



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43

Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in Him are forgiven.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1 - 4

Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1 - 9

Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

•Today we listen to leaders in the early church as they bear witness to what they saw and what they realized after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter testifies to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, while Paul advise his audience how to live differently now that Christ is risen. In the Gospel, John tells us of the beloved disciple who, even before he completely understood, saw the empty tomb and •the discarded burial cloths and believed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

7:00 PM: God's protection and guidance for Oner Renal rb His mother.

Sunday Masses:

5:30 AM: God's healing and deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

7:30 AM: Magdaline Alphonse (deceased) rb Her children.

10:00 AM: Richelle S. Gibs (deceased) & Evenor Gibs (deceased), happy birthday in heaven rb GBC.

5:00 PM: God's healing and deliverance for the Haitian community.



Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 2, 7:00 AM: St. Francis of Paola Souls in purgatory.

Tues. Apr. 3, 7:00 AM: St. Richard de Wyche Rose & Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Apr. 4, 7:00 AM: St. Isidore of Seville Sarah McCoy (deceased) rb Irene Morris.

Thurs. Apr. 5, 7:00 AM: St. Vincent Ferrer For God's blessings and guidance for Fr. Kerly and Fr. Neil.

Fri. Apr. 6, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Notker* God's blessings for all ministries of Holy Family church.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's guidance and protection for Anthony Renal, requested by his mother. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2018 helps to support our mission in evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the Catholic Islander which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarian and the development of our diocesan youth ministries.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. 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. Thank You! "Failure Always Looks for an Excuse, Success Always Looks for a Way, You Are Our Way to Success!"

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Easter** Monday, April 2, 2018. Please be guided accordingly.

EASTER EGG HUNT: St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the usual Easter egg hunt on *Easter Sunday* after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt. God bless you always.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Please note that a memorial service for the late **Doris** Taylor, sister of Richard Callwood, Jr., will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 8, 2018, is Divine Mercy

Sunday, This year, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. The service will include confessions and the reciting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and mass. The closing mass will commence at 3:30 p.m. You are kindly invited to join us in this celebration.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to *Bertha Laronde, Julis Felix* and Suzanne Adrien and family on the passing of their sister and aunt, Louise Elize Mascole, who died on Friday, March 23, 2018. The funeral service for the late Louise Elize Mascole will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. There will be no viewing. Tributes will precede the service at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

PHONE NUMBERS: To all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: In light of the fact that many of you still don't have a working land line, please contact the church office via 340-244-9047 with a cell number where you can be reached. If vou cannot fulfill your duties on a date you are scheduled to serve, you will be able to call someone to substitute for you. If your land line is working, please let us know that too. Thank you.

REFURBISHING OF PEWS: Please be aware that the refurbishing of our pews has started. Please bear with us as some of the pews are corded off. Thank you for your understanding. God bless. Donations are appreciated.



Human beings have a dual identity, namely, a perishable body and an imperishable soul. The body will eventually die, but the soul will live forever. As Jesus has assumed the human nature he is also subject to the laws of nature. Jesus has been subject to human emotions, knowledge, subjugation, deprivations, violence and even death. But, there is also another basic difference between human beings and Jesus who is the Son of God. Human body is subject to decay after death, but the body of Jesus is preserved from decay through the special intervention of God his Father. Jesus' body is transformed into a glorious body which is beyond the limitations of space and time. Jesus who worked miracles during his public ministry in order to relieve people from their suffering did not work one for himself to escape the terrible agony of the cross. Jesus' endurance and firm trust in God paid off: God the Father raised him to a glorious life which is the miracle of all miracles! Today we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. He was basically a teacher and healer. He trained a group of disciples to accompany him during his mission on earth. Opposition to Jesus' teaching and his rising popularity among the people brought him into confrontation with the religious authorities of his time. They colluded with the Roman occupying forces to eliminate Jesus. After arresting him through secret plotting, they dragged the Roman prefect Pilate into condemning Jesus to death by crucifixion. But Jesus was not teaching and healing on his behalf alone, but on behalf of the Father who is in heaven. Raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand is the reward that God the Father gave to his Son. For the last two thousand years, the Jesus event has kept his followers to hope for their own day when they will meet their risen Lord. We too have that opportunity as well if we live our lives well. The only question is how fervent and thoughtful we are in meeting our day of glory.

LITURGY AND WORD

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: 532 Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: <u>\$7,400.49</u> Bishop's Appeal: <u>\$1,160.00</u>

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2017 amounted to \$34,357.00, 86% of our goal of <u>\$40,000.00</u>. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

Announcements Cont'd

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Five members of St. Vincent de Paul Society (USA) will be at Holy Family from *Thursday, April 5 to Saturday,* April 14, 2018 to form a long term Parish Recovery Assistance Center (PRAC). PRAĆ support services include intake, supplies & health and comfort. Because this recovery will be long term, they are hoping to get our people to help each other by volunteering your time. They will need the professionals, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Security Officers, Enforcement Officers, etc. There will be a training session on <u>Sunday, April 8,</u> from 1:00 p.m. <u>Monday, April 9 to Friday, April 13</u>, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be intake. Approximately 100 clients are expected each day. Please walk with your identification and your **FEMA** number if you have one.

For more information and clarification, please call Alma Wells at 340-513-8911.

