

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

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

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Keith Steele	Alma Wells	Families for Christ
Margarita Smith	Noreen Joseph	Families for Christ
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Rose, Bridget,	Eubald Rene
Dolores Velazquez	Danna & Felicinne	Marguerite Rene

*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, Isabel Dublin.  
**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, 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 Unity when you ...**

- \*Treat all people as members of one human family.
- \*See the gifts in differences.
- \*Refuse to join in when others express prejudice.
- \*Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions.
- \*Care for the earth and all living things.
- \*Act like a peacemaker wherever you go.

**Affirmation:**

*I practice unity with others. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.*

**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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**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**  
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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

Orville Rouse, Eugenie England, Ciana President, Gequan Aubain, Jennifer Estime, Shanon Caracciolo, Andy By, Jalila Thomas, Renata Benjamin, Cerelia Donald, Yasmin Heyliger, Jevon Samuel, Chelcy Angol, Lanni Bussue, Jr., Jacques Dagou, Joyceline Baptiste, Neressa Forde, Bert Toussaint, Louis Bedminster, Maurice Foy, Niles Ray Sanderson, Annetta Heyliger, Francis Callwood, Olive Johnson, Jeanette Winston, Harold Attidore.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Raphael & Rawilna Camacho - Nov. 5  
Ian & Neressa Forde - Nov. 10

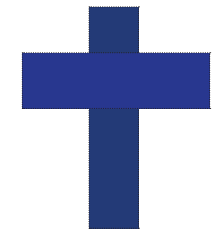


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 5, 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**  
Mrs. 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**

(340) 774-3166

**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 November 5, 2017**

Mon.: Romans 11:29 - 36; Luke 14:12 - 14  
Tue.: Romans 12:5 - 16ab; Luke 14:15 - 24  
Wed.: Romans 13:8 - 10; Luke 14:25 - 33  
Thur.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 2, 8 - 9, 12; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16 - 17; John 2:13 - 22  
Fri.: Romans 15:14 - 21; Luke 16:1 - 8  
Sat.: Romans 16:3 - 9, 16, 22 - 27; Luke 16:9 - 15

**NEXT SUNDAY: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 6:12 - 16  
1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18  
Matthew 25:1- 13

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



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14b - 2:2b, 8 - 10

In the name of the Lord of hosts the prophet asked, "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?"

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b - 9, 13

Paul gave thanks to God and praised the Thessalonians for receiving the gospel as God's word at work in all who believe. He said, "We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 23:1 - 12

Jesus warned the crowds and disciples not to show off but to practice the faith humbly before God: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Our first reading and Gospel deliver a very clear message about practicing what we preach. Imagine being a scribe or Pharisee and hearing Jesus tell the people to ignore what you do and only do what you preach! As we hear this word, let us each examine our own lives. Do we do what God asks of us, or do we only pay lip service to God's commands?

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Russelle Jno Lewis rb Mona Bedminster.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's continued blessings and guidance for Tim Loos.

10:00 AM: God's continued blessings and guidance for Linda Digges.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Theophane Venard**  
God's deliverance and healing for Faldor Dieuna rb Faldor Dieuna.

Tues. Nov. 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Giuseppe Antonio Tovini**  
God's continued guidance and blessings for Fr. Neil & Fr. Kerly.

Wed. Nov. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Philip Howard**  
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Francis Callwood.

Thurs. Nov. 9, 7:00 AM: **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
Birthday blessings for Omar Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

Fri. Nov. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Leo the Great**  
Eugenne Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

### 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 birthday blessings and God's continued blessings and guidance for Francis Callwood.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Please be reminded that the staff from Mental Health is available at Bethlehem House to administer medication and follow ups between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Anyone who needs assistance with purchasing school uniforms can come to Catholic Charities between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They are also 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.

**ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS:** All Hand Volunteers are here to help us rebuild our hope. They are offering free clean up assistance, debris removal and clean up, roof tarping and chainsaw work. Please call them at 340-643-1572.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers are needed to help clean the church on Saturday mornings. *Thank you for your helping hands.*

**LAUNDRY:** Parishioners, please **DO NOT SIGN UP** for non-parishioners to come in to do laundry (WHICH HAS HAPPENED). The laundry was set up with you, the parishioners in mind. Thank you. Please sign up, do not just show up and use the washers and dryers. When two (2) persons sign up at for a specific time, please note that the washers and dryers are divided equally, that is, two (2) washers and two (2) dryers per person. Please also check all washers and dryers before leaving. We will not be responsible for any clothes left in the washing machines or dryers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**CREOLE MASS:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass next **Sunday, November 12, 2017**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

**KEYS AND SWORD:** Bishop Bevard has announced that the Keys & Sword Award Benefit has been cancelled for 2018. Please let us keep each other in prayer and may God bless you, our parishioners, our communities and the U.S. Virgin Islands and all the islands in the Caribbean affected by the hurricanes.

**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

### LITURGY AND WORD

The prophetic words of Malachi against the abuses propagated by the priests of his time can be better understood when seen against its historical background. The background is the rebuilding of the Temple that was destroyed and also the rehabilitation of the people who returned from exile in Babylon. When the Jews returned from the Exile, the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah supported them in rebuilding the Temple and the restoration of the Levish community. While the construction of the Temple had been completed at the prompting of Haggai and Zechariah, the apathy and the disillusionment within the restoration community which permitted the temple precinct to lie in ruins for nearly twenty years, continued to permeate the group. The material prosperity predicted by Haggai (2:6-9) never came to pass, and the streaming migration of former Jewish captives foreseen by Zechariah (8:1-8) never occurred. The completion of the Temple ushered in no messianic age. Zechariah's call for a deeper spiritual life went unheeded. It is against this background that Malachi prophesies in Jerusalem around 450 B.C. The prophet's message focuses on the quality of religious and social life in the restoration community. The priesthood showed only contempt and indifference to ceremonial and moral purity and the general populace had followed the lead of the priests (2:8-9). In this case, the behaviour of the priests was far from exemplary and the people followed suit, thereby creating a situation that was not proper of the people of God. In order to correct the abuses, Malachi steps in with his prophecies. The Book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. Malachi is the Hebrew expression meaning "my messenger." Jewish tradition remembered Malachi along with Haggai and Zechariah as men of the great synagogue. The power and status of the priestly and administrative class at the time of Jesus are graphically presented in today's gospel. The Scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat since they had virtually taken over the priestly function of instructing the people regarding covenant law. Because they are the conveyers of the covenant law Jesus instructs his

### 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: **365**

Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,126.10**

*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

listeners to follow them in this. "Do not do as they do" includes also their interpretations of the Law. For the common people the only access to hearing the Scriptures was in the synagogues dominated by the Pharisees and the Scribes. The "heavy burdens, hard to bear" they place on people's shoulders are their interpretations of the Law and the imposition of these interpretations on others. Jesus taught a different attitude towards the Law, where his yoke was pleasant and his burden light (Mt 11:30). What message can we take home from today's liturgical celebration? One simple lesson is that selfishness and authoritarianism pay no dividends. Both Jesus and Malachi were able to challenge the powerful ruling class of their time because they did not aspire for power and wealth. They stood for the oppressed class and empathized with them. Desire for power and wealth can blind us. Let us have gentler qualities of humility and service-mindedness which distinguish us as Christians.



**START  
YOUR DAY  
WITH  
PRAYER  
AND PRAISE**