

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday Mass:** 6:00 p.m.



**Sunday Masses:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.



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

**Mr. Bruce Fox**  
Music Director, Organist  
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**Mrs. Becky DaPonte**  
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Parish Catechetical Leader  
236-9481

**Mr. David Mutch**  
Parish Finance Chairperson  
293-5506

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold**  
Deacon  
236-3171

**Mr. José Amaral**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Representative

**Mrs. Kimberley Güntl**  
Office Administrator  
Hrs: Tues/ Wed/ Fri: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Confirmation Class**  
Wednesdays in hall  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**MAMA**  
Fridays in Hall  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

## BAPTISMS

By appointment five weeks in advance

## WEDDINGS

By appointment one year in advance

## BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

## PORTUGUESE MASS

Will resume **Wednesday evening, September 20** at  
7:00 p.m. in the Church preceded by the Rosary

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
in St. Patrick's Church

## CCD – Commencement in November

Every Saturday morning during the school year  
8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. in the Church Hall  
*(Grades 1, 2 (FHC), 6, 7 & 8 only)*

**17 September 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

## Introduction

Brothers and sisters, today's Gospel can be one of the most difficult teachings of Jesus to apply to our lives. It is the command to forgive others as we are forgiven by God. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices. Let us pray that we are ready to hear God's message; to do what Jesus would do; to do what Jesus asks of us.

## Mass Intentions

- Sat. 16 6:00 p.m. † José Rebelo  
Sun. 17 9:00 a.m. † Joseph Reis & Parents  
† Gil Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann  
† Bill Bilsland  
† Shirley Fox  
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's  
Mon. 18 8:00 a.m. † José daConceição Melo  
Tues. 19 8:00 a.m. † João Rombeiro  
Wed. 20 8:00 a.m. † Theresa, Joseph & Fatima R. Madeiros  
† Jeffrey Castro  
Thurs. 21 8:00 a.m. † Luis DaPonte, Jr.  
Fri. 22 8:00 a.m. † João DaCosta & Deceased Family  
Sat. 23 6:00 p.m. † David Gutteridge  
Sun. 24 9:00 a.m. † Manuel Pacheco deSilva  
† German deSilva  
† Eduino Frias  
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

## Stewardship Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,312.00
Sunday Offerings to Date:	\$142,498.00
Target Offerings (Week 37):	\$129,500.00
Poor Box:	\$40.00



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Stewardship Thought

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

## Sunday and Special Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct online payments to Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100 and include "Sunday Offering" or "Dhaka Church" in the memo field. Thank you.



## St. Patrick's Facebook & Diocesan Website

Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? Also visit [www.romancatholicbermuda.bm](http://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm) for up-to date information from the Diocese, the Parish churches, and to hear Bishop Wes' Daily Reflections, Bishop's Corner and live-streamed Masses.

## Pastoral Reflection by Deacon Matthew Arnold Feast Day of St. Matthew – 21<sup>st</sup> September



Saint Matthew is often portrayed in European Christian art with an angel by his side, while he is composing his gospel. I particularly like this painting by Jan van Bijlert for the way it highlights the humanity of Matthew. It looks as if the evangelist and the angel are sharing an amusing moment. Saint Matthew may be editing the first version of what he wrote about his friend Jesus. The angel holds the pot of ink, although at first glance it may seem to be a cellphone, if I use my twenty-first century eyes!

Jesus chose Matthew, the tax collector. He answered the call, although he was from a class of people who were despised and not trusted by Jewish society. Matthew became one of Jesus' most loyal followers. His legacy is alive and thriving in the Church today, through the beautiful words of the Gospel that we hear in the Sunday readings, especially in this liturgical year A.

Jesus calls us today to do His work, and He calls ALL people to serve Him. People from various walks of life, whether the world loves or despises them. We should be careful not to make judgements on any of our fellow men and women who have a calling from the Lord, a God who works miracles and forgives us with endless mercy. Saint Matthew is a wonderful example of what the Lord can do when someone answers God's call and lives a life dedicated to God's service.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Resumes Sept 21

You are invited to join Fr. George and a small group of parishioners in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Church each Thursday evening beginning **September 21**.



## Volunteers Needed for CCD Program

St. Patrick's CCD Program is looking for CCD teachers and Aides for a November start for Grade 1, Grade 2 (First Holy Communion), and Grades 6 – 8. Please contact Mrs. Nelia Pimentel (236-9481 or [orcc@northrock.bm](mailto:orcc@northrock.bm)) and offer your help.

We need you! No special teacher training is necessary.



## Altar Servers Needed

St. Patrick's is in desperate need of young people to serve as Altar Servers. Parents, please encourage your children who have received First Holy Communion to participate in the Mass in this meaningful way. Application forms are available from the Sacristy.



**We Remember Fr. Julio**

Wednesday, September 20 would have been Fr. Julio Blazejewski's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. The former Episcopal Vicar for Portuguese Ministry in Bermuda, retired after 17 years of ministry to the people of Bermuda and returned to his home in Poland on Monday, October 17, 2022. He passed away a week later on October 24. Please remember Fr. Julio in your prayers this week and may God grant him a place in His Eternal Kingdom.

**St. Theresa's 12:10 p.m. Mass has Resumed**

The 12:10 p.m. Lunchtime Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral has resumed and you are invited to the celebration of the Holy Mass each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**St. Theresa's Gift Shop**

The Gift Shop is **OPEN** each Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and browse their selection of cards, rosaries, English and Portuguese bibles and many other items. The volunteers thank you for your continued patronage.

**Sign Up or Renew Today!**

It's not too late! Pay your \$100 membership fee online to St. Patrick's Church Butterfield Bank account #20006060102074100 and include

"100 Club" in the memo field or contact **David Mutch** at 293-5506 or e-mail him at: [davidgamutch@gmail.com](mailto:davidgamutch@gmail.com) for more information on this church fundraising initiative.

**St. Patrick's Meal Program Needs Drivers!**

Every Tuesday morning for the last three years, volunteers of the St. Patrick's Meal Program meet at the Church Hall to pick up delivery bags filled with fresh produce and a protein (either eggs, chicken or fish) for distribution to seniors and needy of our community. The volunteers usually work in pairs, with one person driving and the other making the home delivery.

If you are a retired person, with your own car and some time on your hands, the St. Patrick's Meal Program can use your help! Drivers are especially needed. Please contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or e-mail him at: [davidgamutch@gmail.com](mailto:davidgamutch@gmail.com) or speak to Deacon Matthew at 236-3171 or [doc.marnold@gmail.com](mailto:doc.marnold@gmail.com). You'll be surprised how a small act of kindness on your part will bring you happiness and joy to others.

**Keep Those Egg Cartons Coming!**

Please bring them to the Church and deposit them in the box at the entrance. The cartons will be repurposed for the needy and seniors of the weekly St. Patrick's Meal Program.



**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Afternoon Tea – St. Joseph's Church – October 15**

St. Joseph's Church, Somerset, will be celebrating the commemoration of its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting an Afternoon Tea and Raffle sale at **St. James Church Hall**, Somerset, on **Sunday, October 15 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$40 and available from Elizabeth Card at 234-0872 or e-mail: [lizatstjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:lizatstjosephs@gmail.com). There will be live entertainment. Ticket sales will close on **September 30** and there will be no walk-ins.

**40 Days for Life Campaign – September 27 – November 5**

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses.

Each day from September 27 to November 5, individuals, churches, families and groups are asked to join together to pray and fast around a common focus – an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life is the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion and, to date, has been responsible for saving 23,525 lives since 2007. For more information, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).



**SVDP Are There When You Need Help**

If you – or someone you know – are finding yourself in a difficult economic situation and don't know where to turn for help, reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (525-1191 or [svdp@northrock.bm](mailto:svdp@northrock.bm)).

The members of the SVDP committee will do their best to assist you in your time of need and give you advice, guidance and comfort.

**You Can Also Help SVDP**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is always in need of both financial and volunteer assistance. Please reach out to Deacon Matthew or Joe Amaral (President and St. Patrick's SVDP Representative) with your offer to help. Remember, September 27 is the Feast Day for St. Vincent de Paul. Why not make a personal donation of your time, talent or treasure on that day? Thank you for your stewardship.



**Green Team Reminder – Avoid Single-Use Plastics**

Now that school is back, try to avoid using disposable, single-use plastic items in your child's lunchbox. Reusable containers are the way to go for a greener Island!

**Smile for the Day!**

College is the opposite of kidnapping. Each year they demand \$60,000 from you or they'll send your kid back.



## The Bishop's Corner – St. Theresa's Feast

Dear Fellow-Catholics:

The 1st of October brings the liturgical commemoration of St. Theresa of Lisieux who is the Patroness of our Cathedral Church and of our Diocese. After the years in which the pandemic was not allowing us to celebrate this Feast in a very special way as it occurred in the past, I am happy that this year we are able to return to the usual form.

I am glad to let you know that I invited Bishop Matthias König of the Archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany, to be our Guest Preacher and Presider on this occasion.

On Saturday evening, 30th of September, at 7:45pm, there will be a special St. Theresa's Dinner in the Cathedral Hall. I hope that it will not only make us enjoy good food, prepared by Bella Vista Restaurant, but will also create the space to personally meet Bishop König and other guests.

The tickets are available at St. Theresa's Parish Office and in the sacristy after Masses.

This Dinner will, moreover, have a very particular element as our beloved Mrs. Florenz Maxwell will receive a Diocesan Award for her lifelong engagement in support of Justice and Peace.

I invited Her Excellency the Governor to attend the Saturday Mass and Dinner and am waiting for her response.

I want to invite you to join me, our distinguished guests and honouree in celebrating St. Theresa and asking for her intercession for our Diocese.

Saint Theresa, pray for us.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

*Bishop Wes*



## Responsorial Psalm – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am Fmaj7 Dm G Cadd9 C Am Dm Dm/F Esus4 E

The Lord is kind \_\_\_ and mer-ci-ful, \_\_\_ slow to an - ger, and rich \_\_\_ in com-pas-sion. \_\_\_

**Santo** (by José Paulo Abreu) 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)

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

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Lector(s)</u>	B. DaPonte	A. Rodrigues L. Frias	N. Pimentel
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	H. Furtado	J. Lema
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	R. Simas M. Simas	J. Furtado C. Moss	D. DeFrias J. Smith
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Gutteridge Family	N. daSilva & Family	DeFrias Family
<u>Flower Ministry</u>	<b>Maria Luisa Pacheco</b>		