

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

6:00PM                      7:30AM                      10:00AM

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan                      Dr. Gloria Callwood                      Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Ruth Smith                      Agnes Nicholas                      Young Vincentian  
Margarita smith                      Jalila Thomas                      Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez                      Felicinne Marcellin                      Michelle Stout  
Rose Labadie

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

*Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .*

HOSPITAL: John Joseph, Rita Thompson.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, Elizabeth Dolphin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fountain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Leal Stridiron, Grace Thompson.

SEAVIEW: Margarita Knight.

LUCINDA MILLIN:

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

*And all the sick and suffering in our community!*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the repose of the souls of loved ones who have been called home by our Savior. *If you or your loved one is going into the hospital, please contact the office so that you/they may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

*You are practicing Honesty when you ...*

*\*Say what you mean and mean what you say.*

*\*make promise you can keep.*

*\*Tell the truth tactfully.*

*\*Admit your mistakes.*

*\*Refuse to lie, cheat or steal.*

*\*Are true to yourself and do what you know is right.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself. I tell the truth kindly and tactfully.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Alicia Douté                      Yasmine Haynes  
Jean Dragin                      Anneta Heyliger  
Claudia Winston                      Dan Hurley  
John T. Williams  
Rev. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)

**PRAYER FOR LENT**

Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. During this Lent, lead us by your Holy Spirit to live more faithfully in Christian freedom. Through prayer, increased charity and the disciplines of this sacred season, draw us closer to you. Purify the intentions of our hearts so all our Lenten observances give you praise and glory. Grant that through our words and actions, we may be faithful messengers of the Gospel message to a world in need of hope and your mercy. Amen. **O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.**

**FUNERAL MASSES**

**Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church** are held on the designated day at 9:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on Wednesdays and on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**HOLY FAMILY  
PARISH COUNCIL**

*Monthly meeting is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month.*

Eubald René (Chairman)  
Yasmine Haynes (Secretary)  
Bridget Toussaint  
Jennifer Johnson  
Christian Douté  
Mona Bedminster  
Felicia Felix  
Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)  
Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu  
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

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St. Thomas, VI 00803  
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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Lisa Roberts, Bryon Biscoe, Zaire Burns, Earlyn Casimir, Wayne Casimir, Sjour Daniot, Jessica Grell, Anthony Legrand, David Beausoleil, Caroline Pickering, Ray Chesterfield, Anallah Descartes, Forestal Djoury, Dineijah Attidore-Charles, Brendon Samuel, Elizabeth Stevenson, Genet Henry, Elroy Pickering, Sr.*



*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**4th Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2017**

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**MAKE  
THESE  
40DAYS  
HOLY**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Church of the Holy Family exists to Nurture and advance Christ's Eucharistic Unconditional Love to all, through Love of God and neighbor.**

**Pastor**  
Reverend Neil Scantlebury

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Administrative Assistant**  
Ms. Allison Charles

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds  
Mr. Ade Warrington

**Volunteers**  
Mrs. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint  
Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**  
**- (Spanish)**  
**6:00 p.m. - (Creole)**  
**Thursday: 6:00 p.m.**  
**(Creole)**

**When you enter THE CHURCH talk to GOD;  
when you leave - talk to each other!**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM &  
6:00 PM Creole Mass**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday: 6:00 PM**  
**Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the  
7:00 AM Mass followed by  
Adoration after the mass to 5:30 PM**  
**Friday: Holy Hour - 6:00 PM  
Mass at 7:00 PM**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday: 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM  
or by appointment.**

**Readings for the Week  
of March 26, 2017**

Mon.: Isaiah 65:17 - 21; John 4:43 - 54

Tue.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 9, 12; John 5:1 - 16

Wed.: Isauah 49:8 - 15; John 5:17 - 30

Thur.: Exodus 32:7 - 14; John 5:31 - 47

Fri.: Wisdom 2:1a, 12 - 22; John 7:1 - 2, 10,  
25 - 30

Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18 - 20; John 7:40 - 53

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
5th Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37:12 - 14  
Romans 8:8 - 11  
John 11:1 - 45

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a

The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8 - 14

Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

#### GOSPEL READING: John 9:1 - 41

Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because he did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

When we step out into the light from a dark place, it takes our eyes a while to adjust and really see what is around us. Perhaps that is the lesson of today's scriptures that it takes time for our spiritual eyes to adjust to the light of God's action in our lives. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us pray for patience and persistence in gaining sight and insight into the gift of God's world around us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: God's protection for Oner Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Rose and Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Nubi and Jerimia rb Ms. Casimir.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 27, 6:00 PM: *St. John of Egypt*  
Hans Oliver (d) rb His family.

Tues. Mar. 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Tutilo*  
God's continued blessings for Francis Callwood.

Wed. Mar. 29, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Jonas and Barachisius*  
Birthday blessings for Tracy M. Rawlings rb Her mother,  
Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. Mar. 30, 7:00 AM: *St. John Climacus*  
God's guidance and protection for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

Fri. Mar. 31, 7:00 PM: *St. Guy of Pomposa*  
Clarissa Warrington (d) rb The Warrington family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards *Bishop's Appeal*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Bishop's Appeal*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2017 helps to support our mission in evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the Catholic Islander which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarians and the development of our diocesan youth ministries. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. "Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's protection and deliverance for Curtis Abraham requested by Eve Ogiste*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**LENT:** Lent began with *Ash Wednesday, March 01, 2017*. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent.

#### LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.
3. Those 14 years and older are to **abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent**
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. We are encouraged to attend the Jesus Explosion with our entire family.
7. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria and **NO** Alleluia, **NO** recessional hymn.
8. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
9. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
10. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.

**JESUS EXPLOSION NUMBER 1:** The Diocese of St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands presents Jesus Explosion Number One, which will take place at Columban Hall at Holy Family Church, from *Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2, 2017*. The main speaker will be *Fr. Ian Taylor of Trinidad & Tobago*. The theme for the weekend is "God's Love" - John 3:16. **The fee is \$20.00 for ages 10 to 21 which includes registration, material, weekend meals and a polo shirt. Adults: 22 and older, registration is \$35.00. Meals and polo shirts are sold separately.** Registration forms are available at all Catholic churches. Accommodations are needed for visitors from Trinidad, Virgin Gorda, Tortola and St. Croix. Volunteers please contact Yvonne Freeman at 340-642-6377.

**PALM SUNDAY CONCERT:** Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Palm Sunday Concert featuring Holy Family Adult and Youth Choirs, Haitian Adult and Youth Choirs, Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral and Spanish Choirs, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Choir and additional Guest Artists. The concert will take place on Palm *Sunday, April 9, 2017* at 4:00 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donation - Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under pay \$10:00 at the door. Please save this date and plan to be there and bring the family along. Thank you.

**EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON:** The St. Joseph Workers will host an Easter Sunday Luncheon, on *Sunday, April 16, 2017*, at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall, with Live Entertainment. Donation - Adults - \$40.00 and Children - \$25.00 at the door. Please save the date.

### LITURGY AND WORD

Sin and sickness  
The disciples of Jesus want to know from their Master the relationship between sin and sickness. In responding to the disciples, Jesus disassociates sickness from sin. By this disassociation, Jesus wants to liberate people from their narrow, prejudiced and superstitious mentality, and exhorts them not to make God a God of punishment. God is always on the side of life. The concrete expression of God being on the side of life is the incarnation of Jesus. Jesus came so that we may have life and live in its fullness (Jn 10:10).

Gospels never portray sickness as a result of sin but as opportunity where God reveals his compassion and love. But it is good to reflect if there is any relationship between the two realities of life: sin and sickness. What is sin? Sin is a reality that takes us away from God who is the source of happiness and wholeness. When we go away from God due to sin, we lose our wholeness and we become 'sick'. Hence, we must remain with God and experience wholeness in life.

Jesus is the light of the world  
The healing of the blind man represents the coming of light into the world. The three-fold activities of teaching, preaching and healing of Jesus removes the darkness of ignorance, unbelief and sickness. The Gospel today portrays two kinds of responses to the appearance of light. The first response is that of unbelief; despite the repeated affirmation by the blind man that it was Jesus who healed him, despite the confirmation from the part of the parents that he was their son born blind, the Jews refused to believe in Jesus and his divine origin. On the other hand, the man who was healed believes in Jesus. He becomes a disciple of Jesus. While unbelief leads to darkness, faith leads to life because those who believe in Jesus will not perish, but will have eternal life (Jn 3:16).

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **514**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$6,515.36**

SECOND COLLECTION:

*Bishop's Appeal:* **\$1,155.76**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution goal for 2017 is \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.*

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Growth of faith  
It is useful to note the growth of obstinacy in the Pharisees and the growth of faith in the man healed by Jesus. The Pharisees, at first, seem to accept the fact of the healing miracle. In the second instance, they deny even the fact of a miracle and insist that the parents to deny that their son was born blind. In the final stage, the Pharisees lose interest in finding the truth at all. In the case of the man born blind, he confesses that Jesus healed him; he acknowledges Jesus as a prophet and finally he defends Jesus as the one coming from God. The two responses indicate how one's faith can grow and how it can be lost. While acts of faith increase our faith, the simple doubts and denial of faith lead to loss of faith. Hence, amidst difficulties and struggles, like the blind man who stood firm in his faith, let us also remain steadfast in our faith in Jesus.

### Pope FRANCIS

on **LENT** 2017



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.