

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

Nancy da Silva
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703-8424

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293-5506

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236-3171

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Joe Amaral
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535-0002

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

13th September 2026
24th 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

Just as God has forgiven us, so too must we forgive others. Our readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves while refusing mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	12th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sun.	13th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho
			✠ Joseph Reis & Parents
			✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	14th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	15th	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	16th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo
Thu.	17th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello
			✠ Eddy DeMello
			✠ John, Connie & Joe Correia
			✠ William DeMello
Fri.	18th	8:00 a.m.	✠ João Rombeiro
Sat.	19th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	20th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel DeFrias
			✠ Bill Bilsland
			✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros
			✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
			✠ João Manuel Veloso
			✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Edmund Faria



Weekly Stewardship Thought

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

~ Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us, especially our very own lives. Ask God how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,014.00
Offerings to Date:	\$134,656.50
Target Offerings (Week 36):	\$136,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$70.00



Notification of Online Transfers

For those who prefer to give electronically to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, please remember to **email the Rectory office to advise of the transfer and how it should be allocated.** Thank you!

*Pastoral Reflection by Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

"The Debt We Have in Common"

As we hear in today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind.

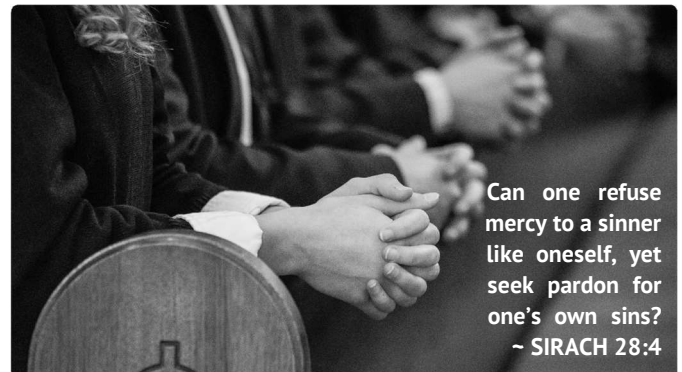
How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude.

An honest acceptance of who we are – completely and totally dependent on God who created us – is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful – that is the real challenge the story considers.

Reflect

How am I at forgiveness – with others and myself?



Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one's own sins?
~ SIRACH 28:4

About the Author: Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A. He was professed as a Redemptorist in 1973 and ordained a priest in June 1978. He is a graduate of Holy Redeemer College (Waterford, Wisconsin) and the State University of New York (Mount Saint Alphonsus). Fr. Santa's work has included teaching theology, directing retreats, Scrupulous Anonymous ministry, and authoring many books and articles. He is currently serving in his second assignment as the President/Publisher of Liguori Publications.

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

Back-to-School Fundraiser

The parishioners of St. Patrick's have once again demonstrated what it means to be good stewards to those in need in our community through your support of Prison Fellowship's annual Back-to-School program. Our church contributed **\$2,235.00** towards the purchase of gift vouchers for school uniforms and supplies for the children of our local inmates. Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards these families. May God bless you all!



Prison Fellowship
Bermuda



ANCOP 5K Fundraising Walk

Join ANCOP Bermuda (Registered Charity #802) for their 5K Fundraising Walk on **Sunday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. in Botanical Gardens**. The cost to participate is \$35.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children (18 years old and under) with \$5.00 of this registration fee going towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their Loaves & Fishes program. Proceeds from this event will help to support child sponsorship, humanitarian relief, and local ANCOP Bermuda projects. To sign-up, scan the QR code located on the flyer posted at the church entrance.

Portuguese Masses & Mid-day Masses

Following the summer break, please be reminded that the Portuguese Masses celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays in St. Theresa's and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in St. Patrick's have both resumed, as have the mid-day Masses celebrated every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in St. Theresa's at 12:10 p.m.



Virtual Lectio Divina

The weekly Lectio Divina sessions led by Bishop Wes via Zoom will resume again on **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting on September 14**. If you would like to join, please email Franz Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to receive the Zoom link along with the readings.

Cathedral Gift Shop

The St. Theresa's Cathedral Gift Shop will be resuming their normal operating hours of **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays** starting on September 15.



Reminder from Deacon Matthew

Please be reminded that Deacon Matthew is taking some time to focus on his family over the next few months which will limit his involvement at St. Patrick's Church and within our diocese. Your kind prayers and support are appreciated!

Parish Registration Forms

If any of your family/contact details changed over the summer months, or if you are new to St. Patrick's Church, please complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the counter at the church entrance. **If you are not a registered parishioner, the church may be limited in its ability to act on your behalf.**

Prayer List for the Sick

Please help to ensure our weekly Prayer List is up to date. If you know of anyone on the current list who is no longer in need of immediate prayer, or if you would like to add someone, please contact the Rectory during office hours.

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



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: stpat@logic.bm. Let's support our community's only Catholic school with their biggest annual fundraiser. Get your tickets today!



MSA Alumni Cocktail Reception

Calling all former students of MSA! Come and enjoy a fun evening of reconnecting, reminiscing, and celebrating the lasting bonds of the MSA community next **Friday, September 18 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 p.m.** Light bites and drinks will be served. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code on the flyer posted at the church entrance.



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.

Smile for the Day!

Q: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I am even. What number am I?

A: Seven

The Bishop's Corner – The Stigmata of St. Francis

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

On the 17th of September every year, the Franciscan Family celebrates the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, commemorating the marks and the manifestation of the wounds of the Passion of Jesus on the body of St. Francis. The Saint of Assisi is known for great devotion and love for the Passion of Christ. He spent many hours contemplating the immense, merciful love of Christ who, for the love of us, accepted to live and die in extreme poverty in order to redeem us. The mountains were always his favourite spots for prayer, away from the noise of the city, alone, contemplating "Love is not loved" for days and hours on end.

The Saint of Assisi received the stigmata — the bodily wounds of Jesus Christ — on the 17th of September 1224 during a retreat of prayer on Mount La Verna in Tuscany, Italy. As his biographer describes, "Francis saw a six-winged seraphic angel that held the figure of a crucified man. He felt a sudden, burning pain as marks resembling nails appeared on his hands and feet, along with a deep gash on his right side." He is the first person in recorded history to officially receive the stigmata.

This commemoration will provide our Diocese with the third occasion for the community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. There will be a special Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Warwick at 7:00 p.m. There will also be priests available for confession from 6:15 p.m.

May your weekend be peaceful and your week good!

Bishop Wes



Pope Leo XIV
@ Pontifex

Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with Him, with others, and with creation. Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth, or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made. Instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of His unfailing love.

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

19th & 20th September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M. DaCosta, G. Zanol & VOLUNTEER	C. Frias, F. Medeiros & VOLUNTEER	Z. Moniz, K. Garcia & VOLUNTEER
Lector(s)	G. Faiella	A. Rodrigues & L. Frias	K. Onen
Song Leader	S. Abraham	J. Mathias	M. Gravito
Mass Server(s)	F. Virbert	VOLUNTEER	V. Easton
Hospitality Ministers	T. & S. Every	L. DeFrias & T. Botelho	C. Veloso & A. Tomaz
Gift Bearers	Bento Family	T. Medeiros & Family	O. de Frias & Family
Flowers Ministry:	Mrs. Simas		