

Saint Patrick's Church

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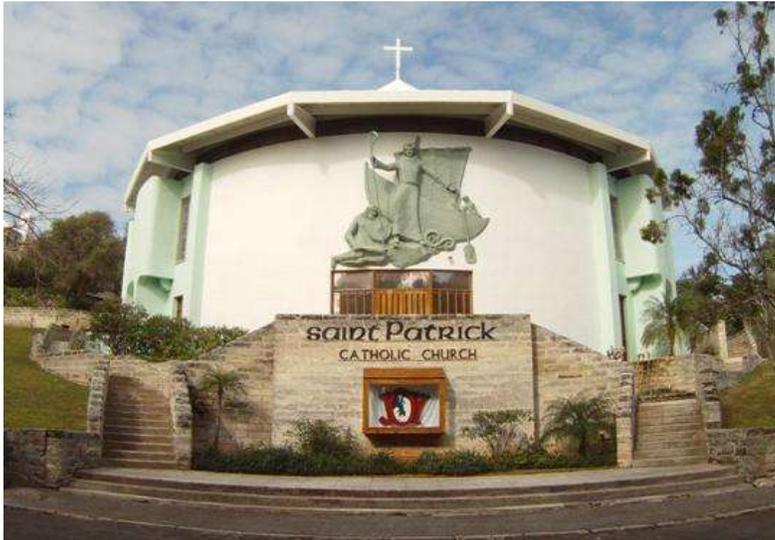
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 6:00 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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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

18th January 2026
2nd 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

The servants of God are lights to the world – there is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the Light of the world, but he also desires that His followers bring His true light to the world.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	17th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	18th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Deacon Edward Outerbridge ✠ Agnes Kelly ✠ Isabel MacNeil ✠ Neily O'Sullivan ✠ Anne Margaret Plowman
		11:00 a.m.	✠ José Cabral Rodrigues
Mon.	19th	8:00 a.m.	✠ LaVerne Lau
Tue.	20th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Virginia Rombeiro
Wed.	21st	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	22nd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Agnes Kelly
Fri.	23rd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Raul Clementino & Deceased Family
Sat.	24th	6:00 p.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun.	25th	9:00 a.m.	✠ João Manuel Veloso ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Periera Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ José & Maria Botelho
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Maria Faria ✠ Tony Faria



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Weekly Stewardship Thought

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as His servant from the womb..." ~ Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts and a different plan. It is important to remember this and to not compare yourself to others, or allow envy or jealousy to enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts that God has given to YOU, and become the saint that God is calling YOU to be.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$5,422.00
Offerings to Date:	\$10,171.00
Target Offerings (Week 2):	\$7,600.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$26.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded whenever 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.** Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details do not always appear on our end, particularly for funds received from HSBC and Clarien Bank. Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

"Children in the Church"

I believe that children are not a disturbance in the church; they are a sign that the church is alive. Their laughter, their cries, and their little footsteps remind us that God's house is not a museum for the perfect, but a home for generations being raised in His presence. When we see children in the church, even when they are restless, it is a testimony that God's presence continues to reach the hearts of the people.

However, the absence of children in the church is far more troubling than their noise. It means the future is growing silent, and faith is not being passed down. Jesus Himself welcomed the children, saying, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* He saw their value, their innocence, and their place in His kingdom.

Let us, therefore, rejoice whenever children fill the sanctuary inside the church. Their presence is the sound of tomorrow's worshippers, tomorrow's preachers, and tomorrow's intercessors. A church with noisy children in it is a living church, and where there is life, there is hope, and where there is hope, Christ is alive and at work within us.

Hearing the noise of children in the church is a far better sound than the sound of no children in the church.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Holy See Collection – January 17 & 18

As a bond of unity and charity with churches all throughout the world, Canon Law 1271 annually requires bishops in every diocese worldwide to financially help the apostolic works of the Holy See through a special collection, which we will be taking up in all local parishes this weekend. Please use the specially marked envelopes for your donations. Alternatively, you can contribute online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Please include a note in the memo field such as "Holy See" and advise the Rectory office by email to ensure proper allocation.



2026 Memberships

It's time to renew (or sign-up!) for the 2026 St. Patrick's 100 Club. Deposit the \$100 annual fee in cash or cheque into a specially marked envelope and drop it into the collections basket, or pay online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Remember to put a note in the memo field such as "100 Club" and follow-up with an email to the Rectory office for allocation purposes.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Bishop Wes would like to advise the Diocese that from January 18 – 25, 2026, the Christian world will celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with the theme of “One Body, One Spirit.” On Sunday, January 25, Nick Dill, Bishop of the Anglican Church of Bermuda, will be the Guest Preacher for the occasion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in St. Theresa’s. All are welcome to attend!



Prayer List for the Sick

Please help to ensure our weekly Prayer List is kept up to date. If you know someone on the current list who no longer requires immediate prayer, or if you would like to add a loved one’s name to the list, please call the Rectory during office hours, or send an email to: stpats@logic.bm.

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
Mickey Johnson	Maria de Lima
Jo Frith	Carole Scraders
Carol Melanson	Shirley Love
Liz Weaver	Carol Maitland
Bill Tatem	



Synodal Bible Study

Fr. Joe is leading a new format of Bible study inspired by the method of Spiritual Conversion used during the Synod on Synodality with text from the Sacred Scriptures in a structured small group setting emphasizing listening, discernment, and community, with the aim to foster a deeper connection with Scripture and with each other. It takes place at St. Michael’s every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Pastor’s office. Parking is available behind the church, and make sure to bring along your Catholic Bible. This is free and open to anyone in the Diocese who is interested. For questions, please contact Fr. Joe at 705-0236.



Catholic Schools Week

Please see the below note which MSA would like to share with our parishioners:

Mount Saint Agnes Academy, Bermuda’s only Catholic school, will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 25 to February 1, with the theme “United in Faith and Community.” At MSA, faith and learning go hand-in-hand as we form servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens. We thank you for your support. Look for us at Masses across the island on January 31 and February 1! www.msa.bm

ParishSOFT Reminder

It’s a new year... has any of your information changed? Did you recently move, get married, or have a baby? Maybe you transferred from another local parish? If so, please take a moment to complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found at the entrance to the church. This will ensure that we have your most up-to-date details on file in our Diocesan software system called ParishSOFT. Some parishioners have been attending St. Patrick’s Church for many years and are still not registered! **Even if you regularly attend Mass, the church may be limited in its ability to act on your behalf if you are not a registered parishioner in our ParishSOFT system.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Movie Afternoon – January 25



The St. Patrick’s Social Committee is pleased to bring you our first parish social event for 2026! Next **Sunday, January 25**, they will be hosting a FREE movie afternoon in the Church Hall starting at 3:00 p.m. “The Encounter” is a highly praised Christian film released in 2011 which follows five strangers stranded in a California diner whose owner reveals himself to be Jesus and attempts to help each of them face the truth in their lives. The run time is approximately 1.5 hours and the rating is PG. Popcorn and cold drinks will be available for purchase. Please sign-up at the church entrance if you plan to attend so that the committee can prepare accordingly.

Smile for the Day!

A Sunday School teacher had just told her class the story of Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus fleeing into Egypt to escape King Herod. She then asked her students to draw a picture about the story. She came to a little boy’s drawing and was slightly puzzled to see that he had drawn a picture of an airplane, so she asked him to explain. He responded, “Well, this is the ‘Flight into Egypt’ and at the back of the plane are Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus.” The teacher then pointed to a stick figure leaning out of the cockpit of the airplane and asked him, “And who is this person?” “Oh, that’s Pontius the Pilot!”



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today’s world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

The Bishop's Corner – Extraordinary Consistory

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Last week, Pope Leo XIV held his first extraordinary consistory calling the cardinals to Rome to experience a time of spiritual discernment in unity and to warn against the temptation to place personal interests ahead of the common good. This extraordinary consistory, distinct from ordinary consistories, which are more limited and more frequent, was planned to take place immediately after the Jubilee of Hope in order to offer support and advice to the Pope in the exercise of his arduous responsibility of governing the Church.

“We gather not to promote personal or group ‘agendas’ but to entrust our plans and inspirations to a discernment that transcends us – ‘as the heavens are higher than the earth’ – and which comes only from the Lord,” he said in his homily during the Mass he celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica with the cardinals, convened to help him make decisions about the future of the Catholic Church.

Pope Leo XIV urged the cardinals to experience the Eucharist as the place where this discernment is purified and transformed, asking them to place all their “hopes and ideas upon the altar. Only in this way will we truly know how to listen to His voice and to welcome it through the gift that we are to one another – which is the very reason we have gathered.”

I wish to recall once more Pope Leo’s words: “We gather not to promote personal or group ‘agendas’ but to entrust our plans and inspirations to a discernment that transcends us and which comes only from the Lord.” In my view, the promotion of personal or group ‘agendas’ is one of the main problems we face not only in the Church as a whole, but also within our Diocese and our parishes. This often leads to inefficiency in our planning and in our actions.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

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

24th & 25th January 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M.DaCosta, M.DeSilva & VOLUNTEER	A.Rodrigues, L.DeFrias & VOLUNTEER	K.Garcia, S.Mutch & VOLUNTEER
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	H. Tavares	N. Pimentel
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	D. Mutch
Mass Server(s)	J. Every	R. Carreon	J. Lema & F. Virbert
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	T. Botelho & C. Moss	C. Veloso & O. de Frias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	G. & J. Blee	J. & L. Amaral
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		