

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday Mass:** 6:00 p.m.



**Sunday Masses:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.



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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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Hrs: Tues/ Wed/ Fri: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Stewardship Chairperson

**First Holy Communion Class**  
Tuesdays in hall  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Confirmation Class**  
(To be determined)

(FHC classes scheduled to begin 18 January 2022)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

## BAPTISMS

By appointment five weeks in advance

## WEDDINGS

By appointment one year in advance

## BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Church Hall

## PORTUGUESE MASS

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. in the Church

## CCD

Every Saturday during the school year  
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church Hall  
(Suspended until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions)

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Year C**



## Introduction

Brothers and sisters, on this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear more promises of hope. Hope is proclaimed to the exiled people longing to return to Jerusalem, to the Philippians from the imprisoned Paul, to those caught in political turmoil during Jesus' lifetime. And we hear voices all around us yearning for hope. Let this new liturgical year be a time for hope for all of us. Our hearts are open to new possibilities.

## Mass Intentions

Sat.	4	6:00 p.m.	✠ John & Rosa Rocha ✠ Ernest Mello ✠ Christopher Alves ✠ John Rocha, Jr.
Sun.	5	9:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro ✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Manuel Simas
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	6	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Tues.	7	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Wed.	8	8:00 a.m.	✠ José daConceição Melo
Thurs.	9	8:00 a.m.	✠ João & Virginia Daniel
Fri.	10	8:00 a.m.	✠ Raul Clementino & Deceased Family
Sat.	11	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank Cabral
Sun.	5	9:00 a.m.	✠ Eugene Cabral ✠ Lorraine Cabral Olivieri ✠ Piriquito Deceased Family Members ✠ Mary Sousa
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Stewardship or Treasure

Sunday/November Appeal last week:	\$8,669.00
Sunday Offerings to date:	\$171,042.00
Target Offerings (Week 47):	\$164,500.00
Poor Box:	\$131.00

## Weekly Stewardship Thought

Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

## Sunday/Special Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church at the Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Thank you for your continued financial support.

## Mass Requests for 2022

Please call the Rectory office (236-9866 ext. 0#) to request Masses for 2022 or e-mail: [stpats@logic.bm](mailto:stpats@logic.bm).

## Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

### Lessons from Our Planet Earth

Pope Francis urges us all to respect and care for our planet, in whatever ways we can. The Gospels often have references to the Earth, agriculture and the use of the land. Hills, valleys, the desert and winding roads are mentioned in today's Gospel. The Ute Nation has a beautiful prayer which honours the Earth; and suggests lessons we can learn from Nature. Here is an extract from that prayer.

*Earth teach me humility  
as blossoms are humble with beginning.  
Earth teach me caring  
as mothers nurture their young.  
Earth teach me courage  
as the tree that stands alone.  
Earth teach me freedom  
as the eagle that soars in the sky.  
Earth teach me acceptance  
as the leaves that die each fall.  
Earth teach me renewal  
as the seed that rises in the spring.*



## St. Patrick's November Appeal – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the St. Patrick's November Appeal. As you can see, we have surpassed our weekly target offering. Last month, several people gave a single generous donation and many others increased their weekly or Sunday offering. It is a truly humbling experience to know that whenever a plea for help goes out, the St. Patrick's Parish family is quick to respond. We are blessed by the generosity of all of our parishioners. Thank you.



## Angel Tree 'Thank You'

Once again, St. Patrick's parishioners have shown what it means to be good stewards and to share with those who are the most in need. The children and families of incarcerated men and women on the Island greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

If you took an Angel Tree tag but were unable to purchase a gift, please contact the Rectory office so that we can make other arrangements. We do not want any child to go without a gift this Christmas!



## St. Patrick's Facebook

Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? Also check out [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) for up-to-date Diocesan information. Follow Bishop Wes' daily reflections and hear the live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral, Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

### **No Advent Reconciliation Service**

Due to on-going concerns regarding the coronavirus, the Bishop has decided that there will be **no Diocesan Advent Reconciliation Service** again this year. Individuals are asked to contact Fr. Vladimir directly to arrange for private confession during the Advent Season.

### **Prayer for Advent**

*Lord Jesus, you came among us to share our humanity and transform our lives. We are a people of hope and joy because we know you will always be with us, encouraging and supporting us in every part of our lives. We will never be alone again. We want to prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate your coming in a spirit of gratitude for all you have done and continue to do for us.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to us, so we can spend these weeks of preparation thinking about what your coming among us truly means, and about the mystery of your love for us, which surpasses all our hopes and expectations.*

--Michael Buckley

A Prayer Book for Today's Catholic

### **Sign-Up Sheets for Christmas Masses**

With the Advent season well underway, we are reminded that Christmas is around the corner. Sign-up sheets have been placed at the entrance to the Church for volunteers to help with the Christmas Masses. There will be four Christmas Masses in addition to the regular Sunday Masses. Your assistance is needed in all areas of Christmas ministry. Please volunteer to serve today!



### **Christmas Flower Donations**

Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church for donations for flowers in memory of loved ones. Donations can also be made through online deposit to St. Patrick's Church at the Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100. Please include "Flowers" in the memo field and contact the office with the names of those in whose memory you are making the donation. The flowers will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season and the names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

### **Preparing for Christmas Decorating**

Christmas will be here in three weeks! Unfortunately, due to family commitments, Helen Cabral and family will not be able to decorate the Church this year.

We are appealing to anyone who would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas to please stay behind after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, December 19** (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent). It shouldn't take too long to set up the tree at the front of the Church, hang the wreaths on the support beams and erect the nativity scene in front of the altar. Many hands will make light work! Thank you in advance for your help.

### **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation in many countries but it is not recognized as one here in Bermuda. Morning Mass on Wednesday, December 8, will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.

### **Praying the Rosary at St. Patrick's – Wednesdays**

You are invited to join a small group of parishioners who meet in St. Patrick's Church every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary.

### **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On **Saturday, December 12**, Bishop Wes will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patronal Saint of Stella Maris Church, in St. George's. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, once again this year's celebration will be simplified with recitation of the Rosary at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Mass in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be no roses or celebration after the Mass. The Star of the Sea, pray for us!



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Patrick's Church each **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Christmas Mass Schedule 2021**

Friday, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols (Band)  
6 p.m. – Family Mass I  
8 p.m. – Family Mass II  
Friday, Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m. – Christmas Music  
12 a.m. – Midnight Mass  
Saturday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. – Mass for Christmas Day  
  
Sunday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. – Regular Mass – Boxing Day  
Feast of the Holy Family  
11 a.m. – Regular Mass  
  
Saturday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – New Year's Day Mass  
6 p.m. – Regular Mass  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday, Jan. 2, 9 a.m. – Regular Mass  
11 a.m. – Regular Mass  
Monday, Jan. 3 9 a.m. – Morning Mass



### **PALS 2021 Annual Fair and Raffle Sales**

Purchase your raffle tickets (\$10 each) by clicking "Donate" on the PALS website: <https://pals.bm/pals-raffle-tickets-10-each-amazing-prizes-copy-copy/>. Or contact PALS at 236-PALS (7257). The draw will take place at the PALS 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Fair on **Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m.**

### **Smile for the Day!**

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall.



## The Bishop's Corner – International Day of the Disabled

My Dear Fellow-Catholics:

"The Church loves you and needs each of you to fulfil her mission at the service of the Gospel," wrote Pope Francis in his message for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities that was celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. He emphasized that the vocation of all Christians is to be friends of Jesus.

The Pope noted that a trusting and personal friendship with Jesus can be a spiritual key to accepting the limitations we all experience and to come to terms with our condition. He noted that unfortunately many people are treated as foreign bodies in society. Disability is seen as a disease which creates barriers and strengthens stigma. The worst form of discrimination in the life of the Church is the lack of spiritual care, including denial of access to the sacraments. The difficulties experienced by disabled people have been further aggravated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. It has condemned many people to stay locked within the four walls of their own home or care facility, without access to remote education tools and contact with their loved ones.

Francis made a special appeal to the disabled, asking them for prayer. He wrote that, "Prayer is a mission open to everyone and I would like to entrust it to you in a special way. There is no one so weak that he cannot pray, praise the Lord, give glory to God's holy name, and intercede for the salvation of the world. Especially in the pandemic that has shown how we are all weak and confused, we are called to row together. The first way to do this is through prayer. We can all do it, even if, like Moses, we need support (cf. Ex 17:10), we are sure that the Lord will hear our request."

According to the World Health Organization, around one billion people worldwide live with some form of disability. In addition, the group of people affected by this reality increases in the case of aging societies, where age-related limitations are experienced by an ever-wider segment of the population.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed second week of Advent!

*Bishop Wes*



## Responsorial Psalm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### Santo (by José Paulo Abreu)

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)**

## EU withdraws Communication Manual which Dropped Use of Word "Christmas"

(Excerpt by Massimiliano Menichetti, *Vatican News* online, 30 November 2021)

A European Commission document calling for the use of "inclusive" language will be rewritten after it generated controversy. Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, says "this is not the way to fight discrimination." A manual for communication for EU institutions aimed at avoiding discrimination and promoting inclusivity has been withdrawn. The controversial document, titled "Union of Equality," recommended the expression "holiday period" instead of "Christmas period," and, in order to guarantee the right of "every person to be treated equally," preferred that a more generic "Ms." be used in the place of "Miss or Mrs." Not only that, the document proposed that names typical to a specific religion such as "Mary" and "John" not be used anymore. Helena Dalli, EU Commissioner for Equality, announced the withdrawal of the manual on Tuesday, noting that the document will be revised to reflect concerns raised by several parties.

### Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<u>Lector(s)</u>	D. Mahoney	A. Rodrigues	D. Gaspar	N. Pimentel
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	E. Wicks	R. Lopes		D. Mutch
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	T. Furtado	H. Furtado	Z. Moniz
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	F. DaPonte	D. Rego	A. M. Silva	C. Veloso
<u>Church Flowers</u>	Connie Frias			<b>VOLUNTEER</b>