

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 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. Nancy da Silva
Parish Council Chair
538-8424

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

Mr. David Mutch
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293-5506

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

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Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

Mrs. Nicole Renaud
Parish Office Administrator
236-9866 Ext 0#

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

11th May 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
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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

Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God's intention to gather the whole world into His fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and sometimes moments when distractions deafen us to our shepherd's voice. Let us pray for new hearts and open ears to follow Christ!

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10th	6:00 p.m.	Intentions of Lillian DeSousa
Sun.	11th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Maria Simas ✠ Eduarda DaCosta ✠ Mary Salvati
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso
Mon.	12th	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Tue.	13th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Couto Medeiros ✠ Tony Faria ✠ Carlos Faria
Wed.	14th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro
Thu.	15th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceicao Melo
Fri.	16th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Luis DaPonte Jr.
Sat.	17th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Luis Rombeiro
Sun.	18th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Eugeniusz Nykiel ✠ Barbara Llyod
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold

"Good Shepherd Sunday"

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I reflect on some of the highlights from a homily by Pope Francis in 2016, in which he addressed several hundred priests in St. Peter's Square.

He emphasized that priests must be joyful, stubborn shepherds who take risks and seek out even those who are most distant from God, in imitation of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ.

"A shepherd after the heart of God has a heart sufficiently free to set aside his own concerns. For the flock he is a shepherd, not an inspector, and he devotes himself to the flock with all he has."

"In seeking, he finds, and he finds because he takes risks. He does not stop when disappointed and he does not yield to weariness." The Pope continued, "Not only does he keep his doors open, but he also goes to seek out those who no longer wish to enter them."

"The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless. This heart also reaches out to those who are most distant."

For the pontiff, the fundamental question of priestly life is "Where is my heart directed?" He noted the activities of a priest's life, including catechesis, liturgy, works of charity, and pastoral and administrative commitments.

"The heart of the priest is a heart pierced by the love of the Lord," the Pope declared. "For this reason, he no longer looks to himself, but is turned towards God and his brothers and sisters. His is a heart rooted firmly in the Lord, warmed by the Holy Spirit, open and available to our brothers and sisters."

He encouraged priests to seek out people, to include them, and to rejoice. The priest does not wait for compliments but reaches out to others and rejects gossip, judgments and malice. He generously sows God's forgiveness.

"He does not scold those who wander off or lose their way, but is always ready to bring them back and to resolve difficulties and disagreements," the Pope said.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A vocation is how God calls us to serve Him. This Sunday, May 11, we observe the 62nd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray for our young men and women to be inspired and respond to God's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. The Lord also calls us to marriage and family life... how fitting to remember on this Mother's Day weekend. Let us also therefore pray for those who are called to these vocations, and that we may all be granted the grace to hear and answer whenever God calls.



Weekly Stewardship Thought

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Just as they heard the Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality, we, too, can experience this same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, and recognize that all we have and all we are is a gift from God to be shared with others for His glory.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,888.00
Offerings to Date:	\$69,852.50
Target Offerings (Week 18):	\$68,400.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$138.00



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!

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. A woman all in white presented herself to the children asking them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity, and to say the Rosary every day in order to bring peace to the world and an end to war. The celebration of Our Lady of Fatima will be on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's**, starting with a candlelight procession and recitation of the Rosary in Portuguese, followed by Mass. As Bishop is away, the Mass will be celebrated in English this year by Fr. Vivien.



Portuguese Mass

Due to Bishop Wes' travels, please note there will be NO Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's Church on May 14, 21 & 28, nor on Saturdays at St. Theresa's Cathedral on May 17 & 24.

Rescheduled Cemetery Mass

Please be reminded that the annual Mass for the Deceased was postponed due to the Mass for Pope Francis. It will now take place on **Saturday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Holy Calvary graveyard. All are welcome!

Scholarship Award

Applications for the 2025/26 St. Patrick's Scholarship Award are available from the Sacristy. Please write your name and phone number on the contact sheet before taking an application. All submissions are **due by June 1**.



Let's Talk Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! If you missed the latest edition of our *Let's Talk Mental Health* flyer in last weekend's bulletin, there are additional copies available on the counter at the church entrance. We hope that you find the information helpful and that it encourages conversations about mental health to create a more supportive community for all.

Afternoon Heritage Tea

St. Joseph's is hosting an Afternoon Heritage Tea next **Sunday, May 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the St. James Church Hall in Somerset. There will be tea/coffee, entertainment, raffles, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased from Liz Card at 234-0872, or lizatstjosephs@gmail.com.



Classical Music Concerts

St. Joseph's will be holding a classical music concert featuring Steve Crawford, Jane Farge, Andrea Hodson & Johanna Pino Gonzalez on **Sunday, June 15 & 22** (duplicate programs) at **5:00 p.m.** The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children, with the proceeds being shared between PALS & St. Joseph's. Tickets are available from Music Box and the Bermuda Bookstore, or by contacting Liz Card at 234-0872, Jane Farge at 747-4060, or Peter Farge at 737-4060.

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:



Genevieve DeSouza
Paula Madeiros
Joe Pacheco
Manuel Gonçalves
Dorothy Gonçalves
Karen Fleisher
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville

Laurida Souza Bulhões
Debbie Sampson
Mickey Johnson
Jo Frith
Anthony Amaral
David Mathias
Carol Melanson
Liz Weaver



Welcome, Pope Leo XIV

On Thursday, May 8, shortly after 6:00 p.m. local time in Rome, white smoke appeared from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, signaling to the world that we had a new pope. Cheers erupted in St. Peter's Square as the 133 cardinal electors (the largest college in history) came to a two-thirds consensus in their fourth ballot of the conclave. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, aged 69 from the United States, was announced as the 267th pope, choosing the name of Leo XIV. Born on September 14, 1955 in Chicago, IL, Prevost was raised in a devout Catholic family and drawn to religious life at an early age. After joining the Order of St. Augustine in 1977, he made his solemn vows in 1981. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University, followed by a Licentiate and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He spent over two decades in Chiclayo in Peru serving as a pastor, professor, and formation director for Augustinian seminarians. From 2001 to 2013, he served as Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine, responsible for guiding the worldwide Augustinian order. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed Prevost as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, and shortly thereafter named him Bishop. In this role, he became known for fostering vocations, promoting social justice, and strengthening clergy formation. Most recently, Prevost held the position of Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, which oversees the appointment of bishops worldwide. In September 2023, Pope Francis made him a Cardinal-Deacon, and in February 2025, he was elevated to Cardinal-Bishop. Prevost is considered a theological moderate, deeply aligned with the pastoral and missionary emphasis of his predecessor. His fluency in English, Spanish, Italian and French will enable him to effectively engage with the international Church, and his humility, affability and spiritual depth has already earned him the respect of bishops and clergy worldwide. Prevost was seen as one of Pope Francis' most trusted collaborators, especially in advancing reforms within the global Church. During his speech, he thanked Pope Francis and focused on the message of peace, saying "May we all build bridges with dialogue... so that we can all be one people in peace." May the Lord grant our new Holy Father wisdom, strength and compassion as he leads the Church into this new chapter! God bless you, Pope Leo XIV!

The Bishop's Corner – Mother's Day

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The second Sunday of May is Mother's Day. This is the day when I usually make a space for poetry. This year, I have chosen the poem *What "Mother" Means* by Karl Fuchs.

*"Mother" is such a simple word,
But to me there's meaning seldom heard.
For everything I am today,
My mother's love showed me the way.
I'll love my mother all my days,
For enriching my life in so many ways.
She set me straight and then set me free,
And that's what the word "mother" means to me.*

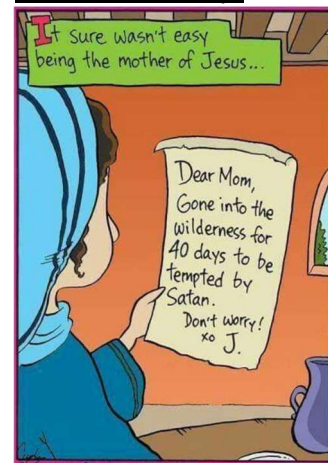
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers living and spiritual.

Have a beautiful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Smile for the Day!



A Mother's Love

*No gift on earth is greater,
No treasure held above,
The joy that comes from knowing,
A mother's endless love.*

*In spite of how it's tested,
It grows from year to year,
Providing strength and comfort...
It gently draws us near.*

*It warms and it protects us,
And guides us from afar.
Shedding light upon us,
Like a bright and shining star.*

*And when all things are measured,
Not one shall rise above,
Or be compared in value,
To a Mother's endless love!*



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do? They go to seek those who are lost; they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep; they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME – MAY 8, 2022

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!

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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

17th & 18th May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion Ministers	6:00 p.m. M. DaCosta & A. Bento	9:00 a.m. J. Chisnall & N. da Silva	11:00 a.m. L. Arnold & M. Falcão
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues & L. Frias	K. Garcia
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	N. Every	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	D. DeFrias & J. Smith	N. Pedro & A. Tomaz
Gift Bearers	Bento Family	T. Botelho & Family	J. & L. Amaral
Flowers Ministry:	Mrs. Simas		