

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

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.

16th February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

Our readings for this weekend emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. God lifts us up to greater things. He lifts us up, no matter what hardships we are facing.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	15th	6:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sun.	16th	9:00 a.m.	✠ José da Conceição Melo ✠ José & Maria Botelho ✠ Tony Faria ✠ Robert Tatem
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon.	17th	8:00 a.m.	
Tue.	18th	8:00 a.m.	✠ LaVerne Lau
Wed.	19th	8:00 a.m.	✠ José Clementino, Maria Ramos & Deceased Family Members
Thu.	20th	8:00 a.m.	✠ Daniel Calouro
Fri.	21st	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Tony Correia
Sat.	22nd	6:00 p.m.	✠ Ethan Arruda
Sun.	23rd	9:00 a.m.	✠ João & Maria da Estrela Veloso ✠ Deodato Rego ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents ✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo & Daughter Suzann ✠ Maria de Lurdes Pacheco Barbosa
		11:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Patrick's



Weekly Stewardship Thought

Today we hear about hope – an essential quality for the Christian steward. This theological virtue is the very definition of a stewardship way of life, focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives, relying on God to provide for our every need and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,952.00
Offerings to Date:	\$22,402.00
Target Offerings (Week 6):	\$22,800.00
Poor Box Last Weekend:	\$76.00



Notification of Online Transfers

For those who prefer to coordinate their payments online to our Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100, we would be most grateful if you could please **send an email to the Rectory office at stpats@logic.bm to advise of any incoming funds and how they should be allocated.** Unfortunately, even when senders include a memo on their end, the transfer details are not always showing up on our end! This is particularly common for transfers from HSBC and Clarien Bank. Thank you!

Pastoral Reflection

“Blessings and Woes”

Luke presents us with a profound message from our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus delivers a series of blessings and woes that challenge the conventional wisdom of society and reveal to us the radical nature of the Kingdom of God. Here are three points of reflection based on the Gospel:

First, The Upside-Down Kingdom: In Jesus' Sermon, *blessings* are pronounced on the poor, hungry, weeping, and persecuted, while *woes* are directed towards the rich, full, laughing, and well-spoken of. This reflects the upside-down nature of the Kingdom of God where the values of the world are reversed, and God's favor is often found in unexpected places.

Second, True Happiness and Fulfillment: Jesus' words in the Gospel remind us that true happiness and fulfillment do not come from worldly success, wealth, or comfort. Instead, Jesus invites us to find our joy in Him, and in living according to His kingdom's values of humility, compassion, justice, and mercy. The blessings pronounced by Jesus indicate that those who suffer in this life will receive comfort and reward in the Kingdom of God.

Third, Challenge to Realign Priorities: The contrast between the blessings and woes presented by Jesus challenges us to examine our own priorities and values. Are we seeking after the temporary pleasures and comforts of this world, or are we prioritizing our relationship with God and living in alignment with His will? This really calls us to reevaluate our understanding of happiness and fulfillment in light of the teachings of Jesus, and to make choices that reflect our commitment to His Kingdom.

Thus, let us take this message to heart and allow it to transform us from within. Let us embrace courageously the upside-down nature of the Kingdom of God, where the last shall be first and the first shall be last. Let us find our true joy and fulfillment in God alone, and be willing to stand firm in our faith, even when it means having to face challenges and hardships in this world.

Blessings,

Fr. Vivien L. Nuera, CP
Parish Priest



Annual Report & Budget

Last weekend, the 2024 Annual Report and Budget for 2025 were presented after all Masses. Additional hard copies of the report may be found on the counter at the entrance to the Church. The report has also been posted online to the St. Patrick's Facebook page should you wish to download it or read it electronically.

Portuguese Mass

Please be reminded that there will be NO Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church this week **Wednesday, February 19** due to Bishop Wes' travel schedule. The Masses will resume as normal the following week.



Bermuda General Election – February 18

As you are aware, the Bermuda Government has called for a General Election to take place this coming **Tuesday, February 18**. Please note that the St. Patrick's Church Hall will serve as a polling station for Constituency #9 (Smith's West). Therefore, if you plan to attend morning Mass next week Tuesday, we ask that you be mindful of the additional foot-traffic expected around the Church property, and vehicles entering/exiting the parking lots. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mass Intentions

There is still ample availability to book weekday Mass intentions for your loved ones this year, in addition to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for multiple intentions. Contact the Rectory during office hours to request your dates. A suggested stipend of \$15.00 per Mass can be given directly to Fr. Vivien, or you can make payment online to our **Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100**. Please include a corresponding note in the memo field and **send a notification email to the Rectory office.**

Cemetery Maintenance

If you have not recently visited your deceased loved ones in one of our graveyards, please set some time aside to go and check that the area is tidy. All Christmas decorations should be removed now, and no metal objects should be placed on the graves due to the deterioration caused by Bermuda's climate which leads to rust stains on the graves. Thank you for your consideration and care of our cemeteries.



Valentine's BINGO at St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's Church will be holding a Valentine's Day themed BINGO next **Saturday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.** in their Parish Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children, which includes soup, sandwiches and some sweets, as well as two BINGO cards. There will also be a raffle. For tickets, call Liz Card at 234-0872, or email her at: lizatstjosephs@gmail.com.

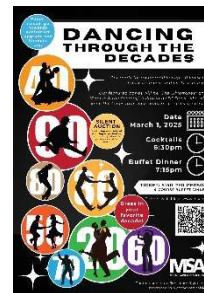
Prayer List

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
Isabel LaVangie
Angus MacMullin



MSA Dancing Through the Decades

MSA is pleased to announce tickets are now on sale for their upcoming gala, "Dancing Through the Decades," taking place on **Saturday, March 1** at the Hamilton Princess. Get dressed up in the style of your favorite decade and join MSA for an evening of fun and entertainment beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by a 4-course buffet dinner, then dance the night away to live bands, "The Silvertones" and "Ronnie & the Secrets," followed by DJ Drew who will keep the tunes from your favorite decades spinning! There will also be a silent auction featuring a variety of exciting experiences and plenty of raffle prizes available to win! Tickets are \$150.00 per person and can be purchased online at: www.msa.bm. Proceeds from this event will go towards the upgrade of the MSA Auditorium, as well as financial aid. For more information, email Advancement Manager Suzanne DeCouto at: sdecouto@msa.bm.



St. Patrick's Dinner BINGO

Mark your calendars for our next social event! The Parish Council are pleased to announce the return of Dinner BINGO! Come enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship after Mass on **Saturday, March 15 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Hall as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tickets will be available for purchasing from the Parish Council members after all Masses next weekend, February 22 & 23. The cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children aged 12 and under, which includes your meal plus one BINGO card. Dessert donations for this event are most appreciated!

Smile for the Day!

Q: What did the horse say when he lost his balance?
A: *Help... I've fallen and can't giddy-up!*



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are true gifts of life.

ANGELUS, ROME – FEBRUARY 13, 2022

The Bishop's Corner – Women Appointments at the Vatican

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Pope Francis named the first woman to head a major Vatican office by appointing an Italian nun, Sister Simona Brambilla, to become Prefect of the department responsible for all of the Catholic Church's religious orders. The appointment marks a major step in Francis' aim to give women more leadership roles in governing the church. While women have been named to "number two" spots in some Vatican offices, never before has a woman been named Prefect of a Dicastery or Congregation of the Holy See Curia, the central governing organ of the Catholic Church.

The office is one of the most important in the Vatican. Known officially as the Dicastery for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, it is responsible for every religious order, from the Jesuits and Franciscans to the Mercy nuns and smaller newer movements. The appointment means that a woman is now responsible for the women who do much of the church's work, the world's 600,000 Catholic nuns, as well as the 129,000 Catholic priests who belong to religious orders.

Pope Francis then announced that, starting in March, Sister Raffaella Petrini will become President of the Vatican Governorate. This means that she will direct the administration of the temporal goods of the Apostolic See, where all of the Vatican's investment decisions are made.

This marks another significant appointment of a woman to a prominent role. "The work of women in the Curia has progressed slowly but effectively. Now, we have many," noted the Pope, and added "Women manage better than we men do."

Clergymen, tremble! 😊

Enjoy your weekend and have a good week!

Bishop Wes



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise forever.

Amen

Franciscus

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

22nd & 23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Min(s)	M. DaCosta & G. Zanol	J. Chisnall & M. Suschak-Matvey	L. Arnold & K. Garcia
Lector(s)	A. Lutkin	A. Rodrigues & M. dos Anjos Araujo	N. Pimentel
Song Leader	S. Abraham	R. Lopes	J. Cassidy
Mass Server(s)	A. Lutkin	H. Furtado	J. Lema
Hospitality Min(s)	D. & S. Mutch	T. Botelho & J. Furtado	O. de Frias & N. Pedro
Gift Bearers	Bento Family	G. & J. Blee	C. & H. Faria
Flowers Ministry:	Connie Frias		