

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 7:00 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 1, 2, 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 (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
Parish Priest
292-0607 Ext 4

Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Parish Deacon
236-3171

Mrs. Becky DaPonte
Parish Council Chair
292-7589

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

Mr. David Mutch
Parish Finance Committee Chair
293-5506

Mr. Joe Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep
535-0002

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

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

29th September 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Introduction

Today, Jesus tells us “Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it.” If something in our life is leading us into sin, and away from God, that something needs to be abandoned like the dead weight it is. We heed similar advice from coaches looking to improve our game, and mentors looking to improve our performance. How much more valuable are these words from the Lord, who desires to improve our life for us to share it with Him forever?

Mass Intentions

Sat.	28th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sun.	29th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ Maria Simas ✠ Laureano Castro
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick’s
Mon.	30th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	1st	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	3rd	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	4th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros ✠ Jeffrey Castro ✠ Laureano Castro
Sat.	5th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia ✠ William DeMello
Sun.	6th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel & Maria José Pacheco ✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros ✠ Mary DeSilva
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Couto Medeiros



Weekly Stewardship Thought

When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus?
When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus?
We are all made in God’s image and likeness. Once we realize this, gratitude and generosity become easier.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,623.00
Offerings to Date:	\$146,708.25
Target Offerings (Week 38):	\$133,000.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$28.00



Altar Servers Needed!

We are still in desperate need of Altar Servers, particularly for our 6:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please encourage anyone you know that has received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to explore this meaningful way to participate in the Mass. As Deacon Matthew noted... there is no upper age limit!

Pastoral Reflection

“Diversity... Sin... Hell...”

A few distinct sayings of Jesus in the Gospel are presented for our reflection and for our application, so that we can fulfill our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Ultimately, this Gospel could be summarized in three teachings.

First, Unity in Diversity: Just as Jesus emphasized in this passage, we should embrace the idea of unity among believers, regardless of their backgrounds or denominations. However, the disciples were quick to criticize someone who was not part of their group, but Jesus corrected them, highlighting that those who are not against us are for us, meaning that those who do good in the name of Jesus are not to be hindered. This reminds us to focus on our common faith in Christ rather than differences that may divide us.

Second, Radical Amputation of Sin: Jesus’ words about cutting off anything that causes us to sin may sound extreme, but they emphasize the seriousness of sin in our lives, saying *it would be better to cut off a hand or foot or extort out an eye if it causes one to stumble*. We are called to take drastic measures to remove sin from our lives, even if it means letting go of things that are dear to us. This challenges us to prioritize our spiritual well-being above all else, and to be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of our relationship with God.

Third, The Reality of Hell: This vivid imagery of hell in the passage serves as a stark reminder of the consequences of unrepented sin. Truly, Jesus warns us about the eternal torment that awaits those who choose to live in sin and rebellion against God. So, this serves as a call to repentance and a reminder to take our spiritual lives guarded seriously, knowing that our choices have eternal implications.

Therefore, as believers and disciples of Jesus, we are prompted to embrace unity, take radical actions against sin, and consider the reality of hell as we strive to live out our Catholic faith faithfully and obediently.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Loss & Grief Group

Bishop Wes is starting a new Loss & Grief group. The objective of this group is not to replace nor to offer psychological therapy that is needed at times, but to create a safe space for being listened to and supported through the experience of grief. This group gathering will take place on the **first Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m.** beginning on **October 6** at the Bishop’s house: “Halcyon”, 2 Astwood Road, Paget. No RSVP is required, feel free to simply show up!

Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's

The weekly Portuguese Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's will resume this **Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** Recitation of the Rosary will precede the Mass.



October: Month of the Holy Rosary

The entire month of October is dedicated to encouraging the praying of the Rosary and reflecting on the mysteries of the Christian faith which it memorializes. You are invited to join parishioners from across the Diocese in the praying of the Rosary here at St. Patrick's Church every **Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.**

Our Lady of Fatima Feast

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on October 13. It was on this day that Our Lady made her promised appearance to three shepherd children and a crowd of thousands in the small village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Referred to as "The Miracle of the Sun", everyone there that day was mesmerized by a dancing, colourful sun when Our Lady appeared and called for daily praying of the Rosary and turning away from sin. You are invited to the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima here at **St. Patrick's on Sunday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** beginning with a candlelight procession in the parking lot (weather permitting) where the Rosary will be recited, and then continuing into the Church for a Mass celebrated in Portuguese by Bishop Wes Spiewak. All are welcome!



Feast of St. Theresa

Bishop Wes would like to advise and apologize that this year's Feast of St. Theresa will be celebrated in a less solemn way than it has been in the past. On **Saturday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.** Bishop Wes will preside the Liturgy, and the Rt. Revd. Bishop Nicholas Dill will preach. There will be no dinner afterwards.



Poster Contest

St. Theresa's is having a poster making contest on **Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m.** in their Hall. The theme is "Spirit filled evangelizers to the ends of the earth" and the age categories are Children (7-12), Youth (13-17) and Adult (18 & above). This contest is open to all parishioners of our Diocese. To register, please call 292-0607 Ext. 2

Lector Workshops

Deacon Matthew will be hosting Lector workshops on **Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 p.m.** and **Monday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Both sessions will take place in the Church. If you are currently a Lector, or have expressed interest in becoming a Lector, you should have received email communication in this regard. Please be sure to reply with your session preference if you have not done so already to allow Deacon Matthew to plan accordingly.

Prayer List

**Almighty God, giver of life and health,
We ask you to send forth your blessings of comfort and strength to all those who are sick and suffering, and their caregivers, in particular:**



Agnes McCudden	Nancy Grace
Kelsie Simas	Dorothy Gonsalves
Genevieve DeSouza	Karen Fleisher
Paula Madeiros	Dina Simas
Joe Pacheco	Mark Every
Charlie Ray	Pat Rego
Manuel Gonçalves	Denise Somerville
Leanora Pacheco	Carlos Faria
Elaine MacNeil	

Let's Talk About Mental Health

Our Church community is about supporting each other spiritually. Sometimes it is difficult to take care of ourselves spiritually when we are struggling with other problems, including mental health illness. Did you know statistics show that 1 in 4 of us will suffer from a mental health illness at some point in our lives? A mental illness is a health issue. It can affect your thoughts, mood, or behaviour. It can impact the way you perceive the world around you and yourself. A mental illness can cause distress. It may affect how you cope at work, how you function in relationships, and your ability to manage everyday tasks. Mental illnesses can last for a short time or for your whole life. Mental illness also impacts loved ones and can impact co-workers, friends, neighbours and community members. Suffering in silence is self-destructive and may also hurt those you care about, but you do not have to struggle alone. Help is available.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health illness or suicidal thoughts, call:

**236-3770 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (MWD)
911 or 239-1111 (24/7 crisis hotline)**

Happy Anniversary, Bishop!

Bishop Wes Spiewak will celebrate the **9th Anniversary** of his Ordination on **October 1.** May he continue to persevere in the faith as he serves the people of our Diocese. Please remember him in your prayers this week.



Congratulations, Scarlett & Lily!

This month, we are pleased to welcome two little girls in the **Sacrament of Baptism: Scarlett Ava Estrelline Sousa**, daughter of Dillan & Crisanta Sousa, and **Lily Min Güntl**, daughter of Brent & Summer Güntl. We pray they both will grow in faith with the love and support of their parents, godparents, and this Catholic community.

Smile for the Day!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
A little old lady.
A little old lady who?
Hey, I didn't know you could yodel!



The Bishop's Corner – Diocesan Consultors and Vicar General

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I would like to let you know that I have been reminded of the canonical appointments that should be established in each diocese of the Catholic Church. So I want to inform you that on the 1st of October 2024, the liturgical commemoration of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of our Diocese, the following appointments will be made:

1. **Diocesan College of Consultors** - Canon 502 of Canon Law states: From among the priests ministering in the diocese, the Bishop freely appoints “not fewer than six and not more than twelve” priests to form the Diocesan College of Consultors. They are to serve for a period of five years. Their main role is to take on the governance of the Diocese if the office of the Bishop is vacant. Within eight days of receiving notification of the vacancy of an Episcopal See, a Diocesan Administrator is to be elected by the College of Consultors, to govern the diocese until the appointment of a new Bishop. Since there are only three priests ministering presently in our Diocese, all of them will be appointed to serve as Diocesan Consultors. Although their number is fewer than six, the ancient rule applies that “nobody is retained to do what is impossible.”
2. **The Vicar General** - Canon 475 of Canon Law states: In each diocese the Bishop is to appoint a Vicar General to assist him in the governance of the whole diocese. The appointment of a Vicar General is obligatory no matter how small the diocese. The power of a Vicar General is not proper but vicarious, i.e. his power belongs to the office itself but is exercised in the name of the Bishop, and therefore cannot be exercised contrary to the will or mind of the Bishop. The Vicar General is freely appointed by the Bishop, and can be freely removed by him. Fr. Joseph Morley has now been appointed the Vicar General of our Diocese.

Happy Patronal Feast to St. Michael's Parish in Paget!

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

5th & 6th October 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)			
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	A. Rodrigues & M. dos Anjos Araujo	J. Amaral
Song Leader	E. Wicks	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	J. Every	VOLUNTEER	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
Hospitality Min(s)	R. & M. Simas	D. Rego & T. Bothelo	C. Veloso & O. de Frias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	N. daSilva & Family	C. & H. Faria
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		