

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 6:00 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

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Parish Council Chair
538-8424

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director & Organist
236-8196

Mr. David Mutch
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293-5506

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535-0002

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
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.

22nd December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent
Year C



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

These few short days before Christmas remind us of God's powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. Today, we prepare for the coming of Christ by rejoicing with Mary and her cousin Elizabeth as they bear witness to the mysterious fulfillment of those divine promises in their own lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	21st	6:00 p.m.	✠ Keith Hayward
Sun.	22nd	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	23rd	8:00 a.m.	✠ Manuel Carreiro
Tue.	24th	6:00 p.m.	Unity & Harmony in Families
Wed.	25th	12:00 a.m.	✠ Those Remembered by Christmas Flowers
		10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Thu.	26th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mariano & Maria Simas ✠ Manuel Simas ✠ Valdmira Medeiros
Fri.	27th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Noah Pedro
Sat.	28th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Octavio Vieira
Sun.	29th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Audrey Horseman ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Hilary Pacheco 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

When you hear the scripture and Gospel readings at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, take the opportunity to look inside yourself and ask what you are doing to grow in friendship with Jesus and prepare for Mass each week. Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are all called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$3,244.00
Offerings to Date:	\$192,967.75
Target Offerings (Week 50):	\$175,000.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$50.00



Pastoral Reflection

"Visitation and Encounter"



Welcome to the final Sunday of Advent! Today, we shift our emphasis by really preparing our hearts to receive Christ's incarnation and birth anew, just as Mary and Elizabeth did. The visitation and encounter to both Mary and Elizabeth prompts us to be open to the unexpected ways in which God may be present in our lives, and to be attentive to the signs of His coming and presence. Here are three points of reflection on the Gospel's account of the Visitation:

First, Mary's Visitation: We see Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth after the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and give birth to Jesus. This moment reflects the messages of joy, service and solidarity between these two women as they share with us the divine encounter and event surrounding the birth of Jesus. Just as Mary hurried to visit her cousin Elizabeth upon hearing the news of her miraculous conception, we are called during Advent to prepare our encounter for the coming of Christ, and of service for one another.

Second, Rejoicing in God's Presence: When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Similarly, during this final week of Advent, we are reminded to rejoice because HE is near. Christ's coming brings us salvation: that is the reason for our joy. God's presence is among us. Let us open our hearts to receive God's greatest gift and blessing He offers us – Jesus Christ.

Third, Encountering God's Goodness: Elizabeth recognized the significance of Mary's visit and the child she carried. Elizabeth's words to Mary, "Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled," emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God's goodness. Mary's unwavering faith serves as an example for all believers to trust in God's plan and be open to His will. As we journey through Advent, let us also be like Elizabeth, acknowledging and encountering the presence of Christ in our lives. May we share the good news of God's love and salvation with others, just as Elizabeth proclaimed the blessedness of Mary.

Therefore, let us use the remainder of this Advent season to prepare our whole being through service for others, rejoicing in God's presence and encountering HIS goodness in the world. Just as Mary visited Elizabeth and Elizabeth welcomed Mary, they both encountered Jesus with joy. May we too welcome Christ in our lives with open arms.

Blessings,
Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Angel Tree Appreciation

Prison Fellowship of Bermuda extends warm thanks to our parishioners for supporting their Angel Tree program once again. Your generosity provided Christmas gifts to **40 children** of inmates this year!

Portuguese Mass

Bishop Wes would like to advise everyone there will be NO Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's for the next two Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1. The Mass will resume at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8.**

CCD Christmas Break

Parents are reminded that this weekend was the last CCD class before Christmas break. Classes will resume again on **Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Church Hall.



Children's Christmas Nativity

We are pleased to invite our parish children to take part in our live Christmas Nativity at the **6:00 p.m.**

Family Mass on Christmas Eve! If you'd like to join, please attend the **practice on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall.**

Food Drive Drop-Offs

If you are participating in this year's "Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive" initiative, please be reminded that delivery of your full donation boxes can be made to any church in our Diocese during the next two weekends of **December 28/29 or January 4/5**, either before or after Mass. Alternatively, boxes can be dropped off to the St. Patrick's Church Hall on Saturday, December 28 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please contact Elaine Kelly at 236-4613 or ekelly@ibl.bm if you have any questions.



Prayer List for the Sick

Please help to ensure our weekly Prayer List is kept up to date. If you know someone on the current list who no longer requires immediate prayer, or if you would like to add a loved one's name to the list, please call the Rectory during office hours, or send an email to: stpats@logic.bm.

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
Charlie Ray
Manuel Gonçalves
Dorothy Gonsalves
Karen Fleisher

Dina Simas
Mark Every
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville
Laurida Souza Bulhões
Patricia Gibbons
Debbie Sampson

Parking Reminders for Christmas Mass

- **No parking on St. Patrick's Road, nor the sidewalk or handicamp ramp that accesses the Church.**
- **"First come, first served."**
- Additional parking available on Pampas Road.
- **Come early** to drop off anyone needing assistance.
- **"Pack your patience"** especially leaving after Mass.
- **Respect and obey directions** of parking attendants.

Office Closed

The Rectory office will be closed as of December 24, reopening again on Tuesday, January 7. You may email stpats@logic.bm or leave a voice message at 236-9866 Ext: 0# for any requests to be actioned upon reopening. For any urgent matters, contact Fr. Vivien at 777-0368. Warm wishes to all of our parish families for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule

24th & 25th December 2024

Nativity of Our Lord

	6:00 p.m. (Family Mass)	12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)	10:00 a.m. (Christmas Day Mass)
Communion Min(s)	M. Arnold & VOLUNTEER	M. Arnold	M. Arnold
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin & A. Lutkin N. da Silva & E. O'Connor	S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues
Song Leader	R. Lopes & Team	J. Mathias	D. Mutch
Mass Server(s)	Z. da Silva & VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Hospitality Min(s)	T. Botelho & C. Moss D. Mutch & S. Mutch	O. de Frias & R. Medeiros VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Debbie Sampson & VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Gift Bearers	Furtado Family	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Tony Correia & Family

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

28th & 29th December 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)			
Lector(s)	B. DaPonte	L. DeSouza & M. dos Anjos Araujo	N. Pedro
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	N. Every	Z. da Silva	J. Lema
Hospitality Min(s)	R. & M. Simas	D. DeFrias & J. Smith	C. Veloso & O. de Frias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	N. da Silva & Family	C. & H. Faria

Flowers Ministry: A. Bento

The Bishop's Corner – Christmas Greetings

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For my Christmas greeting this year, I would like to express it using the words in a contemporary Polish carol, "A Carol for Those Absent", which also appeared in English on a Cliff Richard album. To date, it is the only Polish carol to have been sung on an album by a foreign performer.

*If you're still and close your eyes
You can see beyond the shadows
If the light within your guise
Try to believe and hope this Christmas
As one soul disappears
The laughter fades into the distance
Please help us bury our tears
And forget that fate is burning*

*I will not give into the fear
That you're gone and lost forever
Give me strength to know that you're near
And to feel your love surround me
Give me the faith to know
That I can reach beyond the shadows
As the seeds begin to grow
I will believe in love this Christmas*

*Come to us, give us hope through our sorrow
Fill our lives and our dreams
With belief in tomorrow
Let us live and forget all our emptiness
Let us laugh like children
Who believe in life this Christmas*

A hopeful, blessed and loving Christmas to all of you, to all of us...

Bishop Wes



Smiles for the Day!

Why do Dasher and
Dancer love coffee?



Because they're Santa's
STAR BUCKS!

Why is Santa Claus so good at karate?



He has a black belt!

What does the
Gingerbread Man
use to make his bed?



Cookie sheets!

Responsorial Psalm – 4th Sunday of Advent



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face _____ and we shall be saved.

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)

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!

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.
Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

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!