

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Helena Enrique Antoinette Floyd	Alma Wells Noreen Joseph	Julia Johnson Yvonne Freeman
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Rose Labadie Danna Knight	Mona Bedminster

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Rita Thompson.
OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, John Gimenez, Jean Dragin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James.

SEAVIEW:
MASSAC:
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 Detachment when you ...

- *Don't get swept away by strong feelings.*
- *Take time out before doing something you will regret.*
- *Step back and look at your feelings.*
- *Act instead of react.*
- *Let go of things you cannot control.*
- *Choose to do what is right.*

Affirmation:

I am detached. I am aware of my feelings and choose my actions with detachment. I do what is right for me. I choose to be my best self no matter what happens.

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)

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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, November 15, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

Chi-Co's Distributing, Inc
 Lindberg Bay #18
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St. Thomas, VI 00803
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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Wende Rouse, Cailey McCleary, Nekyle Alfred, Cayden Morris, Renasha Benjamin, Quann Charles, Celestial Dazle, Shawn Williams, Dariea Monroe, Mica Jackson, Gerald deFreitas, Dacladas Jacquet, Christine Smith, Rohan Johnson, Toya Seales, Julio Adams, Joseph Philbert, Jr., Jorestal Johnson, Stephen Steele, Steven Mayers, Paula Charles, Charlene Dick, Balvin Browne, Jennifer Frederick, Olivia Gumbs, Samuel Ottley, Donna Edney, Irene Morris.

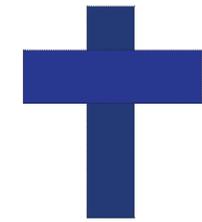


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Aug. 20, 2017

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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

Interim Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

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 August 20, 2017**

Mon.: Judges 2:11 - 19; Matthew 19:16 - 22
Tue.: Judges 6:11 - 24a; Matthew 19:23 - 30
Wed.: Judges 9:6 - 15; Matthew 20:1 - 16
Thur.: Rev. 21:9b - 14; John 1:45 - 51
Fri.: Ruth 1:1, 3 - 6, 14b - 16, 22;
Matthew 22:34 - 40
Sat.: Ruth 2:1 - 3, 8 - 11; 4:13 - 17;
Matthew 22:1 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY:
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 22:19 - 23
Romans 11:33 - 36
Matthew 16:13 - 20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6 - 7

The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is “a house of prayer for all people.”

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

God’s love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21 - 28

The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.

The Canaanite woman of today’s Gospel, desperate for the healing of her daughter, breaks through social and political barriers, even challenging Jesus as she seeks relief for her child. By responding to her faith, Jesus shows us how his mission to the world continues to become broader and wider in its outreach to the world. As we listen to God’s holy word today, let us examine the boundaries that we set, and listen for God’s challenge to us to break them down.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Kathy Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: In Thanksgiving to God for Julian and Ilma Gumbs rb Ilma Gumbs.

 Birthday blessings for Wende Rouse rb The Doute family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Gabrielle Baa rb Alma Wells.

6:00 PM: God’s continued blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 21, 6:00 PM: **St. Pius X**
Souls in purgatory rb Lola Warrington.

Tues. Aug. 22, 7:00 AM: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Benny Hobson (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Wed. Aug. 23, 7:00 AM: **St. Rose of Lima**
Birthday blessings for Wende Rouse rb The Children of Mary

Thurs. Aug. 24, 7:00 AM: **St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast**
Betty Wagner (deceased)

Fri. Aug. 25, 7:00 PM: **St. Louis of France**
Birthday blessing for Robert Ferrell rb The Ferrell, Browne, Doute and Smith families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the *Youth Ministry*. Next week’s second collection will go towards *Catholic Education*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Irene Morris requested by the Delgado family*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: The 70th Annual Pilgrimage to Cassi Hill will be celebrated this **Sunday, August 20, 2017**. We will gather at Four Winds Plaza from 2:00 p.m. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. to Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine. We will end with a closing mass at Holy Family Church at 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the mass in the classroom. All are invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers and volunteers next **Saturday, August 26, 2017**. This meeting will be a time of reflection and will run from **10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend. We would also like to have another meeting on the following **Saturday, September 2, 2017**, from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, where we will plan for the upcoming school year, 2017/2018. Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the new school year. Once again thank you. Religious education classes with begin on **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly. Once again, thank you.

USHERING MINISTRY: Being a member of the Holy Family Church ushers ministry is very rewarding. We are open to both men and women of our parish. If you are a caring, reliable and dedicated person, the usher ministry needs you for Saturday mass 6:00 p.m., Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church. Please indicate which mass you would be an usher for along with your name and telephone number.

FUN DAY: Families for Christ at Holy Family Church is hosting a Family Fun Festival on **Saturday, September 9, 2017** from **11:30 am – 4:00 pm** in the church’s parking lot, with registration for CCD. The Family Festival is a fun filled community outreach to invite children and their families from neighboring communities to have fun on Saturday and worship on Sunday. Donations of the following items are needed to make this event a success: Hot dogs, hamburgers & buns, candy, sodas, water, juice boxes, popcorn and monetary donations. Please drop off donations at the church office during the week and at the church on Saturday and Sunday.

FATIMA CELEBRATIONS: The Children of Mary invites everyone to a series of celebrations celebrating the hundredth year of Our Lady’s appearance to the children in Fatima. The next celebration is **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. The final celebration will be on Friday, **October 13, 2017**. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

LUNCHEON: Holy Family church will be hosting a luncheon on **Sunday, October 8, 2017**, to honor the members of The Children of Mary. This celebration is in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Cassi Hill and the 100th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. This luncheon will start at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donations: Adults - \$50.00.

LITURGY AND WORD

The theme of today’s liturgy deals with the place of the Gentiles in the salvation won by Christ. All the readings of today deal with this topic. In the 1st reading, the Lord’s house is called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isa 56:7). Further, foreigners are assured that sacrifices which they bring will be wholly acceptable. This makes them members of the community in full standing. The acceptance of foreigners’ sacrifice means that they cease to be foreigners.

Though a Christian, Paul still regards himself as a member of the Jewish people. Calling them “my fellow Jews”, he expresses his solidarity with them. He spends himself in the ministry of the gospel, preaching it to the Gentiles with one purpose: to stimulate his people to envy the lot of the Gentiles. Although Paul’s ministry primarily concerns itself with the salvation of the Gentiles, he insists that there is a deeper motivation in his mission which is the salvation of Israel.

Having counseled his Gentile Christian readers against smugness about their position in God’s salvific plan, Paul stresses that Israel is not underprivileged, even though it has not fully listened to the gospel. He hastens to emphasize that “all Israel shall be saved,” because in God’s plan mercy is to be shown to all, including Israel itself.

In the gospel, the reason of his willingness to heal the daughter stems from his recognition of the mother’s great faith. Thus Matthew portrays the mother as another model of faith. What made the story of the Canaanite woman especially significant for the Matthean community was her identity as a Gentile. Relations between Jews and Gentiles were a very sensitive issue for the Matthean community. Though the majority of the community seems to have been Jewish by birth, some were of Gentiles by birth. The conversation between Jesus and the Canaanite woman would have functioned as a model or at least a causal explanation why Jews and Gentiles could exist together in the same Christian community. The appearance of the word “dog” in his address to the woman is a contentious issue. The assumption is that the “children” represents Israel and “dogs” represents Gentiles. But the harshness of the saying is softened because Jesus uses the diminutive kynarion (puppy) which means “house-dogs” or puppy. The choice of kynarion shows that Jesus has in mind little dogs who could be tolerated in the house. The implication of the woman’s clever reply is that the dogs indeed are fed and satisfied. Behind her saying is the idea that Gentiles as well as Jews are fed by God. This incident would naturally have been important in the Matthean community, given its emphasis on the Jewish roots of Jesus and the mission to the Gentiles. The answer of the Gentile woman shows that in obedience to the will of God she recognizes the prerogative of Israel. She

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: **412**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,105.58

SECOND COLLECTION:

Church in Africa: \$1,617.32

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution now amounts to \$28,693.00, 72% of our goal of \$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

simply appeals to the readiness of Jesus to help, which knows no frontiers. The faith of the Gentile woman sets itself unconditionally under the Messianic Lordship of Christ and hopes that her faith be rewarded.
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As he lay on his hospital deathbed in Melbourne, an Australian Marist Brother told his gathered friends the story of his spirituality. It came from watching trapeze artists performing in a circus a few years ago. Trapeze artists are those who perform in a circus with swings. It is an airborne performance. While talking to one of the artist, he explained, “As a flyer, I must have complete trust in my catcher. The real star in a trapeze performance is the catcher, he explained. He has to be there for me with split-second precision and grab me out of the air as I come to him in the long jump.” The artist explained that the secret is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When the artist flies, he has to simply stretch out his arms and hands and wait for him to catch him and pull him safely over the apron behind the catcher.

The flyer should actually do nothing. The worst that a flyer can do is to catch the catcher. The flyer is not supposed to catch the catcher. If the flyer grabbed the catcher’s wrists, he might break them, or the catcher might break the flyer’s wrists, and that would be the end of both of them. A flyer has to fly and the catcher has to catch, and the flyer has to trust with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him.”

This is the type of trust we should have in Jesus and the woman in today’s story demonstrated such a faith.


Keep Calm
my Friends
and Have
a Blessed
SUNDAY