tournament

The MSA Home & School Association's 24th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on **Saturday, May 9** at Belmont Hills. Don't miss out on this fun event and a chance to win some great prizes, including one for the Best Dressed Team and a Hole-in-One shot at a new car! The entry fee for a team of 4 people is \$1000 which includes a cart and lunch. To register, scan the QR code on the flyer located at the church entrance.



St. Patrick's Quiz Night

Mark your calendars for our next parish event! The Social Committee will be hosting a fun Quiz Night after Mass on **Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Gather your team, brush up on your knowledge, and get ready for a great night! More details to follow soon.

Movie Thursdays

Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy are planning to have a Lunch & Movie event every Thursday during the summer in St. Theresa's Hall. The first event will be on July 2 and the final event will be on August 27. Each event will start with lunch at 12:00 p.m. which will include soup, sandwiches/bread, ice cream, and coffee/tea, followed by the movie at 12:30 p.m. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the organization of the lunches, and you can commit for the entire program, or just part of it. If you are interested, please send an email to the St. Theresa's Rectory Office at sttheresas@northrock.bm, or to the Chancery Office at orcc.bermuda@gmail.com.



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 Gonçaves	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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday, April 26, we join the Universal Church in observing the 63rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for each of our lives. He calls some of us to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life, or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations and teaching young people how to discern God's call is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Here are a few ways that you can participate in this day:

- Pray for all of those who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead, including your current parish priest and deacon.
- Offer a Rosary or personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations worldwide.
- Offer a Mass intention for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.
- Take a moment to affirm and support someone you know who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.
- Encourage the children, grandchildren, students, and young people in your life to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister, and to be open and respond to God's call.

Smile for the Day!



The Bishop's Corner – Ad Limina Visit

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Greetings from Rome, precisely 350ft. from St. Peter's Square!

I am here to attend the Annual Plenary Meeting of our Bishop's Conference and also for the so-called ad limina visit.

An ad limina visit is the required visit of Catholic residential diocesan bishops and certain prelates with territorial jurisdiction (such as territorial abbots) to the thresholds of the (tombs of the) Apostles Peter and Paul, and to meet the Pope to report on the state of their dioceses or prelatures. It is designed to foster unity, allow bishops to report on their dioceses, and receive counsel from the Pope and Roman Curia officials.

It is a formal trip usually made together by all bishops from a single region (an episcopal conference) to discuss with the Pope issues specific to their regions. It is separate from other trips a bishop might make to the Vatican, such as to attend a synod.

Bishops visit the four major basilicas (St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major). They also meet with various departments of the Roman Curia to discuss challenges and opportunities.

The ad limina visit currently happens every eight years. Before the visit, each bishop submits a detailed report on the spiritual, pastoral, and administrative health of their diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for our Diocese, and I dare to ask your prayers for me and the bishops of our Episcopal Conference.

Have a serene weekend and a blessed last week of April!

Bishop Wes



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

2nd & 3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M.DaCosta, G.Zanol & VOLUNTEER	J.Blee & VOLUNTEERS	L.Amaral, K.Garcia & VOLUNTEER
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues & C. Frias	J. Amaral
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	J. Every & F. Virbert	R. Carreon	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	L. DeFrias & T. Botelho	K. Onen & G. Michel
Gift Bearers	D. & K. Raymond	C. Frias & Family	A. Tomaz & VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Connie Frias		