

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

4:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS:	Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
		Felicinne Marcillin	
LECTORS:	Margarita Smith	Allison Callwood	Young Vincentian
	Chris Doute	Bridget Toussaint	Young Vincentian
EUCH MIN:	Dolores Velazquez	Rose Labadie	Michelle Stout
		Lauren Thomas	

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, Bishop Thomas, Theresa Felix.

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, 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 Excellence when you ...

- *Give your best to whatever you do.
- *Give your best to relationships.
- *Set noble and realistic goals.
- *Remember to plan and practice.
- *Don't try to do everything.
- *Develop your special gifts.

Affirmation:

I give my best to the work I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

WARNING

Bible usage can be habit forming. Regular reading of the Bible can cause loss of anxiety and fear and a decreased appetite for impatience and anger.

Symptoms include increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

If symptoms persist, just PRAISE the LORD!

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A Physician once said, "The best medicine for humans is love." Someone asked, "What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and said, "increase the dose."

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 Doute
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
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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

Caia Treherne, Kiana Quetel, Aaliyah Hodge, Phil Mellow, Kerine Gorge, Kirwin George, Chantele Casimir, Ardene Henley, Elsa Thomas, Victor Adams, Sonia Alfred, Connal Alfred, Alexandra Bradshaw, Vanessa Greenaway, Taudies Phillip, Georglyn Williams, Juliette Commodore, Mildred Turbe, Belden King, Muriella Clarke, Coreen King, Gerard Castor.

Wedding Anniversaries

Curtis & Gemma Felix - Oct. 23
George & Muriella Clarke - Oct. 25
Samson & Marilene Lionel - Oct. 26

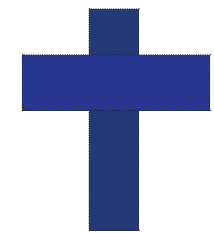


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 22, 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 Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Catholic Chapel

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St. Thomas VI 00802

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM Creole Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass
Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017

Mon.: Romans 4:20 - 25; Luke 12:13 - 21
Tue.: Romans 5:12, 15b,17 - 19, 20b - 21; Luke 12:35 - 38
Wed.: Romans 6:12 - 18; Luke 12:39 - 48
Thur.: Romans 6:19 - 23; Luke 12:49 - 53
Fri.: Romans 7:18 - 25a; Luke 12:54 - 59
Sat.: Ephesians 2:19 - 22; Luke 6:12 - 16

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20 - 26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c - 10
Matthew 22:34 - 40

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6

The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5b

The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15 - 21

When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Our first reading today already gives us the church's answer to the Gospel question about what belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar. All the power that the Persian ruler Cyrus holds comes from God. Just so with Caesar. What does he really have that does not come first from God? So the question is a false dichotomy, for everything belongs to God. Let us pray today for the grace to remember this when we face questions about where our true allegiance lies.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: God's healing and blessings for Isabel Dublin.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's healing and blessings for Holy Family Adult choir.

10:00 AM: God's blessings and guidance for Holy Family parishioners.

4:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 23, 7:00 AM: **St. John of Capistrano, Priest**
Deceased members of Holy Family Church.

Tues. Oct. 24, 7:00 AM: **St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**
God's guidance for the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Wed. Oct. 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Richard Gwyn**
God's guidance & blessings for the members of Children of Mary.

Thurs. Oct. 26, 7:00 AM: **The Eleven Martyrs of Almeria, Spain**
God's blessings for Holy Family benefactors.

Fri. Oct. 27, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Contardo Ferrini**
Rose & Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Sacrament of Marriage - Call six (6) months in advance
Sacrament of Baptism - Call for arrangement
Anointing of the sick - Call for an appointment
Funeral Service - Call prior to arrangements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be NO second collection taken up. If you have two envelopes please put them in at the time the collection is being taken up. As always we thank you for your generosity during this time.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for Lester Ashby, deceased, requested by Viola E. Smith.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to cook and to serve the food at the soup kitchen. Interested persons please contact Ms. Andrea Shillingford at 340-642-4787.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious education classes will begin on **Saturday, October 28, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This 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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to **Noreen Stout** and family on the passing of her mother, **Theresa Stridiron.** The funeral mass for the late **Theresa Stridiron** took place on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**, at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Please note that **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, is a holy day of obligation and masses will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to **Petrona Stanislaus** and family on the passing of her husband, **Josephat Stanislaus**, who died on **Saturday, October 7, 2017.** The funeral mass for the late **Josephat Santislaus** will take place on **Friday, November 3, 2017**, at Holy Family church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE: As our Islands are being governed by a curfew, please note that the times for masses are as follows:

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 PM (Sunday Observance)
Sundays: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM and Haitian Creole - 4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday - 7:00AM

Dear God,
For whoever is reading this, I ask that You would bless them today. Fill their heart with peace and joy. Please give them wisdom, guidance, and protection.
Amen

LITURGY AND WORD

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates Mission Sunday. The Church, by her very nature is missionary. She reaches out to all the people and especially to the so-called "unlovables" and "untouchables." Hence if we truly want to be the missionaries of God's love and joy, we have to reach out to all, including: the poor, the orphan, the alien, the widow, the helpless, the least, the lost and the last.

In today's First Reading, Jerusalem is invited to be ready to receive all her scattered children. She is to be a light for the lost, that her people seeing her light, may be drawn to her. St Paul invites the Romans to receive both the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus in the Gospel extends the boundaries of mission to the whole world. His disciples are to go to the whole world to give the people Jesus' message and make them his disciples. He assures them of his presence with them.

One can be a missionary in the eyes of God at five different levels: Human, Christian, Catholic, Religious and Spiritual.

a) Our Human Mission: God has created all human beings in his own image and likeness. Hence we serve people not because they belong to a particular religion, faith tradition, caste, language or culture. We take the human being as a measure of everything. Our human mission embraces people from all walks of life. By this we fulfill the command of Jesus to go to all the nations.

b) Our Christian Mission: Jesus told his disciples to baptize people in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our Christian mission cannot be limited simply to the act of baptism. We are to inculcate the love of the Father, the peace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit in a society, starved of love, peace and fellowship.

This may be true not only of those who are outside the Church but also of those within the Church. Our Christian mission is to re-evangelize our own brethren, reminding them of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and the effect in their lives.

c) Our Catholic Mission: "Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you," is part of the great mission command of Jesus. The Church's teaching office consists of three pillars. Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Teaching of the Magisterium which form a single deposit of faith. As a disciple of Christ, I make it my obligation as well as my right, to know and to

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: **202**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,231.75

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

study the teaching of these three pillars. Hence my Catholic mission springs from this teaching.

d) Our Religious Mission: That Jesus is giving this mission command basically to 'the eleven disciples', is indicative of some special mission, entrusted to them. They stand also for the religious, who commit themselves to the mission of God by way of living the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. These vows help the religious to be available, adaptable and accountable for the mission of Jesus.

e) Our Spiritual Mission: Mission has to be based on some spiritual experience. The disciples were taken as far as the mountain in Galilee. There they worshipped Jesus and then they received their mission. Any mission which is not based on some spiritual foundation runs the risk of turning out to be personal agenda and a professional project. It hardly gives the people an experience of the continuous presence of Jesus with the disciples.

During this Eucharistic celebration, let us ask the Lord to give us an experience of his life-giving presence so that we may carry out our Human, Christian, Catholic, Religious and Spiritual Mission in an effective manner.

