

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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Rev. Vladimir Sobolewski, CR

Pastor

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop: Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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Mr. José Amaral

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Representative

Mrs. Kimberley Güntl

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

First Holy Communion Class

Tuesdays in hall
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays in hall
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

MAMA

Fridays in Hall 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

PORTUGUESE MASS

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. preceded by the Rosary, Devotion or Stations of the Cross

BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church

CCD

Every Saturday during the school year
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church Hall
(Grades 6, 7 & 8 ONLY)

26th March 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year A



Introduction

My friends, today's Gospel is so familiar that we may fail to listen to it. Try listening today for the three necessary elements of living a good life. Let us prepare ourselves to listen, quieting our minds, opening our hearts and standing together humbly before God as we admit our failings and promise our prayers for each other.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 25 6:00 p.m. † Hortencia Lima
Sun. 26 9:00 a.m. † José daConceição Melo
† José Luis DaSilva
† Connie Burgess
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon. 27 8:00 a.m. † Maria daConceição Frias DaPonte
Burgess ("Connie")
Tue. 28 8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 29 8:00 a.m. † Michael DeCosta
Thurs. 30 8:00 a.m. † Antonio José Gaspar
Fri. 31 8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 1 6:00 p.m. † Mark Doe
Sun. 2 9:00 a.m. † Manuel & Maria José Pacheco
† Frank Alves & Deceased Family
† Mary DeSilva
† Connie Burgess
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Stewardship Treasure

Sunday Offering Last Weekend: \$2,921.00
Target Offerings (Week 12): \$42,000.00
Sunday Offerings to Date: \$38,926.50
Poor Box: \$128.00



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Sunday Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Facebook & Diocesan Website

Read the weekly bulletin and notices on St. Patrick's Facebook and visit www.romancatholicbermuda.bm for information from the Chancery and Parish churches and to hear Bishop Wes' reflections and live-streamed Mass.

Pastor's Reflection

Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent, next week is Palm Sunday which is also called *Passion Sunday*, and finally *Holy Week* that will reach its peak on *Easter Sunday*. The central theme of today's Scripture Readings is the resurrection and the life. Life and death, hope and despair are the key phrases that sum up the message of this Sunday. In the Gospel Reading of today from St. John, we have the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, bringing him back to life. Jesus speaks about himself, that he is the resurrection and the life. This miracle leads us to believe in resurrection and new life which exists in Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Nothing in life is more certain than death. Yet, many people ask, *After death, what?* Why this question? Perhaps because death is the end of our plans and aspirations in life. Perhaps because of the thought of permanent separation from our loved ones. Perhaps because of the uncertainty about what lies beyond. Or perhaps because we just cannot accept the undeniable signs of our mortality, namely, sickness, pain and deterioration - physically, emotionally and psychologically.

Jesus, who says I am the resurrection and the life, gives meaning to our pains, trials and even death. When we accept all these in faith and love, then our many other deaths acquire a special meaning. For when we centre our life in Jesus, when we begin to die to our selfishness and live for others, then Jesus will be glorified in us. This is what it means to rise in glory with him even now.

As followers of Jesus, we believe in the resurrection of the dead; that death is not the end of everything. Rather, it is just a passage into eternal life and that the life hereafter is only a continuation of this life. But this life after death could be ours only on one condition, namely, to believe in Jesus, *"He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*



Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church - Update

Fr. Vladimir will **not** be hearing confession on **Monday, March 27 or Thursday, March 30**; however, he will be offering a final chance for individual reconciliation during Lent on **Monday, April 3, from 7 – 8 p.m.**

Confession will be available on Saturdays as usual from **5 – 5:30 p.m.**



Stations of the Cross and Adoration – Thursdays at 7 p.m. – St. Patrick's

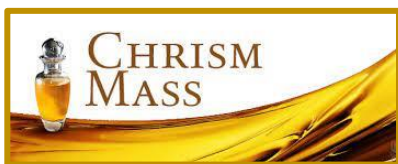
Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church each **Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are encouraged to attend either or both devotions as part of your Lenten practice.

Lunchtime Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral

Mass will be celebrated each day of Lent, Monday through Friday, at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Diocesan Lenten Penitential Services: March 28 & 30

Parishioners from across the Island are invited to attend a Diocesan Penitential Service at **St. Anthony's Church**, Warwick, on **Tuesday, March 28, from 4 - 6 p.m.** A second Penitential Service will take place at **St. Theresa's Cathedral** on **Thursday, March 30 from 6 - 8 p.m.** Make this devotional time a part of your Lenten experience.



St. Theresa's Cathedral – Tuesday, April 4

Each year during Holy Week a special Mass is celebrated at Cathedrals worldwide at which three types of oil (chrism) are blessed and priests renew their commitment. The Mass of the Chrism will take place on **Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Cathedral.** Please come out and show your support for our Bishop and clergy.



Ecumenical Stations of the Cross – April 19

The Catholic community is invited to join with our Anglican brothers and sisters at a special **Ecumenical Service on Good Friday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Victoria Park.** Anglican Bishop Nicholas Dill and our own Bishop Wes will lead the gathering in prayers and through the Stations of the Cross. Please come out in support.



Pre-Marriage Preparation 2023

All couples planning to marry in a Catholic church either in Bermuda or overseas within the next eighteen months are required to make an appointment to meet with their Pastor. If you are a parishioner of St. Patrick's Church, please call Fr. Vladimir at 236-9866 ext. 1# to discuss your wedding plans.



St. Patrick's Scholarship Fund

Application forms for the 2023-2024 academic year will be available in the Sacristy on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 1 and 2.** Please complete the application form - **in full** – before submitting to the Selection Committee by the Thursday, June 1, 2023 deadline.



Welcome!

This weekend we are happy to welcome through the sacrament of Baptism, twin sisters, **Soleia Marie and Neisia Rose Bizarro Arruda**, children of Dijon and Sandra and little sisters for Samila and Navia. May their family and godparents always support and guide them in their journey of faith.



MSA – 'Boots & Bubbly' Fundraiser –

April 15

Tickets are now available for the MSA Country-Western fundraiser on **Saturday, April 15**, starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Enjoy live music with Ronnie Lopes and TRS and the Silvertones and end the evening with dancing to The Travelers. A silent auction and tombola raffle will be held. Visit: MountSaintAgnesAcademy@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com to purchase your tickets.



Easter Flower Donations Deadline: April 4

Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church for Easter flower donations in memory of loved ones. Deadline for the Rectory office to receive names for inclusion in the Easter bulletin is **Tuesday, April 4.**



Sign-Up Sheets for Holy Week

Thank you very much to the parishioners who have signed up to serve in the Holy Week Masses; however, we need more help – especially Altar Servers! And

Lectors for the Easter Vigil. Sign-up sheets are located on the counter at the entrance to the Church for anyone wishing to serve in the various ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please volunteer. Thank you.

Bingo Lunch -- MSA – March 26

The Portuguese Parish Council invites you to a **Bingo Lunch on Sunday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the MSA Auditorium.** Tickets: \$40 adults and \$20 children. Call 705-1422 or e-mail: isaurabp@hotmail.com.



No More Egg Cartons Needed



The volunteers of the St. Patrick's Meal Program would like to thank everyone who dropped off egg cartons over the last few weeks. They now have enough cartons for their deliveries and do not need any more at this time.

Apartment Needed for Senior Lady

A single senior has been actively looking for an unfurnished one-bedroom or studio apartment within walking distance to the bus route and, ideally, centrally-located. Her budget is around \$1,300 per month. Please contact David Mutch at 591-2468 for a referral or for more information.

Smile for the Day!

Q: What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu?

A: *One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment.*



The Bishop's Corner – Administrative Matters

Dear Fellow-Catholics:

I would like to dedicate this Bishop's Corner to a few administrative matters.

First of all, I want you to know that the present policy of our Diocese regarding both the RCIA and Pre-Marriage preparation programmes, is that they will be done in the parish of belonging/registration and led by the Pastor of the Parish.

I also want to inform you that, on the 22nd of March 2023, I formally appointed Fr. Dandy Traje, C.P. to be responsible for the Filipino ministry in our Diocese and to be the chaplain for Couples for Christ and Family Ministry. Additionally, I have appointed Fr. Dandy to be the representative in our Diocese for the Pontifical Mission Societies. I wish him God's blessing, strength and wisdom in these ministries!

At the same time, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Vladimir Sobolewski, C.R., for the many years of his ministry as the representative of the Pontifical Mission Societies, and to Rev. Joe Morley for the many years of his chaplaincy to the Couples for Christ and Family Ministry. Thank you very much!

Have a restful 5th Sunday of Lent and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 5th Sunday of Lent

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With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of ___ re - demp-tion.

Santo (by José Paulo Abreu) 9:00 a.m. Mass only
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)

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!

United Nations: World Water Day – 22 March (<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day/message>)

Water is the lifeblood of our world. From health and nutrition, to education and infrastructure, water is vital to every aspect of human survival and wellbeing, and the economic development and prosperity of every nation. But drop by drop, this precious lifeblood is being poisoned by pollution and drained by vampiric overuse, with water demand expected to exceed supply by 40 per cent by decade's end. The theme of this year's World Water Day reminds us of the cost of these failures on the billions of people who lack access to safe water and sanitation. This year's World Water Day reminds us of our individual and collective roles to protect and sustainably use and manage humanity's lifeblood for present and future generations.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

1st & 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	6:00 p.m.		9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
<u>Lector(s)</u>	K. Wicks	S. Sousa	J. Blee / A. Rodrigues / D. Gaspar	N. Pimentel	K. Onen	
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	E. Wicks		R. Lopes	J. Roberts		
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	J. Every		VOLUNTEER	J. Lema		
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	R. Simas	M. Simas	D. DeFrias	J. Smith	A. Tomaz	C. Veloso
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Berlo Family		D. DeFrias & Family	J. & L. Amaral		