

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	CCD Choir
	Felicinne Marcillin	
<b>LECTORS:</b> Helena Enrique	Agnes Nicholas	CCD Student
Antoinette Floyd	Jalilia Thomas	CCD Student
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas	Yvonne Freeman
	Catherina Alexander	

*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.*

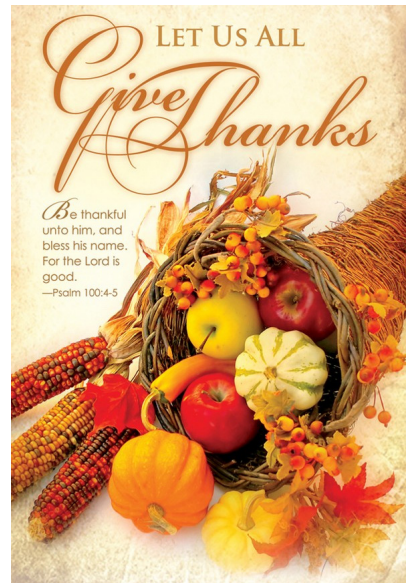
*You are practicing Respect when you ...*

- \*Speak courteously to everyone.*
- \*Take special care of the belongings of others.*
- \*Are receptive to the wisdom of elders.*
- \*Honor the rules of your family, school and nation.*
- \*Expect respect for your body and your rights.*
- \*Treat others with dignity.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am respectful. I honor the wisdom of elders. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**



**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)**

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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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.**

**Le Bleu**  
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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

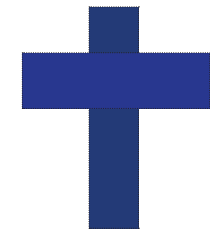
*Lyns Mauvais, Ciara Rodney, Clever Liberte, Thomas deFreitas, Justin LaPlace, Maya Matthew, Jovan Alfred, David Benta, Karlyn George-Merchant, David Sullivan, Jr., Michelle Porter, Sophia Burton, Grace Casimir, Valerie Stridiron, Nicole Doute, Andria Henry, Ronald Stout, Leana Dagou, Lincon Jules, Arden Shillingford, Alleyne Thomas, Joseph Piccoli, Paquita Steele, Alicia Doute, Austin Winston, Bernice Knight.*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 19, 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

**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**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
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 19, 2017**

Mon.: 1 Mac. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35 - 43  
Tue.: 2 Mac. 6:18 - 31; Luke 19:1 - 10  
Wed.: 2 Mac. 7:1, 20 - 31; Luke 19:11 - 28  
Thur.: 1 Kings 8:55 - 61; 1 Cor. 1:3 - 9; Luke 11:11 - 19  
Fri.: 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45 - 48  
Sat.: 1 Mac. 6:1 - 13; Luke 20:27 - 40

**NEXT SUNDAY: Jesus Christ, The King**

Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17  
1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28  
Matthew 25:31 - 46

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

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31

A worthy wife has value for beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: "Let her works praise her at the city gates."

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 6

According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark not to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14 - 30

Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit, "Well done ... I will give you great responsibilities."

Our first reading introduces us to a woman of extraordinary skills, who uses her gifts both at home and out in the world, where she reaches out her hands to the poor. When we listen to the Gospel that follows, we can more easily visualize how God expects us to use the talents we have been given, not just to enrich ourselves or our employers, but to make the world a better place.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: God's guidance and protection for Godfrey Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Curtis Abraham (deceased) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Keith and Keithanne Maynard  
rb Their family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Edmund**  
Bryon Thomas (deceased) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste.

Tues. Nov. 21, 7:00 AM: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Birthday blessings for Reneta Richardson rb Her sister,  
Cleopha Rawlings.

Wed. Nov. 22, 7:00 AM: **St. Cecilia**  
Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb Viola John and family.

**Thurs. Nov. 23, 9:00 AM: St. Clement I, & Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro**  
In thanksgiving to God for blessings and favors received  
rb Marie Renal.

Fri. Nov. 24, 7:00 AM: **St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**  
God's blessings and guidance for Tim Loos.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for Francis and Allison Callwood*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**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. Once again thank you.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on **Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 2017**, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Please be guided accordingly and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

**MASS TIME:** Please note that commencing **Saturday, December 2, 2017**, the Saturday evening masses will begin at **5:00 p.m.** and **NOT 4:00 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

**ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS:** All Hands 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 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.

**DONATIONS:** The La Resulta Assisted Living Facility is seeking donations of the following items: Clorox, Pine-Sol, Fabuloso, paper towels, toilet cleaners, dish liquid, mops, brooms dust pans, pull ups and diapers. Every little bit goes a long way. Please call 340-201-4172 for more information. Thank you.

**NOTE: The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient's part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus' real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God's Kingdom now.**

### LITURGY AND WORD

The hearers of today's parable must have been shocked by the severe treatment given to the servant who buried his talent. After all, he did nothing wrong. He only lacked boldness, the courage to risk. In fact, according to the Jewish law of the time, a person entrusted with a sum of money for safekeeping fulfilled his obligation if he buried the money. In those days the safest place to put precious coins was in the ground. The servant in the parable was punished for doing just that! Or was he punished only for that? The master accused him to be a 'wicked' and 'slothful' servant. We can understand he was slothful because he did not care to invest or make use of the talent he had received. But why was he called 'wicked'? It was because he had no respect for the master and his wealth. His relationship with the master was not of the right kind. He said, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow." He understood his master as a cruel and exacting man. He did not know him as a benevolent and merciful one, in spite of the trust the master had placed in him by entrusting him with his money. He had no love for the master. He only feared him, and that fear led him to bury the master's money. God has invested talent in each one of us. God looks at our abilities and sees not just who we are, but who we can become and what we can accomplish for His glory. The talents are not given to us for safekeeping. We have the potential to develop our talents. In fact, God has given us talents with His hope that we will succeed and be fruitful and bring glory to Him. The history books are full of stories of gifted persons whose talents were overlooked by a procession of people until someone believed in them. To name a few ... Einstein was four years old before he could speak and seven before he could read. But he went on to become one of the greatest physicists ever lived. Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school but like Einstein he became one of the smartest people of his day as a scientist. A newspaper fired Walt Disney because he had "no good ideas." In the beginning he couldn't sell his cartoons. Finally he found a minister who paid him a small amount to draw advertising pictures for his church. Disney had no place to stay, so that the church let him sleep in a mouse-infested garage. One of those mice which Disney nicknamed Mickey became

### 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: **261**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,898.61**

**Dominica Creole Mass: \$1,503.00**

**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

became famous — as the world knows. Leo Tolstoy flunked out of college. But later on he wrote the literature classic that we know as "War and Peace." Evidently, Jesus' story was not concerned only with monetary treasure. He was speaking of the spiritual treasures. God's gifts are entrusted to us to be used. A person who is interested only in preserving God's gifts will end up losing them altogether. The parable is exceptionally relevant also for our times. The rapid pace of change in today's world is deeply disturbing to many of us. People who feel the ground giving way beneath their feet cling desperately to the religious practices of their youth. Of course, the essential core of our faith has not changed, cannot and will not change. But in a constantly changing world, the way we express and live this faith does change and must change. Otherwise our faith would soon become like an exhibit in a museum, something to be admired, perhaps, but not a living, present reality with meaning for life today. People who are concerned solely with preserving the faith are like the man who buried his master's treasure in the ground. Jesus Christ who challenged the religious Establishment of his day challenges us today to live and express our faith in ways that belong unmistakably to our times.

