

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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Rev. Vladimir Sobolewski, CR
Pastor

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
236-8196

Mrs. Becky DaPonte
Parish Council Chairperson
292-7589

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
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.

Stewardship Chairperson

First Holy Communion Class
Tuesdays in hall
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

(Classes scheduled to begin in January 2022)

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

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Church Hall

PORTUGUESE MASS

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. in the Church

CCD

Every Saturday during the school year
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church Hall
(Suspended until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions)

19th September 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Introduction

My brothers and sisters, our desires and possessions sometimes keep us from following Christ. As the disciples argue about who is the greatest disciple, Jesus embraces a little child — innocent, powerless and with nothing. Today, let us be open to the ways we try to place ourselves above others and ask for the grace to be like the child Jesus embraces and a faithful servant to all in need.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 18 6:00 p.m. ✠ Karla deSousa
Sun. 19 9:00 a.m. ✠ Fr. Jerome J. Kroetsch, CR
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon. 20 8:00 a.m. ✠ Herculano Vieira
Tues. 21 8:00 a.m. ✠ Eugene Cabral
✠ Lorraine Cabral Olivieri
✠ Piriquito Deceased Family Members
Wed. 22 8:00 a.m. ✠ Theresa & Joseph R. Madeiros
✠ Jeffrey Castro
✠ Fatima Madeiros
Thurs. 23 8:00 a.m. ✠ Raul Clementino & Deceased Family
Fri. 24 8:00 a.m. ✠ Francisca & Manuel Calouro
Sat. 25 6:00 p.m. ✠ David Gutteridge
Sun. 26 9:00 a.m. ✠ José daConceição Melo
✠ Eduarda DaCosta
✠ Manuel Pacheco deSilva
✠ Germana deSilva
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Stewardship Treasure

Sunday Offering last weekend: \$2,584.00
Sunday Offerings to date: \$105,088.50
Target Offerings (Week 37): \$129,500.00
Poor Box: \$155.00



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Christian stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. To give to God should be “from the top” – not what may be left over.

Sunday/Special Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church at the Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100 and include “Sunday Offering” in the memo field. Thank you for your continued financial support.



St. Patrick's Facebook

Have you ‘liked’ us on Facebook yet? Also check out www.romancatholicbermuda.bm for up-to-date Diocesan information and follow Bishop Wes' daily reflections and hear the live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral, Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Pastor's Reflection

As we study the Gospels, we have to admit that many times the disciples failed to understand much of what Jesus said and did. When He spoke in parables, they needed further explanation in private. When He sent them out to preach and heal, they often failed to see that they were simply acting in his name and with his authority. In today's gospel we have another example of this type of misunderstanding. With what seems like sincerity, Jesus wants his disciples to be fully aware of all that their discipleship will require.

Jesus knows that in coming to follow him, the disciples have come with their own expectations and understandings. From the Gospels, we see that the disciples tended to understand the messiahship of Jesus solely in earthly and political terms. The Messiah would be, for them, a divinely anointed national leader who would combine the military strength and talent of King David with the wisdom and prosperity of King Solomon. If Jesus was the Messiah, then they, too, expected to benefit from following him; hence, the question, *Who was the greatest?* In their way of thinking of Jesus, it was obvious that the greatest among them would benefit the most in the new earthly kingdom that they thought Jesus would restore.

Clearly, the disciples would have to be dissuaded of their false expectations. To do this Jesus speaks explicitly of his own expectations. He will be handed over and will suffer and die and as his disciples they, too, can expect nothing less. He is handed over, but in the resurrection his triumph is complete, and we are given the promise and hope of eternal life.



Happy Birthday, Fr. Julio!

On Monday, September 20, Fr. Julio Blazewski, CR, Portuguese Episcopal Vicar in Bermuda, celebrates his 86th birthday. May God continue to bless him and may we support him in his ministry with our prayers and best wishes. You can e-mail your greetings to: julioecr@northrock.bm.

12:10 Mass at the Cathedral

The 12:10 p.m. Mass is celebrated by Bishop Wes at St. Theresa's Cathedral every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Why not use a part of your lunch break to join him in this celebration?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Thursday evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Church takes place at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. You are encouraged to spend some quiet time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All are welcome. *“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth.”* –St. Theresa of Calcutta



Registration for the First Holy Communion Program

Any child born in 2014 and not currently registered in the St. Patrick's Church CCD program must apply to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. CCD Registration forms are available from the Rectory office or by e-mailing stpats@logic.bm. First-time and overseas students must include a Baptism certificate (copy). A Parish Registration Form will need to accompany the CCD Registration Form if the family is not registered in the parish.



CCD Classes Update

Parents, please be advised that the CCD program will not be starting in October 2021. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided to postpone classes until further notice. Only the sacramental classes (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) are planned to start in January 2022. Mrs. Nelia Pimentel, the St. Patrick's CCD Leader, will contact parents via e-mail with any further changes. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions 2022

The Rectory office is now accepting your Mass requests for next year. Please e-mail stpats@logic.bm with your Masses and you will receive a reply with your confirmed dates. A stipend (fee) of \$15 per Mass may be offered directly to the Priest either in advance at the time of booking or after the requested Mass. There are still many openings during the week for Mass intentions for loved ones until the end of this year.



In Memory of Fr. Jerry

It has been 9 years since we lost Fr. Jerome J. Kroetsch, CR, former Pastor of St. Patrick's Church who died of Lou Gehrig's Disease (also known as ALS) on September 17, 2012. ALS (or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord causing victims to lose the ability to speak, eat, move and breathe. Although there have been great improvements in scientific understanding of this terrible disease, there is still no cure. Please pray for Fr. Jerry's soul and for all the victims of ALS.

Praying the Rosary at St. Patrick's – Wednesdays

You are invited to join a small group of parishioners who meet in St. Patrick's Church every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary. Why not take some time out for this special devotion to the memory of the lives of Our Lord and His Mother.



100 Club Membership

Congratulations to last month's winners. The next draw will take place at the end of September, so, renew your membership or sign up today! 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 for more information about this church fundraising initiative.



Support the St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has registered as a recipient charity with The Bermuda Championship which will be held at the Port Royal Golf Course from 25 – 31 October. To support SVDP:

- Sign-Up to be a Volunteer at the Event
- Make a Donation through The Bermuda Championship Birdies for Charity Program

For more information, contact Karen Leseur at 232-4175 or e-mail: svdp@northrock.bm. Thank you.



KBB Needs You!

Be a part of the Keep Bermuda Beautiful community of fellow volunteers who care about the environment. Plan to come out and join them on the next clean-up on Sunday, October 3, at 10 a.m. at the Rubber Tree, Warwick. Get involved today! E-mail office@kbb.bm for more information and to volunteer to help make our Island a cleaner place.



Pope Francis@Pontifex

We have severely harmed the Earth, our common home. Yet we have reasons for hope.

The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.

[#SeasonofCreation](#) [#OzoneDay](#)

St. Theresa's Gift Shop

Stop by and visit the St. Theresa's Gift Shop on Laffan Street for greeting cards, books and bibles (for adults and children), Portuguese books, rosaries and statues. Open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Smile for the Day!

Sone daily uplifting quotes seen on a chalkboard at a gas station in Gauteng, South Africa:

- *Don't do something permanently stupid because you're temporarily upset;*
- *When you forgive, you heal; when you let go, you grow;*
- *In a world where you can be anything, be kind;*
- *The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now;*
- *I am a woman...What's your superpower?*

The Bishop's Corner – Religious Symbols Banned

My Dear Fellow-Catholics:

An order was issued to students of the University of Turin in Italy who were preparing for examinations, that crosses and other religious symbols should not be visible on the background of their computer screen. Due to the pandemic, classes at the university have been held remotely and semester exams have also been conducted this way. This is why the university has prepared a list of applicable rules for use during the internet examination sessions.

Introduced, among other things, was special control software to prevent cheating and to ban the viewing of any political or religious symbols during the exam. While the students considered it right not to manifest their political views, the second part of the rule met with a strong wave of criticism. It was emphasized that this is a clear attack on religious freedom, which in the future may lead to the fact that it will no longer be possible to wear a chain with a cross or a rosary on the wrist, popular among young people, and to show symbols of other religions. One of the students stated that he would not remove the statue of Saint Padre Pio from his desk at home, even if it meant that he would not be able to take the exam.

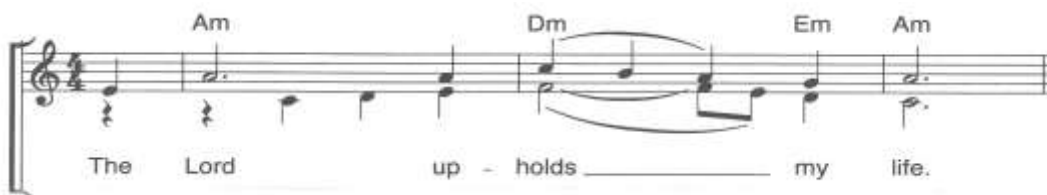
The decision also caused unrest at other Italian universities, whose students feared that they will also introduce similar rules. From this, they emphasize, there is only one step left to removing religious symbols from public spaces. At the same time, they indicate that the examiner, entering their homes thanks to the Internet, cannot decide what is allowed in their private space. By opposing the decision of the authorities, they recalled that the crosses on the walls of Italian houses and the religious pictures hanging on them are part of the Christian culture of Italy, which cannot be ignored, much less erased. Welcome to the world of new freedom and tolerance...

Enjoy your weekend and have a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Santo (by José Paulo Abreu)

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)

Holy See: Access to Safe Drinking Water Basic Human Right (Excerpt: Lisa Zengarini, *Vatican News* online, 17 Sept. 2021)

"Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights", Msgr Putzer, Chargé d'Affaires of the Vatican Permanent Mission to the UN, said quoting Pope Francis' words. "Unfortunately – he noted - even in our age of progress and technological advances, "access to safe, drinkable water is not within everyone's reach" and this "water gap is further aggravated by the harmful effects of climate change and the current health crisis". Indeed, the Covid-19 pandemic has widened existing social and economic inequalities, highlighting the damage caused by the absence or inefficiency of water services among those most in need. "It has also underscored how interconnected the global community is", Msgr Putzer added, emphasizing that universal access to clean water and sanitation "is not only an urgent priority", given the need to reduce the risks of global health emergencies, but it is also "a grave responsibility shared by all". Hence the need for a "concerted and coordinated effort on the part of all stakeholders to ensure that all people have access to clean and adequate water", the Vatican representative concluded.

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

25th & 26th September 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<u>Communion Mins.</u>	D. Mahoney	M. S-Matvey	L. Amaral
<u>Lector(s)</u>	H. Güntl	J. Blee	F. Medeiros
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	E. Wicks	R. Lopes	J. Amaral, Jr.
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	S. DaPonte	T. Furtado	J. Roberts
<u>Hospitality Mins.</u>	R. Simas	H. Furtado	Z. Moniz
<u>Church Flowers</u>	M. Simas	J. Furtado	T. Medeiros
	Conceição Rebelo		K. Garcia
			C. Veloso