

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 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
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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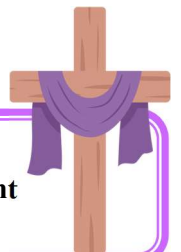
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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
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 Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we too can be transformed, leading holy lives to which He calls us. Filled with His light and goodness, we will shine with His glory in this life and in the world to come.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	28th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	1st	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Manuel Lima ✠ Daniel DeFrias
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Edward Gouveia-DeSousa
Mon.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Rosalina Payong ✠ Bartolome Payong
Tue.	3rd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John, Connie & Joe Correia ✠ William DeMello
Wed.	4th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Adam Tavares ✠ All Souls in Purgatory
Thu.	5th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Fri.	6th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Sat.	7th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva ✠ Germana deSilva ✠ Leonor Pacheco ✠ Maya Doppelreiter
Sun.	8th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Deceased Members of the Leseur, Tatem & Sinclair Families ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Harry & Shirley Fox
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,340.00
Offerings to Date:	\$30,774.00
Target Offerings (Week 8):	\$30,400.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$288.00
Ash Wednesday Collection:	\$552.00

Pastoral Reflection

The Significance of No Meat on Fridays in Lent

On Fridays during the season of Lent, most of us know that the Church requires us to abstain from eating meat specifically, but many people have questions about this. They ask, "Why meat? Why not sweets? Why not carbs? Why not something else?" It can feel random, but it certainly is not random. The significance is historical, biblical, and spiritual.

From ancient times, meat was the food of celebration. Throughout the Scriptures, whenever there was a feast, there was an animal that was killed. Think about the story of the Prodigal Son, for example. When he returned home, his father did not bring out vegetables for everyone to eat. He instructed that the fattened calf be killed. Meat meant joy, abundance, and festivity.

So, when the Church removes meat from our diet on Fridays during Lent, she is not attacking nutrition. Instead, she is removing the idea of feasting. Friday was the day of Christ's passion and death. It is not a day of celebration. It is a day of remembrance. The early Christians understood this deeply. Long before Lent developed into its current form, believers fasted on Fridays. They avoided meat as a sign of penance and solidarity with the suffering of Christ.

There is also symbolism in eating meat as it comes from the flesh of a living creature. Abstaining from it became a small way of disciplining the appetite and stepping back from richness and indulgence. It teaches willpower: "You do not control me." What many people miss is the fact that the Church does not choose meat because it is sinful; she chooses it because it is meaningful. Penance must be concrete. If sacrifice is vague, it disappears. By specifying something clearly, the Church forms unity. Millions of Catholics in different cultures all around the world make the same small sacrifice on the same day. It binds us together in memory.

Still, some try to reduce it to a loophole: "So I can eat an expensive seafood platter and it still counts?" That misses the spirit. The law gives us the minimum. Love goes further. The point is not to find the most luxurious substitute. The point is to remember the Cross.

When the Church focuses on abstaining from eating meat specifically, she is teaching us discipline, unity, and memory. Not because the eating of meat is evil, but because love remembers. And Friday is never just Friday.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



100 Club Memberships for 2026

It's that time... time to renew your annual membership to the St. Patrick's 100 Club! This successful FUNdraising initiative has helped to support the ongoing costs associated with church maintenance and parish projects for over 10 years! Each member contributes \$100 and monthly cash prize draws are held from April through to October. The 100 Club cash prizes total 40% of the subscriptions collected with the remaining 60% donated to the parish. Renew your membership today for a chance to be one of the lucky winners! Deposit the \$100 annual fee in cash or by cheque into a specially marked envelope and drop it into the collections basket, or transfer it online to St. Patrick's at **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100** with a follow-up email to the Rectory office for allocation purposes. New members to the club are welcome! Contact David Mutch at 591-2468 or davidgamutch@gmail.com for more information on how you can sign-up.

Portuguese Mass

Due to Bishop Wes' unexpected trip to Port of Spain to meet with their Tribunal for Causes of Saints, and with the Apostolic Nuncio, please be advised that there will be NO Portuguese Mass this Wednesday, March 4 at St. Patrick's.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's Church every Thursday evening at **6:30 p.m.** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to come and join this sacred time of devotion.

Portuguese Lenten Retreat – March 15

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Diocese will have a special Lenten Retreat Day for our Portuguese community. We will be hosting Fr. Vando Marques Gomes, Parish Priest of St. Helen's in "Little Portugal" in Toronto, Canada. On Sunday, March 15, Fr. Vando will preside at the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Theresa's, and will be available for confessions later that day in St. Theresa's from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lent Mid-day Masses

Please be advised that the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral will be celebrated every weekday (Monday through Friday) during the season of Lent. On Fridays, it will be preceded by the Stations of the Cross.

Reminder: Parish Registration Forms

If you are new to Bermuda, have transferred from another local parish, or your family/contact details have changed (i.e. address, phone number, new baby etc.), please be sure to complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the counter at the entrance to the church. You can also locate it online under the "Useful Links" section of the Diocesan website (www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) to fill in and submit electronically to the Rectory office. **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 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	Dylan Peart
Manuel Gonçalves	Christine Eldridge
Denise Somerville	Trish Walsh
Debbie Sampson	Maria de Lima
Mickey Johnson	Carole Scraders
Jo Frith	Shirley Love
Carol Melanson	Carol Maitland
Liz Weaver	Jackie Jordan
Bill Tatem	Gary Ascento
Andrew Card	



St. Patrick's Dinner BINGO

Save the date for our Dinner BINGO on **Saturday, March 21 at 7:15 p.m.** (immediately following the Vigil Mass) in the Church Hall for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship to celebrate the Feast of our Parish's Patron Saint! We will have a variety of great raffles, and all of the BINGO winners will receive cash prizes! Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children aged 12 and under which includes a full dinner, tea/coffee, and two BINGO cards. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and we will be continuing our tradition of a community dessert table. If you are able to contribute, please use the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the church to note what you will be bringing. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact any member of the Parish Council or Social Committee. Ticket sales will begin next week and must be purchased in advance of the event. Be sure to get yours early so you don't miss out!

March Celebrations

This weekend, Fr. Vivien would like to recognize all of our parishioners who celebrate milestones during the month of March. If you have a birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion this month, you are invited to come forward after Mass to receive a blessing.



Smile for the Day!



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Leo to Priests of Rome

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Leo held the usual Lenten meeting with the priests of the Diocese of Rome. After the Pontiff delivered a speech inviting them to “rekindle the fire” of their ministry, an off-camera discussion followed during which he responded to spontaneous questions.

In response to a question about how the Gospel can be embodied in the world of young people, the Pope said: “First of all, what is needed is the witness of the priest. Then, when meeting young people, priests must broaden their horizons in order to reach as many of them as possible. For this, it is necessary to rediscover the value of communion.” He also recommended knowing well “the community in which one lives and works. It is necessary to know the reality well. To love your community, you must know it. Therefore, a genuine shared effort is needed to understand it better and thus face together all the challenges that arise.”

The Pope then invited the priests to engage fully in real life and called for vigilance when confronted with artificial intelligence and internet use. He warned against the temptation to prepare homilies with artificial intelligence. “Like all the muscles in the body, if we do not use them, if we do not exercise them, they die. The brain needs to be used; our intelligence must also be exercised so as not to lose this capacity. To give a true homily is to share faith and AI will never be able to share faith,” he said.

One question was more reflective: “Today, as priests, many are unable to rejoice in the success of a fellow priest, and many experience loneliness. We are all human, but we should set a good example, especially the example of priestly fraternity.” He dwelt at length on how to cultivate priestly friendship and reaffirmed “the need for fraternity, for the joy of being together. We must give thanks and truly live in gratitude for the fact of being priests, from the day of our ordination every single day. We must thank God for this great gift and live the priesthood with gratitude, and here a great deal of humility is also required.”

Have a serene weekend and a blessed Lent!

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)

Mystery of Faith (sung in English during Lent only)

Save us, save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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

7th & 8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M.DaCosta, A.Bento & VOLUNTEER	A. Rodrigues & F. Medeiros	K. Garcia & Z. Moniz
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	R. da Silva & L. Frias	N. Pimentel
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Mathias
Mass Server(s)	J. Every & F. Virbert	R. Carreon	C. & V. Easton
Hospitality Ministers	M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair	T. Botelho & L. DeFrias	C. Veloso & O. de Frias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	T. Medeiros & Family	A. Tomaz & VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Connie Frias		