

# 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

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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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**Nancy da Silva**  
Parish Council Chair  
538-8424

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

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**

**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

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.

## Mass Intentions

|      |      |            |                                                          |
|------|------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. | 15th | 6:00 p.m.  | ✠ Harry & Shirley Fox                                    |
| Sun. | 16th | 9:00 a.m.  | ✠ José & Maria Botelho                                   |
|      |      |            | ✠ Luis DaPonte Jr.                                       |
|      |      |            | ✠ Daniel DeFrias                                         |
|      |      | 11:00 a.m. | ✠ Noel Gonsalves                                         |
| Mon. | 17th | 8:00 a.m.  | Parishioners of St. Patrick's                            |
| Tue. | 18th | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ Mickey & Marcia Adderley                               |
| Wed. | 19th | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ LaVerne Lau                                            |
| Thu. | 20th | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ José Rebelo                                            |
| Fri. | 21st | 8:00 a.m.  | ✠ All Souls in Purgatory                                 |
| Sat. | 22nd | 6:00 p.m.  | ✠ José, Sarah, Joey & Lisa Pacheco                       |
|      |      |            | ✠ José G. Amaral, Maria dos Anjos Faries & Andrew Faries |
| Sun. | 23rd | 9:00 a.m.  | ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents                                  |
|      |      |            | ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Periera Raposo & Daughter Suzann     |
|      |      | 11:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Patrick's                            |



## Weekly Stewardship Thought

*"Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."*

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it, but through their words and actions, others take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results, which causes others to then desire this in their own lives. Remember, the way you live your life might be the only interaction that someone may have with our Catholic faith.

## Stewardship of Treasure

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Offerings Last Weekend:     | \$2,600.00   |
| Offerings to Date:          | \$163,204.00 |
| Target Offerings (Week 45): | \$171,000.00 |
| Poor Box Last Weekend:      | \$423.00     |



### 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.** Thank you!

## Pastoral Reflection

### *"Candles: Light That Speaks"*

Many Catholics light candles at every Mass but have never stopped to ask, *why?*

Why do we place candles on the altar? Why do we light them beside the tabernacle, before sacred images, and after the Mass? Because a candle is not a decoration, it is a sermon in flame.

Every candle that burns in the Church says something. It speaks the language of sacrifice. It says, *"To give light, I must let myself be consumed."*

The candle burns quietly, without complaint, giving everything until nothing remains. That's what love looks like. That's why the Church surrounds her worship with light, not to impress the eyes, but to remind the soul what true holiness costs.

In the early Church, candles symbolized the presence of Christ, "the Light of the world." At every Mass, their glow reminds us that darkness has already been defeated. And when they burn beside the tabernacle, they whisper to us: *"He is here."*

The candle's wax, pure and white, represents Christ's spotless body. The wick stands for His soul. And the fire represents His divine nature, burning in love until death.

When you light a candle before a statue or an image, you are not lighting it "for luck." You are joining your prayer to that flame, letting it continue to speak before God even after you've gone. The candle keeps praying when your words fall silent.

So, the next time that you see the candles flickering on the altar, remember that they are not there to decorate the sanctuary; they are there to impart the light of Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP  
Parish Priest



### Diocesan Collection for Jamaica

In accordance with the recommendation of the Antilles Episcopal Conference (AEC) of which our Diocese is a member, there will be a Special Collection taken up for Jamaica in all of our parishes on **November 29 & 30**.

Let us respond as one family of faith with the care and compassion that our Jamaican brothers and sisters so desperately need as a result of the devastating effects of Category 5 Hurricane Melissa, the most powerful storm to ever make landfall in Jamaica. Marked envelopes will be available for your donations. Please give generously!



### SVDP Christmas Food Vouchers

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Bermuda will be providing Christmas food vouchers once again this year for those less fortunate in our community and would like your help in registering people of our parish who are in need of assistance. Please advise SVDP of the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in the event that they need to follow up with you. You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail. Alternatively, you can speak directly with our SVDP Parish Representative, Joe Amaral. The deadline for SVDP to receive all names is **Monday, December 1.**



### Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

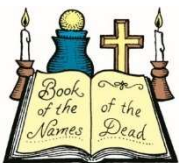
The season of giving will soon be upon us, and the Bermuda branch of Prison Fellowship (Registered Charity #300) is seeking the kind assistance from our parishioners once again in order to purchase Christmas gifts for the children of our locally incarcerated men and women through their annual Angel Tree program. At the entrance to the church, you will find "ornament" tags posted on the Angel Tree board. Each tag has a child's Christmas gift wish list on it. If you would like to participate in this initiative, please take a tag from the tree and complete the sign-out sheet so we can ensure accurate tracking for all tags. Purchase and wrap the gift, attach the tag to the outside, and return it to the church before the deadline of **Sunday, November 30.** If you take a tag and are unable to purchase/return the gift before the deadline, please advise the Rectory office so we can make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your stewardship!

### Portuguese Mass

Please be advised that the weekly Portuguese Mass held at St. Patrick's Church every Wednesday evening will be celebrated one hour earlier **now starting at 6:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, November 12** throughout the winter months.

### Diocesan Retreat: November 17 – 19

Please be reminded that the annual Diocesan Retreat takes place in St. Theresa's Hall next **Monday to Wednesday, November 17 to 19.** There will be two identical sessions each day at either **2:00 p.m.** or **7:00 p.m.** lasting 1.5 hours. Every day will cover a different part of the main topic which focuses on Conversation in the Spirit & Communal Discernment, facilitated by Fr. Peter McIsaac. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for more information.



### Book of the Names of the Dead

At the base of the statue of St. Patrick, you will find our parish's *Book of the Names of the Dead* which has been inscribed with the names of our parishioners who died during the past year. Please continue to add the names of your relatives and friends who have also passed away into the book, and throughout the month of November, we will remember all of these souls in our prayers.

### Prayer List

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:



Paula Madeiros  
Joe Pacheco  
Manuel Gonçalves  
Dorothy Gonsalves  
Karen Fleisher  
Denise Somerville  
Laurida Souza Bulhões  
Debbie Sampson  
Jo Frith

Carol Melanson  
Liz Weaver  
Bill Tatem  
Andrew Card  
Dylan Peart  
Christine Eldridge  
Irene Pickering  
Nancy Madeiros  
Lynne Sinclair

### Mass Intentions

The Rectory office is accepting requests to book 2026 Mass intentions for your loved ones. Please remember that intentions for multiple bookers are available for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass only. A cash stipend of \$15.00 is suggested for each Mass which can be given directly to Fr. Vivien on the day of the Mass. If you prefer to pay online, please remember to advise the Rectory office of your transfer so the funds can be appropriately allocated.

### Christmas BINGO

St. Joseph's Church in Somerset will hold their annual Christmas BINGO on **Saturday, December 6** in their Parish Centre starting at **6:30 p.m.** The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids which includes soup, sandwiches, dessert, and two BINGO cards. For tickets, call Liz Card at 234-0872, or email: [lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com](mailto:lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com).

### Congratulations, Aika!

This weekend, we are pleased to welcome **Aika Francine Bejer Osená**, daughter of Lean & Catherine, in the Sacrament of Baptism. May faith be a guiding light along her journey with support from her parents, godparents, and this Catholic community!



### Blessing of the Children

With this Sunday being the third of the month, Fr. Vivien welcomes all of the young people to come forward after Mass to receive a special blessing.

### Reminder: Request for Photos of Fr. Vladimir

Fr. Vladimir will soon be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination! Do you have any photos of him during his time in Bermuda? If so, **please send them directly to him** to assist with the creation of a collage to mark this special occasion. His email is: [wloleksobolewski1@gmail.com](mailto:wloleksobolewski1@gmail.com).

### Smile for the Day!





## The Bishop's Corner – Princess Catherine on Attentive Relationships

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In a recent essay published by the *Centre for Early Childhood*, Catherine, Princess of Wales, reflected on what she calls the most precious yet hardest gift to give: our undivided attention.

It sounds simple, even ordinary, but as the Princess points out, in a world that never stops scrolling, being truly present has become a rare act of love. It's a reflection that many parents struggle with today. In fact, while many end up feeling dissatisfied and full of guilt, they can't help but succumb to the lure of the screen. Interestingly, the British royal observes a modern paradox: We've never been more "connected," yet so often feel alone. She notes that even when we're with the people we love, our minds are elsewhere, lost in a screen, a worry, or a to-do list.

She draws on research from the long-running *Harvard Study of Adult Development*, which found that the greatest predictor of happiness and health isn't wealth or success, but the quality of our relationships. Yet genuine relationships require attention, and attention takes practice. "We are all guilty of being half-present," she admits, "and yet it is through genuine connection that children and adults alike flourish."

The Princess' essay ends with a gentle challenge, one that feels especially timely: If we want a more compassionate world, we can start by giving our full attention to the person right in front of us.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*



**Pope Leo XIV**  
@ Pontifex

The Lord will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve the people most in need. The greater the love for the poor, the greater the reward from God.

### **Santo, Santo, Santo** (Holy, Holy, Holy) – 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) – 9:00 a.m. Mass only

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

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

|                              | 6:00 p.m.                             | 9:00 a.m.                              | 11:00 a.m.                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Communion Ministers</b>   | M.DaCosta, S.Mutch & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> | F.Medeiros, C.Frias & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> | Z.Moniz, M.Squire & <b>VOLUNTEER</b> |
| <b>Lector(s)</b>             | C. Berlo                              | A. Rodrigues & D. Gaspar               | N. Pimentel                          |
| <b>Song Leader</b>           | D. Mutch                              | R. Lopes                               | J. Roberts                           |
| <b>Mass Server(s)</b>        | J. Every                              | H. Furtado                             | C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria          |
| <b>Hospitality Ministers</b> | M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair             | J. Furtado & C. Moss                   | K. Garcia & K. Onen                  |
| <b>Gift Bearers</b>          | Sinclair Family                       | G. & J. Blee                           | O. de Frias & Family                 |
| <b>Flowers Ministry:</b>     | Maria Luisa Pacheco                   |                                        |                                      |