

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 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8 only*)

ACTIVELY AGING EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
in the Church Hall

MAMA PLAYGROUP

Mondays & Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
in the Church Hall

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

Rev. Fr. Vivien Nuera, CP
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Office Hours:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

18th October 2026
29th 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

As the Father and Creator of all, God is above all powers on earth. He has called each of us by name in baptism and has entrusted us with building His kingdom in faith, hope, and love. We owe God what belongs to Him – our obedience and work of faith – because we belong to God and to God’s kingdom before any earthly power.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	17th	6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick’s
Sun.	18th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva ✠ Germana deSilva ✠ Leonor Pacheco ✠ Maya Doppelreiter ✠ Antonio Fagundo ✠ Robbie & Bernice Sinclair
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Rose & Eric DeSilva
Mon.	19th	8:00 a.m.	✠ LaVerne Lau
Tue.	20th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Francisca & Manuel Calouro
Wed.	21st	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	22nd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Adelina Bento
Fri.	23rd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sat.	24th	6:00 p.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun.	25th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ Fr. Julio Blazejewski, C.R. ✠ Fr. Jerry Kroetsch, C.R. ✠ João Manuel Veloso ✠ Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Daniel DeFrias
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick’s



Weekly Stewardship Thought

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

~ Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. He simply asks that we give back a portion of what He has given to us. This is the essence of stewardship. Remember, God should be our first priority in everything – all else comes second, especially our money.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,291.50
Offerings to Date:	\$151,474.00
Target Offerings (Week 41):	\$155,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$166.00



Notification of Online Transfers

Please be reminded that whenever coordinating electronic transfers to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, we would be

grateful if you could please [send a notification email to the Rectory office advising of the incoming funds and how they should be allocated.](#) Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

“Yawning During the Rosary”

A young woman shared something with her parish priest: “Father, every time I pray the Rosary, I begin to yawn, sometimes so much that I wonder if something spiritual is happening.” The priest smiled at her and gently replied, “Sometimes it’s spiritual, but most times, it’s simply human. Don’t stop praying because of it.” Many Catholics have had the same experience. As soon as they begin praying, they yawn repeatedly. Some even wonder if it’s a sign of evil spirits or the devil trying to distract them. Let’s look at it through the eyes of the Catholic faith:

First, Yawning is a Natural Human Response. The most common reason for yawning is not spiritual at all. Fatigue, stress, a relaxed state of mind, or even slowing your breathing during quiet prayer can trigger yawning. There is nothing sinful or mysterious about that.

Second, Prayer Can Expose Our Human Weakness. When we finally become quiet before God, we often realize how tired our bodies really are. Praying the Rosary slows us down, allowing us to notice physical exhaustion that we may have ignored throughout the day.

Third, Distractions Can Happen During Prayer. The devil does not want us to grow closer to God, so distractions during prayer are real. However, it would be incorrect to say that frequent yawning itself is proof of spiritual attack. The Church does not teach that yawning during prayer is a sign of demonic activity. If you yawn, simply continue praying with faith.

Fourth, Perseverance is More Important Than Feelings. Whether you feel alert, sleepy, distracted, or full of consolation, always continue praying. God looks at the sincerity of your heart more than your physical feelings. Many saints experienced dryness and distractions in prayer but remained faithful.

Fifth, Offer Your Weakness to God. If you find yourself constantly yawning or becoming sleepy while praying, simply tell Jesus: “Lord, I may be tired, but I still choose to spend this time with You.” That simple act of love can itself become a beautiful prayer.

In summary, frequent yawning during the Rosary is a natural physical response. While distractions can occur, what matters most is persevering in prayer with love, and trusting that God receives every sincere effort we make to be with Him. Simply put, yawning during prayer is not something to fear. If this happens to you, don’t stop praying. Even if you yawn ten times, just keep going. God sees your love and your faithfulness!

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Mission Sunday – October 18

Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared identity, uniting Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: to support the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. This collection is the only global effort directly sustaining mission territories where the Church is young, vulnerable, or facing persecution. Your donations and prayers provide essential support for communities that cannot sustain themselves, funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this year marks the 100th collection! Please help our sister Churches around the world with your kind financial contributions using the specially marked envelopes. Thank you for your stewardship!



All Souls' Mass

The annual Mass for all the faithfully departed in the past year will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Theresa's**. Please note that there will be NO Portuguese Mass nor Eucharistic Adoration on this day.

Confirmation Classes

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin next month with two CCD class options as follows:

- Mondays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall with Maura Almeida beginning on November 2
- Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall with Anthony Donaghy beginning on November 4

If your child was born in 2012 or prior, they are eligible to prepare for this sacrament. If you have not been contacted to register them, please call or email the Chancery Office at 232-4414/orcc.bermuda@gmail.com. Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 16, 2027 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Cathedral. Please save the date!

RCIA Programme

The Diocese has advised that the schedule for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme has now been finalized. Weekly sessions will be 90 minutes and take place on Tuesday evenings beginning November 24 at either 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall. Once the participants list is finalized, they will determine which start time is most convenient for the majority. The first part of the programme will be based on the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire. It is also open to those who are already Catholic but would like to deepen their faith or refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Church. Please contact the Chancery Office at 232-4414 or orcc.bermuda@gmail.com before November 7 to register.

St. Patrick's Parish Socials

Join us on **Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25** to enjoy some Fall fellowship after each of our weekend Masses. Please bring along some goodies for everyone to share!



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:



Manuel Gonçalves	Shirley Love
Denise Somerville	Carol Maitland
Debbie Sampson	Sylvan Lindo
Carol Melanson	Maryanne Anderson
Liz Weaver	Shirley Sousa
Bill Tatem	Michelle Taylor
Dylan Peart	Kelly Wiebe
Carole Scraders	



St. Patrick's "Sweet Treats" BINGO

Come join us for a fun afternoon playing BINGO on **Sunday, November 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 each which includes one BINGO card. They can be purchased after Mass from any member of our Parish Council. Dessert donations and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated! If you plan on donating something, please advise the Parish Council so that they can prepare accordingly. Hope to see you all there!



St. Joseph's Fall Supper

Join the parish of St. Joseph's for their annual Fall Supper taking place next week **Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in their Parish Centre. Takeout meals will also be available but only for collection between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Their menu will be soup, chicken, fish, vegetable stir-fry, pasta, spring rolls, and cakes/cookies for dessert. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Call Liz Card at 234-0872 / 335-2077, or email her at lizziewhitney2015@gmail.com for tickets.

All Hallows' Eve at St. Michael's Church

St. Michael's is hosting a celebration of all the saints on **Saturday, October 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** This is a free event to share stories, prayers, and goodies. Dress up as your favorite saint! Bring a picture of your deceased loved one to decorate in a frame! All are welcome!



Blessing for Parish Pets

During October, many Catholics have their pets blessed as this is the month when we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. Fr. Vivien would like to invite all of our parishioners to join in this tradition next weekend on **October 24 & 25** by bringing photos of your furry family members to Mass to receive a special blessing.

Smile for the Day!

Q: What kind of pants does a ghost hunter wear?

A: Just a paranormal jeans.



The Bishop's Corner – Liturgical Workshop

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Six months ago, I informed you that our Diocese has arranged a Liturgical Retreat/Workshop. As we are getting closer and closer to this event, I am happy to share with you this gentle reminder.

The Workshop title is “Our Sacrifice of Praise – Celebrating the Mystery of Our Redemption.” It will take place from November 17th to 19th, 2026 (Tuesday to Thursday) at St. Theresa's Hall. Each day, there will be two identical sessions: one from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and another from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our Workshop facilitator will be Ms. Christina Ronzio, M.A., Director of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops English-Language Office for Liturgy and the Sacraments.

The purpose of this Workshop is to help us deepen our spirituality by gaining a better understanding of the liturgy of the Holy Mass, including the meaning of its various parts and symbols. The lens for this is how to participate in these sacred mysteries – the point being it is not just a formula to follow, but entering into the life of God.

I strongly encourage especially those who are involved in ministries in our Parishes (Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Song Leaders, Organists, etc.) to attend the Workshop.

It is also hoped that this will guide us in developing a unified Ordinary of the Holy Mass for the entire Diocese.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes



Prayer of Pope Leo XIV

for the 100th World Mission Sunday 2026

Holy Father, make us one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and renews.
May all members of the Church be united
in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,
courageous in bearing witness to the
Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying
your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women,
support them in their efforts, and watch
over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our
work of evangelization in every corner of
the earth: make us instruments of peace,
and grant that the whole world may
recognize in Christ the light that saves.

Amen.

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

24th & 25th October 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M.DaCosta, M.DeSilva & VOLUNTEER	L.DeFrias, N.daSilva & VOLUNTEER	S.Mutch & VOLUNTEERS
Lector(s)	S. Faiella	J. Blee & C. Frias	K. Garcia
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	S. Virbert	H. Furtado	V. Easton
Hospitality Ministers	M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair	M.P. Silva & C. Moss	A. Tomaz & K. Onen
Gift Bearers	Bento Family	T. Botelho & Family	A. Tomaz & VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Connie Frias		