

Saint Patrick's Church

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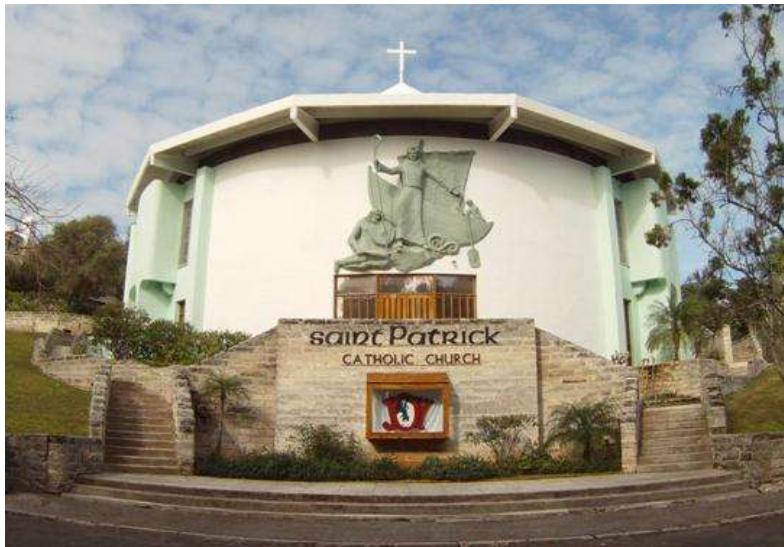
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

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

1st February 2026
4th 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

Jesus turns the world's values and expectations upside down by proclaiming the Beatitudes. He tells us that the poor, the meek, and the hungry are at the center of God's kingdom, not the wealthy or powerful. God's ways are not our ways, and Jesus' words invite us to live by a different set of standards than what the world offers. Those who hunger for God's ways will be satisfied.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	31st	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun.	1st	9:00 a.m.	† Mary DeSilva † Daniel DeFrias
		11:00 a.m.	† Maria da Conceição Rodrigues
Mon.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	† João Rombeiro
Tue.	3rd	8:00 a.m.	† Joseph, Theresa, & Fatima R. Madeiros † Laureano & Jeffrey Castro
Wed.	4th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Vivien Nuera
Thu.	5th	8:00 a.m.	† Harry George Horseman
Fri.	6th	8:00 a.m.	† Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Sat.	7th	6:00 p.m.	† Denis DeSousa
Sun.	8th	9:00 a.m.	† José G. Amaral, Maria dos Anjos Faries & Andrew Faries † Manuel & Maria José Pacheco † Leonor Pacheco † Maya Doppelreiter † José & Maria Botelho † Hilary Pacheco
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Try thinking of it in this sense: poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. In other words, being detached from earthly things such as power, money and comfort, and instead being attached to heavenly things like charity, sacrifice and mercy. This requires denying ourselves from satisfying our own desires and helping others to obtain their basic needs.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,886.00
Offerings to Date:	\$17,467.00
Target Offerings (Week 4):	\$15,200.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$105.00



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

"Catechesis and The Purpose & Identity of a Catechist"

To understand what catechesis is and who exactly is a catechist, let's break it down, step by step:

First, what's catechesis? The word catechesis is derived from the Greek word *katecheo* meaning "to echo" – to echo Christ, to echo the Apostles, to echo the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 4 states: *"Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."* Catechesis is NOT about long theories, throwing quotations around, arguing with people, or impressing others with knowledge. It is about helping others to know, love, follow and remain with Jesus. It is walking with them until their faith becomes stronger, their prayer becomes deeper, their understanding becomes clearer, and their life begins to show the light of Christ. The General Directory for Catechesis paragraph 67 states: *"Catechesis must lead to a profound conversion to Christ."* Catechesis is not noise, opinion, pride, or debate. It is service, guidance, and love in action.

Second, what's the goal of catechesis? Catechesis is successful when people change because of God's Word and the Church teachings. Paragraph 1697 of the Catechism states: *"Catechesis has to reveal in all clarity the joy and the demands of the way of Christ... for the 'newness of life' in him should be... a catechesis of the Christian virtues of faith, hope and charity..."* A good catechist aims for conversion not entertainment, understanding not confusion, holiness not popularity, spiritual growth not arguments. During Pope Paul VI's 1975 *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, he stated: *"The Church exists to evangelize, and evangelization is an authentic transformation of things, of hearts, of minds, of wills, which results in the gift of a new life."*

Third, who is a catechist? A catechist is not a classroom position. It is a calling. Catechists are witnesses – people who see Christ in their life. They are teachers that explain the faith, companions that walk with those they teach, defenders that protect the truth, servants of the Church that teach what the Church teaches, missionaries that bring others to Jesus. Paragraph 220 in the General Directory for Catechesis states: *"The catechist speaks in the name of the Church,"* which means the Church gives catechists the right to speak in her name only when they echo her teachings faithfully. When catechists are humble, obedient, and faithful to Church teachings, their voices carry weight, their words form souls, and they change lives. Paragraph 238 states: *"Catechists are witnesses and teachers... called to serve the Church's mission."* Therefore, a catechist's authority is simple but firm. It does NOT come from age, personal ideas, or experiences. It comes from the Church.

You do not need a degree to be a good catechist. You need a heart that listens before it teaches. Thank you to all of our catechists of St. Patrick's Parish! You are appreciated!

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest





Food Drive Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Advent Food Drive. The response was amazing! The Eliza DoLittle Society, who feed hundreds of families in our community weekly, were very grateful for the contributions to their Food Pantry supplies. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

Blanket Drive for the Homeless

Thank you to those who donated blankets for the homeless in the lead up to Christmas. Your donations are truly appreciated. We are looking for additional donations as those received have already been distributed and there is still a need for more! If you are able to help by donating any new or gently used blankets or quilts, please leave them under the counters at the church entrance when you come to Mass next weekend on February 7 & 8, and the Salvation Army Soup Run volunteers will collect and distribute them thereafter. Thanks again for your support!



Soup Run Volunteers Needed

As some of you may know, members of our Diocese assist with the Salvation Army Soup Run to feed the homeless on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday nights.

Several of our volunteers have retired after many years of service, and we are looking for new volunteers to replace them. If you are interested in helping or would like more information about this program, please speak with Joe Kelly, or email him at: joekelly@logic.bm.



Blessing of St. Blaise This Weekend

The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated annually with the symbolic blessing of throats. All who wish to receive this special blessing are invited to come forward after Mass this weekend on **January 31 & February 1**.

Portuguese Mass & Adoration

Due to Bishop Wes' upcoming travel, please note there will be NO Portuguese Mass nor Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa's next Saturday, February 7. There will also be NO Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's for the next three Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 18.

Filipino Mass

Please be advised that the next Filipino Mass normally held on the first Friday of the month in St. Theresa's Cathedral will take place here at St. Patrick's Church instead on Friday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Come and join Fr. Vivien, Fr. Dandy, and our Filipino community as they celebrate the Mass in Tagalog. All are welcome!



Information Session

MSA will be hosting an Information Session on **Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. for Grades 1 – 11**. Please see the flyer at the entrance to the church and scan the QR code to sign-up, or send an email to: admissions@msa.bm.

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:



Joe Pacheco

Manuel Gonçalves

Denise Somerville

Debbie Sampson

Mickey Johnson

Jo Frith

Carol Melanson

Liz Weaver

Bill Tatem

Andrew Card

Dylan Peart

Christine Eldridge

Trish Walsh

Maria de Lima

Carole Scraders

Shirley Love

Carol Maitland

Movie Night – February 6

The Peace & Social Justice Committee will be showing the film "Cabrini" on **Friday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Theresa's Hall. This 2024 movie depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City during the late 19th century. The run time is about 2.5 hours and the rating is PG-13. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome! To RSVP, email: peaceandsocialjusticeorcc@logic.bm.



St. Patrick's Fish Fry – February 27

The Parish Social Committee is pleased to announce the return of everyone's favorite annual Lenten Fish Fry which will take place in our Church Hall on **Friday, February 27**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information on this event to follow soon!

Accommodation Request

A mature/retired couple from our Diocese needs to move out of their current rental after many years due to planned reconstruction and are urgently looking to rent a cottage or apartment, ideally a 2-bedroom or large 1-bedroom. They are non-smokers and have no pets. Please contact Berta at 535-2858 if you know of any suitable availability.

Smile for the Day!



The Bishop's Corner – Diaconate Ordination

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Ten years ago, on 30th January 2016, three men from our Catholic community, Matthew Arnold, Andrew Moulder and David Swain, were ordained permanent deacons for our Diocese. The diaconate programme was initiated during Bishop Kurtz's tenure, and I had the privilege of completing it. It was a special moment for me as well, as it was the first ordination I administered as bishop. After ten years, Deacon Matthew continues to minister, mainly at St. Patrick's, while Deacon Andrew and Deacon David, following their families, have moved overseas. They continue to serve the Church in the places where they now live.

In recent years, there have been a number of enquiries about whether our Diocese might begin a new programme for the permanent diaconate. I believe this anniversary provides a good opportunity to consider the question in a broader context: should we prepare new permanent deacons, or should we focus on preparing lay pastoral leaders? There is no doubt that increasing the number of accurately trained pastoral assistants would be beneficial for our parishes.

The general rule is that the number of permanent deacons in a diocese should not exceed 50% of the number of priests ministering there. In our case, this limit could be accommodated relatively easily, as two of our deacons serve elsewhere; nevertheless, we would not be able to invite more than two candidates into the programme.

If we opt to prepare deacons, candidates must be men and must hold Bermudian citizenship or permanent resident certificate (PRC) status. If, however, we choose to prepare lay pastoral leaders, the invitation could be extended to women and expatriates as well.

While lay pastoral leaders would not be ordained ministers, we could still clearly define the scope of their ministry, enabling them to serve our parishes pastorally in an effective and meaningful way.

I would be very grateful to receive your feedback, my Good People, as this is your Diocese, and I am your bishop only for a certain time.

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed.

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!

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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 February 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M.DaCosta, A.Bento & VOLUNTEER	A.Rodrigues, F.Medeiros & VOLUNTEER	K.Garcia, Z.Moniz & VOLUNTEER
Lector(s)	H. Burnett-Herkes	N. da Silva & C. Frias	K. Onen
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Mathias
Mass Server(s)	J. Every & F. Virbert	R. Carreon	C. Easton & V. Easton
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	T. Botelho & C. Moss	G. Michel & C. Veloso
Gift Bearers	R. & M. Simas	T. Medeiros & Family	A. Tomaz & VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		