

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
Parish Finance Committee Chair
293-5506

Mr. Joe Amaral
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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.

27th April 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
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

Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them, and thus insisted he would not believe without seeing Jesus for himself. When Jesus returned, he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here... bring your hand and put it into my side... believe.” In a myriad of ways, God makes Himself known to us each and every day, offering innumerable chances to meet Him. Lord, we ask that You give us eyes to see You and the courage to believe!

Mass Intentions

Sat.	26th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Denis DeSousa Intentions of Lillian DeSousa
Sun.	27th	9:00 a.m.	✠ João & Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ José & Maria Botelho
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick’s
Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m.			
Mon.	28th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Frank Alves
Tue.	29th	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	30th	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	1st	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	3rd	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun.	4th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Sandy Johnson
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Tony Faria ✠ Carlos Faria

Pastoral Reflection

“Sunday of Divine Mercy”

As we reflect on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to contemplate the boundless and unconditional love that God has for each of us. The concept of Divine Mercy is rooted in the belief that no matter how great our sins might be, God’s mercy is greater. Here are three points of reflection from the Gospel of John, which reveals to us the depths of God’s mercy and love for everyone:

First, Encounter with the Risen Christ: Jesus appearing to his disciples in the upper room, offering them *shalom* (peace) and showing them His wounds, is a powerful story of Divine Mercy. It reminds us of the importance of encountering the Risen Christ in our lives. Just as Jesus showed His wounds to the disciples, revealing His mercy and love, we, too, are called to encounter Christ in our brokenness and receive His divine mercy, allowing it to transform us and bring us peace.

Second, Thomas’ Doubt and Faith: The story of “Doubting Thomas” in the Gospel serves as a reflection of the tension between doubt and faith. Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw Jesus and touched His wounds. Jesus responded to Thomas with compassion and understanding, inviting him to believe. This Divine Mercy Sunday challenges us to confront our own doubts and fears, to bring them to Christ, and to open our hearts to receive His mercy so that our faith may be strengthened and renewed.

Third, Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Believed: In John 20:29, Jesus blesses those who believe without seeing. This message speaks to the faith of all believers who have not witnessed the physical presence of Jesus, but have encountered Him spiritually and through the testimony of others. Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to deepen our faith, trust in God’s mercy, and believe in the power of Christ’s resurrection, even when we cannot see it with our own eyes. May we be blessed with the grace to believe and receive the divine mercy that Christ offers to each one of us.

May this Divine Mercy Sunday be a time for us of reflection, renewal, and encounter with the Risen Christ, who always offers us His mercy and *shalom* (peace).

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Fish Fry Thanks

On behalf of the St. Patrick’s Parish Council and Social Committee, we would like to thank all those who supported our **Lenten Fish Fry** on April 11 through the purchase of tickets, volunteering of your time, and/or your kind financial donations. This was another successful sold-out fundraiser, with proceeds going towards the support of our parish operations!



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Peace was the first gift of the Risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so, too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful, not just with those who are our friends, but especially with those who are our enemies.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$7,136.00
Offerings to Date:	\$63,288.50
Target Offerings (Week 16):	\$60,800.00
Poor Box:	\$95.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$1,415.00



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!

Final Weekend for Special Collections

We recently took up two Special Diocesan Collections: the first was to support the building of a parish center and playground in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and the second was our annual Good Friday Holy Land collection. If you would still like to contribute to these special collections, please use the marked envelopes available at the entrance to the church, or transfer your kind donations online to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, and remember to notify the Rectory office for allocation purposes. This is the **final weekend to receive donations for both these special collections.** Please be generous!



Have YOU Renewed Your Membership for the 100 Club?

The St. Patrick's 100 Club is in its tenth year! Thank you to all of those who have supported this fundraising initiative in the past which has created significant annual contributions for various parish projects.

The first monthly cash prize draw for 2025 will be held next week! Please use the marked envelopes at the entrance to the church to renew your membership today! You can also transfer payment online to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**, and remember to notify the Rectory office of your transfer. If you are considering joining the 100 Club for the first time, please speak to David Mutch for more information.

Feast of Divine Mercy – April 27

The annual Mass for the Feast of Divine Mercy is this **Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Patrick's Church.** All are welcome to attend!

Portuguese Mass

Due to the Bishop's upcoming trip to Canada, please be advised that there will be NO Portuguese Mass this week Wednesday, April 30 at St. Patrick's.



Our Lady of Fatima Feast – May 13

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in 1917 in the small village of Fatima, Portugal. A woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun, presented herself to the children, and asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to war. You are invited to attend the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's** beginning with a candlelight procession in the parking lot (weather permitting) where the Rosary will be recited, and continuing in the church with a Mass celebrated in Portuguese by Bishop Wes.



Rescheduled Cemetery Mass

The annual Mass for the Deceased, which was postponed due to the Mass for Pope Francis, has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Calvary graveyard.**

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 Gonsalves
Karen Fleisher
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville
Laurida Souza Buthões

Debbie Sampson
Mickey Johnson
Jo Frith
Angus MacMullin
Anthony Amaral
Maria Cristina Imelda Catudio
David Mathias
Carol Melanson
Liz Weaver

CCD Easter Break

Parents are reminded that CCD classes are suspended for the Easter break, resuming again next **Saturday, May 3.**



St. Patrick's 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. The application submission **deadline is June 1, 2025.**

Heritage Tea – May 18

St. Joseph's Church is hosting an Afternoon Heritage Tea on **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 obtained by calling Liz Card at 234-0872, or via email: lizatstjosephs@gmail.com.



Classical Music Concerts

St. Joseph's Church will be holding a classical music concert featuring Steve Crawford, Jane Farge, Andrea Hodson & Johanna Pino Gonzalez on **Sunday, June 15 & Sunday, June 22** (duplicate program) 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 can be purchased 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.



Rest In Peace, Pope Francis

On Easter Monday morning, April 21, 2025 our Holy Father, Pope Francis, was called home to the Lord, ending his extraordinary papacy that began on March 13, 2013. It is with deep sorrow that we join the global Catholic community in mourning his death. Pope Francis will be remembered for his profound efforts to make the church more welcoming, more just, and more engaged with the realities of the world. May his example continue to inspire us toward creating a more compassionate world.

Smile for the Day!

Q: How do you make the number one disappear?
A: Just add a G and it's gone!



The Bishop's Corner – Pope Francis Tribute

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

It couldn't be any other way! I "must" dedicate this Bishop's Corner to Pope Francis. I am aware that each one of us has her/his own moments, words or images from Pope Francis' life and ministry that has touched us, inspired our minds, or hopefully challenged our ways of being human, Christian and Catholic. What I am pointing out here are ten personal quotes from Francis' teachings without any specific order or importance.

1. The Church is not a tribunal for judgment or a fortress. The Church is a field hospital where wounds are first dressed. People need to be given mercy and not control. The greater the sinner, the greater right to God's mercy;
2. Theology of creation or integral ecology had been pushed to the margins by the Church or completely forgotten;
3. Go with the disciples of Emaus. Go even in the wrong direction as long as you are Christ-like with them;
4. This is what I am asking you: be shepherds with the smell of your sheep on you;
5. Time is more important than space. It counts to start the process even if we do not see the end;
6. Let us be lights of hope. Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality;
7. Be brave and follow love. God is love. So, everything that leads to love is a good path;
8. Gossip is a weapon and it threatens the human community every day; it sows envy, jealousy and power struggles;
9. Dialogue with those who think differently is not relativism, but a deeper testimony of the Gospel;
10. Don't be too harsh on yourself, but listen to God's voice in your heart and avoid harsh judgment of yourself.

I am simply grateful to him for having sent me here, to Bermuda, to walk in faith, hope and love with you, my Dear People.

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



A Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of your servant, Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him now into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory. Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love. May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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!

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

3rd & 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Ministers	M. DaCosta, M. DeSilva & A. Bento	E. Kelly, C. Frias & A. Rodrigues	K. Garcia, M. Falcão & M. Squire
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	H. Tavares	K. Onen
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	J. Mathias
Mass Server(s)	A. Lutkin	VOLUNTEER	J. Lema
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	C. Moss & T. Botelho	C. Veloso & O. de Frias
Gift Bearers	Sinclair Family	G. & J. Blee	A. Tomaz & VOLUNTEER
Flowers Ministry:	Maria Luisa Pacheco		