

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

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

**CANTORS:** Allan Harrigan                      Felicinne Marcillin                      Marguerite Rene

**LECTORS:** Valerie Doute                      Rita Brady-Bermudez                      Young Vincentian  
Christian Doute                      Agnes Nicholas                      Young Vincentian

**EUCH MIN:** Olga McBean                      Bridget Toussaint                      Lola Warrington  
Rose Labadie

*Thank you for serving !!!*

*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.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, 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.

**SEAVIEW:**

**MASSAC:** 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 Integrity when you ...*

*\*Think about what virtues matter to you.*

*\*Stand up for what you believe in.*

*\*Do the right thing, even when it is hard.*

*\*Willingly clean up your mistakes.*

*\*Think for yourself and avoid temptation.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have integrity. I stand up for what is right. I mean what I say and say what I mean.*

**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 EASTER**

Lord Jesus, you have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I can view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your name I pray. 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 Doute  
Mona Bedminster  
Felicia Felix  
**Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)**  
**Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Jaydnee George, Leah Quetel, Alicia Dorval, Ka'Zeem Moses, Nicholas Jn-Charles, Nijah Ludat, Cornelia Adams, Daryl Griffith, Sr., Dian Charles, Janine Lewis, Carmen Feliciano, Stella Saunders, Bridget Hodge, Harry Freeman, Iona Vanterpool.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Fenrick & Lydia Riviere - Apr. 23  
Barthelemew & Victoria Jn-Charles - Apr. 25  
Garn & Alison Johnson - Apr. 26*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 23, 2017**

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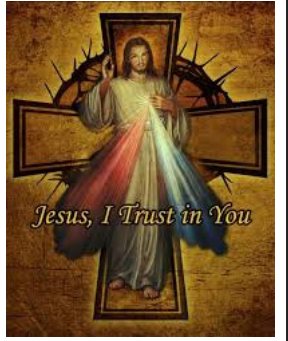
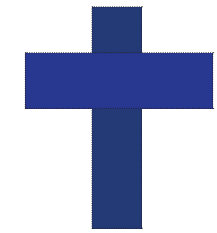
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**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. Evans Doway

**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)**

**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 April 23, 2017**

Mon.: Acts 4: 23 - 31; John 3:1 - 8  
Tue.: 1 Peter 5:5b - 14; Mark 16:15 - 20  
Wed.: Acts 5:17 - 26; John 3:16 - 21  
Thur.: Acts 5:27 - 33; John 3:31 - 36  
Fri.: Acts 5:34 - 42; John 6:1 - 15  
Sat.: Acts 6:1 - 7; John 6:16 - 21

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22 - 33  
1 Peter 1:17 - 21  
Luke 24:13 - 35

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



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42 - 47**

Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3 - 9**

Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

**GOSPEL READING: John 20:19 - 31**

Through locked doors the risen Lord came, stood before the disciples, and said, "Peace be with you." Thomas was not present at first; when he saw Jesus, he could not believe. Jesus conquered his doubt. St. Peter in today's second reading speaks directly to us about our faith: "Even though you do not see him now yet believe in him." This prepares us for Jesus' final Beatitude: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." As we hear these sacred scriptures today, especially the story of Thomas the Doubter, let us listen for the passages and words that speak to our own faith so that we may grow in loving our Lord.

## MASS INTENTIONS

ALLEGROIA!

**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

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

### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Matthew Placid rb Matthew Placid.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Ann Luke rb Ann Luke.

Birthday blessings for Maximine Adams rb His wife Emmy Adams.

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

### Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 24, 6:00 PM: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

Tues. Apr. 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Mark the Evangelist**  
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Michael Charles rb His family.

Wed. Apr. 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Zita**

Thurs. Apr. 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Gianna Beretta Molla**  
Cecelia Liverpool (d) rb Mona Bedminster.

Fri. Apr. 28, 7:00 PM: **St. Peter Chanel**  
God's guidance, protection and deliverance for Brenda Thomas rb Her sister.

Alleluia

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** We are still trying to reach our goal with this year's Bishop's Appeal. For your convenience, you can make a pledge now and pay it in installments. Our schools, Catholic Charities and our evangelization efforts need your support! Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. "Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."

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

**THANK YOU:** Ms. Eve Ogiste and family would like to express special thanks to Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly Francois and all the members of Holy Family church who called, spent time with them, texted, prayed, sent cards and donated food and drinks during their difficult time. Once again, thank you.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This year, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, **April 23, 2017** at Holy Family Church at 2:00 p.m. Service will include Confessions and the reciting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The closing mass will commence at 3:30 p.m. You are kindly invited to join us in this celebration. A light reception will follow.

**NURSES WEEK:** In celebration of Nurses' Week the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mu Eta Chapter, will host a breakfast on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**, at 8:30 a.m. at Victor's New Hideout. This breakfast will honor three registered nurses and one certified nursing assistant for their contributions toward the health care of the citizens of our community. We extend congratulations to our very own **Mrs. Danna Knight, RN**, who will be honored on that day. For patrons, tickets and Ad forms, please contact Mrs. Danna Knight for more information. Once again congratulations and all of God's continued blessings.

**THE TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH IN ACTION:** The TYIA will be hosting its first Chosen Generation Banquet on **Friday, May 19, 2017**, at the Trinity Methodist Complex in Bovoni at 7:00 p.m. This event honors seven young people within the community. We, therefore, this opportunity to extend congratulations to our very own **Felicia Felix**, who will be honored at that event. For patrons, tickets and Ad forms, please contact Ms. Felicia Felix for more information. Once again congratulations and all of God's continued blessings.

**PENTECOST RALLY:** The Pentecost Rally will take place on **Sunday, June 4th**. The theme is "Watch and Pray" Matthew 26:41. **SAVE THE DATE.**



## LITURGY AND WORD

Celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday is a wonderful occasion for us to experience the superabundant mercy of God which is for all His people, especially for those cut off from His love through sin.

Jesus, because of His great love and mercy, became man and through His suffering, death and resurrection conquered sin and death for us and made us sharers in His victory. Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, brings us the fullness of Christ's resurrection, pointing back to the first day of our celebration on Easter Sunday. It was Jesus' desire that the Feast be celebrated on the Octave Day of Easter, Sunday after Easter.

Pope St John Paul II, the "Mercy Pope," wrote a powerful encyclical on Divine Mercy entitled "Rich in Mercy" and has spoken on many occasions on this theme. He himself celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday in 1995, the year he gave official approval for the celebration of it in Poland. Later on he named the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday at the canonization of Sr Maria Faustina on 30 April 2000. John Paul II described Mercy Sunday thus: "In a special way, it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness that God has shown us in the whole of Easter Mystery." The Holy Father not only spoke in his speeches and writings about the need to live mercy, but also has shown it in his own life when he forgave his would-be assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca. The Pope met him in his prison cell and held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. This is an example of God's divine mercy, the same divine mercy whose message St Faustina witnessed, and we are called to experience and to help others also to experience.

The Lord revealed to St Faustina about His mercy, especially the ocean of mercy which is available on this day for all, and particularly for poor sinners. She said, "On one occasion I heard these words: 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment'"

## 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: **752**

### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$8,668.71**

SECOND COLLECTION:

**Bishop's Appeal: \$1,636.71**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$14,766.00, 37% 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

(Diary of Maria Faustina, 699). As we receive this mercy of Jesus, we, as disciples of Him, have also to show the same to others. We shall show the world the mercy of God through our own lives. For this we need to understand the depth and the height and the width of His mercy and accept it, and become God's beloved, enjoying His love and peace. Then we are able to show this mercy of God to our fellow human beings especially those who have wronged us, by forgiving them from our hearts. May the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy strengthen our faith in God's unfailing love and mercy and enable us to be proclaimers of this mercy and His forgiving love to everyone in the world by every means possible.

