

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: Yasmine Haynes Ruth Smith	Allison Charles Bridget Toussaint	Felicita Richards Carmen White
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Rose Labadie	Lola Warrington

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL:
OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Norma Gimenez, Deacon Roy Bruney, Helen Bruney, Lorna Greig, Rita Brady Bermudez.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, John Joseph, Marie Santana, Maggie Dolphin, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bishop Thomas, Eubald René, Josephine Philbert, Rosette Harley, Bernice Knight, Josefina Donastorg, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, Grace Thompson, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Berecia Reid, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Ruthine Johnson, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Deborah Mahoney, Esther Henderson-Mellow, Mary Antoine.

SEAVIEW:
MASSAC: Margarita Knight.
LUCINDA MILLIN: Rita Thompson.
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 Cooperation when you ...

**Work well with others.*

**Offer your help and ideas freely.*

**Disagree peacefully and respectfully.*

**Follow the rules.*

**Ask for help when you need it.*

**Help keep a safe, happy environment.*

Affirmation:

I am cooperative. I respect the rules. I work and play well with others. I keep myself and others safe.

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!

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.

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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)
Yvonne Freeman (Asst. Secretary)
Bridget Toussaint
Jennifer Johnson
Christian Douté
Mona Bedminster
Felicia Felix
Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)
Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, November 20, 2016
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

Chi-Co's Distributing, Inc
Lindberg Bay #18
P.O Box 302250
St. Thomas, VI 00803
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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Carol Bryan, Derrick Fontaine, Tracy Piper, Dedeair Sanson, Dolores Velazquez, Windel William, Kaila Thomas, Darmaris Corcino, Celia Donald, Jacques Dagou, Quincianny Casimir, Jihan Pacquette, Gregory Antoine, Maurice Foy, Ann Greaux, Pauline Ottley, Christine Pharoah, Noreen Stout, Orville Rouse, Fenrick Rivere, Harold Attidore, John Gimenez, Eugenie England.

Wedding Anniversaries

*Khalid & Makida Merchant - Nov. 3
Raphael & Rawilna Camacho - Nov. 5*

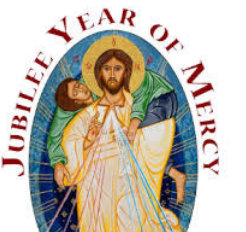
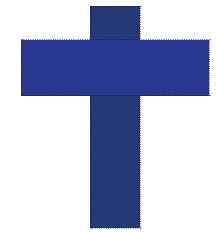


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30, 2016

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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

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Roy Bruney

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Allison Charles

Sacristan
Mr. Zephaniah Jean Jacques
Mr. Ryan John

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

Volunteers
Mrs. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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 October 30, 2016**

Mon.: Philippians 2:1 - 4; Luke 14:12 - 14
Tue.: Rev. 7:2 - 4, 9 - 14; 1 John 3:1 - 3;
Matthew 5:1 - 12a
Wed.: Wis. 3:1 - 9; Romans 5:5 - 11;
John 6:37 - 40
Thur.: Philippians 3:3 - 8a; Luke 15:1 - 10
Fri.: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 16:1 - 8
Sat.: Philippians 4:10 - 19; Luke 16:9 - 15

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)

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

2 Maccabees 7:1 - 2, 9 - 14
2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
Luke 20:27 - 38

**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: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

The Lord, who can do all things, spares all things. God's imperishable spirit is in all things, and strong salvation!

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

The name of Christ is to be glorified in you and you in him.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1 - 10

When Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see him. Jesus went home with Zacchaeus and blessed his house, for the "Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Jesus was going to pass right through Jericho until he saw Zacchaeus in that tree. Instead he stopped, invited himself to dinner, and turned Zacchaeus' world upside down, saying that "the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost." As we contemplate God's mercy in these readings today, let us try to think of times when we feel lost, and how Jesus might catch sight of us and save us as well.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Januarius Dubois (**deceased**) on the anniversary of his death
rb His widow, Julia Dubois.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Rose & Richard Cook (**deceased**) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: Yvonne G. Bryan (**deceased**) rb Her family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 31, 6:00 PM: **St. Alphonsus Rodriguez**
God's deliverance, healing and blessings for the Charles family.

Tues. Nov. 1, 7:00 AM: **ALL SAINTS - Solemnity**
Georgina Battesteros rb Silvia Munoz.

7:00 PM: God's healing for Holy Family parishioners.

Wed. Nov. 2, 7:00 AM: **ALL SOULS - Solemnity**
Deceased Peace Corps volunteers rb The Hunt family.

Thurs. Nov. 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Martin de Porres**
God's blessings, guidance and deliverance for Armecia Martin
rb Her mother.

Fri. Nov. 4, 7:00 PM: **St. Charles Borromeo**
Birthday blessings for Maurice Foy rb His mother, Carmen White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Viola John*, requested by her family. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury, extends sincere sympathy to Fr. Kerly Francois and family on the passing of his aunt *Magdaline Charles* who died on **Saturday, October 22, 2016**, in New York. The funeral service of the late Magdaline Charles will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016 in New York. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury, and Rev. Kerly Francois extends sincere sympathy to Andrea Shillingford and family on the passing of her nephew *Carson Piper* who died on **Tuesday, October 24, 2016**, in Atlanta. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury, and Rev. Kerly Francois extends sincere sympathy to Urelca JnBaptiste and family on the passing of her nephew who died in St. Croix. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CCD PARENTS' MEETING: There will be a meeting with the parents of all CCD students on this weekend of **October 29 and 30**, after each mass for that weekend. Parents and guardians are kindly asked to take note and to make every effort to attend this meeting.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Please note that **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**, is a holy day of obligation and masses will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

BAKE AND SOUP SALE: On **Saturday, November 5, 2016** from 10am - 1pm, the Holy Family Youth Cultural Dancers will host a bake & soup sale in the church's parking lot to raise funds for our upcoming performance at Tortola's Cultural Festival in November 2016. Tickets can be purchased from members or their parents. We appreciate your encouragement, prayers & support.

CREOLE MASS: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

POWER RAFFLE: Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral announces its Power Raffle. Drawing will take place on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. **1st Prize: \$10,000; 2nd Prize: Caribbean cruise for two; 3rd Prize: \$1,000 gas credit; 4th Prize: 3 days/2 nights stay at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef; 5th Prize: \$500 gas credit; 6th Prize: VI jewelry gift; and 7th Prize: sunset dinner cruise for two on the "Cat" at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef.** Tickets are available from the church office, \$10.00 per raffle or \$100.00 for a book of 11 raffles.

MAN POT COMPETITION: Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral cordially invites you to its Man Pot competition on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** at Sts. Peter & Paul School courtyard. All proceeds will benefit Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. **A trophy and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner.**

LITURGY AND WORD

As a chief toll collector and viewed by his fellow townspeople as a sinner Zacchaeus certainly qualified as one of the disadvantaged to whom the Lucan Jesus was particularly sent. The dominant thought pattern in the Zacchaeus story is seeking, seeing, and salvation. Zacchaeus sought to see Jesus and even climbed a sycamore tree to get a better view. But Jesus noticed Zacchaeus in the tree and invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. Exactly as instructed, Zacchaeus made haste and descended and received Jesus joyfully. Once they arrived at the house, Jesus explained that on that day salvation had come to this house because Zacchaeus, too, was a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. He who sought to see Jesus was really sought, seen, and saved by him.

Zacchaeus also demonstrated a correct attitude towards wealth. The text does not explicitly say that he cheated anyone. After the encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus did distance himself from his wealth. He gave half of his goods to the poor, and although the normal recompense for money illegally acquired was that amount plus one fifth, Zacchaeus restored the amount plus a threefold penalty, thus he restored fourfold.

The story of Zacchaeus comes immediately after the story of the Rich Ruler (Lk 18:18-23), and comparing the two stories we can gain better insight into the story of Zacchaeus. Both men were powerful, and both were wealthy. The first kept all the commandments, and could be considered as righteous. But he could not do the "one thing remaining," which was to hand over his life utterly to Jesus, and to signal that commitment by selling his possessions and giving them to the poor. Zacchaeus, in contrast, was regarded as a "sinner" by those accompanying Jesus because of his occupation as a chief toll-collector. But he was eager to receive Jesus with joy and he declared his willingness to share his possessions with the poor, not as a single gesture but as a steady commitment. And far from being greedy, when he found any profit made on the basis of shady practice, he paid it back at the maximum demanded by the Law. In Southern Bolivia, Sunday Mass is normally outdoors. The congregation sits on rough hewn plank benches. At the offertory procession four teenage boys march up to the altar carrying bread and wine, candles and water. One holds a rather large stone in his hands.

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: **418**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,072.26

SECOND COLLECTION:

World Mission Sunday: \$1,175.52

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$42,698.00, 107% 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

When they reach the foot of the altar, they turn around and lift up the offertory gifts for all to see. Only one of them speaks, the youth holding the stone. He prays: "Father in heaven, this stone is also a gift from us. It represents us and our hearts. Enkindle in us warmth for one another and never allow us to become or remain hard like this stone. On the contrary, may we continue to spread light and life. We ask you to make us open to our neighbour. Help us to improve ourselves so that we may become good building stones in your Church." After this prayer, the teenager puts the stone on the altar alongside the bread and the wine and asks the Lord that that stone which represents us humans and our hearts may be transformed just as the bread and the wine will be. (Courtesy: Willi Hoffsuemmer). This edifying anecdote teaches us that there is a tendency in us that will justify everything, that things are going fine and there is no need to work for a change at the moment. So keep going for the time being. Experience teaches that procrastination is the thief of time. Zacchaeus did not procrastinate about a change of heart, he did it right in the presence of Jesus. He will always remain a prime example for all those who are looking for a change of heart.