

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
St. Vincent de Paul Society Rep
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.

30th March 2025
4th Sunday of Lent
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

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus presents God as a Father who loves all of His children – the wayward and the dutiful – and seeks to draw them into a loving relationship with Him, sharing in His joy. Sometimes, like the younger son, we are swept up in God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy; other times, we set up barriers and resist it. Let us reflect on how God has been coming out to meet us in our own lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	29th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Ethan Arruda
Sun.	30th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ Antonio José Gaspar
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick’s
Mon.	31st	8:00 a.m.	✠ Denis DeSousa
Tue.	1st	8:00 a.m.	
Wed.	2nd	8:00 a.m.	
Thu.	3rd	8:00 a.m.	
Fri.	4th	8:00 a.m.	
Sat.	5th	6:00 p.m.	✠ José Rebelo
Sun.	6th	9:00 a.m.	✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Sandy Johnson ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Joaquin & Guilhermina Medeiros ✠ Roger Medeiros ✠ Mary Tatem
		11:00 a.m.	✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with everything that we need.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$4,099.00
Offerings to Date:	\$45,921.00
Target Offerings (Week 12):	\$45,600.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$349.00



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!

Pastoral Reflection

“Laetare – Sunday of Rejoicing”

Laetare Sunday often features readings and themes that focus on rejoicing, refreshment, and encouragement for believers to persevere in our Lenten disciplines. It allows us to understand that the season of Lent is not solely about sorrow and repentance, but also about the promise of redemption and the ultimate triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death. Here are three points of reflection based on the parable of the Prodigal Son:

First, God’s Unconditional Love and Mercy: The parable highlights God’s unconditional love and mercy for all His children. Despite the son’s wayward behavior and poor choices, the father in the parable embraces him with open arms upon his return, which demonstrates his forgiveness and compassion. This story reminds us that no matter how far we may stray from God, His love and mercy are always available to us when we repent and turn back to Him.

Second, The Need for Repentance and Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son’s journey from rebellion to repentance serves as a powerful example of the importance of acknowledging our sins, seeking forgiveness, and returning to God with a contrite heart. Likewise, the older brother’s struggle with jealousy and resentment towards his younger brother points to the need for forgiveness and reconciliation in our relationships with others. It invites us to reflect on our own need for repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in our lives.

Third, Joy and Celebration in Heaven: The parable concludes with a celebration in honor of the Prodigal Son’s return, symbolizing the joy and rejoicing that occurs in heaven when a sinner repents. This serves as a reminder that God delights in welcoming back His lost children, and that there is great joy in the act of repentance and reconciliation.

So, let us embrace the messages of rejoicing, hope and redemption by always remembering God’s unconditional love for us, the transformative power of repentance and forgiveness, and the joy of reconciliation with God and one another. This is also a good time to pause, reflect, and seek renewal as we journey through the season of Lent towards the promise of Easter.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Sign-Up for Holy Week

Please take a moment to review the sign-up sheets located on the counter at the entrance to the Church and volunteer for the various ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you for your kind stewardship!



Dhaka Special Collection – March 29 & 30

As Bishop Wes shared in his last edition of the *Bishop's Corner*, we are taking up a Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving Collection in all parishes this weekend to support the construction of a Parish Centre and playing ground near Dhaka in Bangladesh. Please give generously using the marked envelopes provided.



Renew Your 100 Club Membership!

The St. Patrick's 100 Club is in its tenth year! Thank you to all those who have supported this initiative in the past which has created significant annual contributions for our various parish projects. Our first cash prize draw will be held at the end of April, so if you haven't already done so, please use the marked envelopes at the entrance to the Church to renew your membership today! You can also transfer payment online to **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100** and note "100 Club" in the memo field. If you're considering joining the 100 Club for the first time, please speak with David Mutch for more information.

BINGO Thanks

On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to extend thanks to all those who supported our St. Patrick's Day Dinner BINGO. It was a night of great fun which raised **\$3,608.85** for our Church! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of time, talent, and treasure!

Portuguese Mass

Due to the Bishop's travel schedule, please note there will be NO Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church for the next two Wednesdays, April 2 & 9.

Holy Week Reconciliation Services

If you missed the Diocesan Lenten Reconciliation Services this past week, there will be two additional opportunities for confession taking place at **St. Theresa's Cathedral** on **Wednesday, April 16** from **12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and **7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



Easter Flower Donations

Marked envelopes are available on the counters at the entrance to the Church for Easter flower donations in memory of your loved ones. If you prefer to pay online, please remember to advise the Rectory office of your transfer, as well as the names of your loved ones for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

St. Patrick's Scholarship Award

Applications for the 2025/26 Scholarship Award for students of St. Patrick's Parish who are attending, or planning to attend, college/university in the next academic year are now available from the Sacristy. **Please write your name and phone number on the contact sheet before taking an application.** Both first-time and repeat applicants must complete the application in full and return all required documents by the submission **deadline of June 1, 2025.**



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:

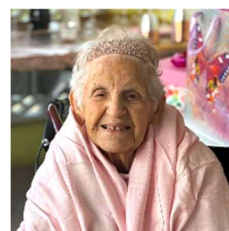


Genevieve DeSouza
Paula Madeiros
Joe Pacheco
Manuel Gonçalves
Dorothy Gonsalves
Karen Fleisher
Pat Rego
Denise Somerville
Laurida Souza Bulhões

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

St. Patrick's Fish Fry – April 11

Have you purchased your **Lenten Fish Fry** tickets yet?! Enjoy a delicious mahi-mahi takeout dinner from Bella Vista for only \$25! Collection will be from the Church Hall on **Friday, April 11** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are available from any of our Parish Council or Social Committee members. This event was **SOLD-OUT** last year, so buy your tickets ASAP! Please also remember to bring along a reusable bag to transport your meals home.



Happy 100th Birthday, Maria!

Congratulations to Maria Aguiar who turned 100 YEARS OLD on March 25! Maria was born in the Azores on March 25, 1925 and emigrated to Bermuda in 1950. She was married to Joe Aguiar, and has two children, Cecilia DaCosta and Ronnie Aguiar, two grandsons, Michael and William, and two great-granddaughters, Tatyana and Mercedes. Maria will be celebrating this amazing milestone this weekend with dinner and cake, surrounded by her family and friends.

Lost Ring

A ring was found in the Church Hall after our Dinner BINGO event. If you or someone you know has lost a ring, please contact the Rectory office for more details.



Fr. Vivien Travels to Rome

Frs. Vivien & Dandy are excited to be travelling to Rome from March 30 to April 5 in honor of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. They will visit the Holy Door at St. Peter's and spend some time at the Passionist Generalate House while there. Fr. George Nowak will be returning as locum priest for our parish during this time. Please give him a warm welcome back to St. Patrick's!

Office Closed

Please be advised that the Rectory office will be closed from April 4 – 11, **reopening on Tuesday, April 15.** Email stpats@logic.bm or leave a voicemail at 236-9866 Ext: 0# for any requests to be actioned upon reopening. For urgent matters, please call Fr. Vivien at 777-0368.

Smile for the Day!

I was wondering why the baseball kept getting bigger... then it hit me!



The Bishop's Corner – Ugandan Mother Teresa

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

When I came to know this incredible story, I knew that I wanted to share it with you as well.

In the city of Gulue, in northern Uganda, Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe and her fellow sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, help women who have been assaulted by the rebels to “stitch their life together, like pieces of fabric.” Thanks to the “creativity of mercy” and sewing machines, they have already saved thousands of women who are rejected by local communities. Although Sr. Rosemary is known as the “Ugandan Mother Teresa” with *Time* magazine recognizing her years ago as one of the 100 most influential women in the world, she stresses that she owes her strength and courage to God, prayer, and her fellow religious sisters.

She is convinced that God calls one “to what he knows we can do.” With her sisters, she decided to care for young women who had been kidnapped by rebels, sexually abused by them and trained to kill, only to later be rejected by their own communities. “People were afraid of them, because many of them had their loved ones’ blood on their hands. So I opened the door and said, come to us,” recalled Sister Rosemary, as if she were inviting welcome guests. “I also sent a message to the local radio, a risky move as the rebels might hear it, but it was worth it! Many women, especially young women came, often with their children, unloved and conceived as a result of rape.”

Her idea was simple: to transform machine guns into sewing machines and show the formerly enslaved women that a life which has been torn apart can be reassembled into something beautiful and precious, like fragments of materials that are transformed into beautiful handbags.

“Oh, look, this is made of Coca-Cola caps,” Sister Rosemary said, showing off a small, finely sewn bag she never parts with. I tell the women, “Look how beautiful these bags are. You made them by carefully stitching together what people have thrown away, and you, too, can be this beautiful!”

Asked if she talks about God with the people she serves, she said no. “Do you know why I don’t talk about him?” she asked with a smile. “Because my presence is enough to tell them that I am with them, because I believe in God. I proclaim Him with my presence. To accompany them day and night, seven days a week, you need to have God in your heart.”

Have a joyous “Laetare Sunday” and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes



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

5th & 6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Communion Ministers	M. DaCosta & A. Bento	J. Chisnall & L. Arnold	L. Amaral & M. Falcão
Lector(s)	S. Sousa	A. Rodrigues & C. Frias	N. Pedro
Song Leader	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	J. Roberts
Mass Server(s)	J. Every	H. Furtado	C. Sta Maria & C. Sta Maria
Hospitality Ministers	D. & S. Mutch	C. Moss & M.P. Silva	C. Veloso & VOLUNTEER
Gift Bearers	D. & K. Raymond	T. Medeiros & Family	K. Garcia & A. Tomaz
Flowers Ministry:	Ashley Bento		