

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

5:00PM                      7:30 AM                      10:00AM

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

|                                    |                     |                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan     | Dr. Gloria Callwood | Melita Etienne  |
| <b>LECTORS:</b> Keith Steele       | Agnes Nicholas      | Lola Warrington |
| Olga McBean                        | Rita Brady-Bermudez | Dr. A. Thomas   |
| <b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez | Felicinne Marcillin | Eubald Rene     |
|                                    | Rose Labadie        | Marguerite Rene |



*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, Isabel Dublin, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin.  
**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, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool.

**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 Truthfulness when you ...*

- \*Speak only the truth.*
- \*Don't let other tell you what to think.*
- \*Investigate the truth for yourself.*
- \*Can tell the difference between fact and fantasy.*
- \*Admit when you have made a mistake.*
- \*Don't exaggerate or deceive.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am truthful. I speak the truth. I see the truth with my own eyes. I am content to be my true self.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**COLUMBAN HALL  
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*Engrave your name in the history of Holy Family Parish:*

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Engrave your name in the history of Holy Family Church. Place your order today. Proceeds from this activity benefit the Restoration Fund of Holy Family Church which will allow us to enhance, upgrade and air condition our church. For additional information, please call 340-775-1650.

**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 Douté  
Mona Bedminster  
Felicia Felix

**Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)**  
**Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Sarai Daley, Jayden Dudley, Nisieni Griffith, Chanecgue Monsanto, Ja'Tavia Plummer, Tiana Jeremy, Georgina Aubain, Napha Alexander, Michael Feracho, Madonna Lewis, Carolyn Vanterpool, Clarence Lionel, Rosemithe Turenne, Colette Victorine, Leonard Turnbull, Jr., George Clarke, Gifford Francis, Rose Benjamin, Mary Benjamin.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Joseph & Juliette Commodore - Apr. 12*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 8, 2018**

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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. Evans Doway

**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**

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

**Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM &  
5:00 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 April 8, 2018**

Mon.: Isaiah 7:10 - 14; 8:10; Heb. 10:4 - 10;  
Luke 1:26 - 38

Tue.: Acts 4:32 - 37; John 3: 7b - 15

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 3:13 - 15, 17 - 19  
1 John 2:1 - 5a  
Luke 24:35 - 48

**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 4:32 - 35

The community of believers shared "one heart and mind." No one claimed ownership over anything, everything was held in common, nobody went needy among them, and all "bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

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

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God. "The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth."

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

Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you" and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Thomas doubted and then believed saying, "My Lord and my God!"

"Peace be with you." Three times the newly risen Jesus greets the ones he loves with these words. It is both his greeting and his wish. Today we get a glimpse of the early church, the close-knit community who were "of one heart and mind," sharing what they had so that no one was in need. Let us be of one heart and mind ourselves, merciful and generous, as we extend greetings and wishes to our neighbor: "Peace be with you."

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



5:00 PM: God's protection and guidance for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's healing, deliverance and blessing for Serge Rodney rb Olive Rodney and family.

10:00 AM: Clarissa Warrington (deceased) & Emily Warrington (deceased), rb The Warrington family.

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



#### Daily Masses:



Mon. Apr. 9, 7:00 AM: **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
God's healing for Lanell Herbert.

Tues. Apr. 10, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Antoine Frederick Ozanam**  
God's blessings and direction for Bishop Herbert Bevard.

Wed. Apr. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Stanislaus**  
God's blessings and guidance for Mona Bedminster and family rb Mona Bedminster.

Thurs. Apr. 12, 7:00 AM: **St. Joseph Moscati**  
Anniversary blessings for Joseph & Juliette Commodore rb Their family.

Fri. Apr. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Martin I**  
God's healing and blessings for Holy Family parishioners.

### 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, protection and long life for Godfrey 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!"**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This **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.

**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). PRAC 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 this **Sunday, April 8, from 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 9 to Friday, April 13, 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.**

**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 you 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.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere thanks to **All Hands and Hearts volunteers** for their assistance in our recovery. May God bless you and your family abundantly. **All Hands and Hearts volunteers** are now located at Addelita Cancryn Jr. High school.

### LITURGY AND WORD

Today's liturgy of the Word leads us to the resurrection appearances of Jesus. This Sunday has two themes: a) building and living the faith; and b) the Divine Mercy to which this Sunday is dedicated.

Jesus throughout his ministry tried to build the faith of the disciples; after his death and resurrection he still continues to do it. On the morning of the resurrection Sunday Jesus led Mary Magdalene to faith in him. After Peter and the beloved disciple left the tomb Mary continued to wait at the tomb. This was the time Jesus appeared to her. Mary could not recognize the words of Jesus and misunderstood him to be the gardener. Jesus then called her by name and she responded calling him, "Teacher." Mary wanted to hold on to him but Jesus does not permit it because he is no more in his physical body but in his spiritual and glorious body. More importantly, the risen Jesus is the universal Lord and all believers have equal claim on him. Mary cannot expect to have Jesus as her own. Former relationships are not binding after the resurrection.

As time passed we see the Christian community living their faith in all earnestness; it was a spirit-filled community. There is no better way to live Christian life than as it was lived in the early Church. Luke gives a vivid description of the community's life and activities. The believers were of one heart and soul, meaning, there were no discriminations among them. They put their possessions to common use and so nobody would be in want.

Of course, we have come a long way from the initial Christian living of the first century. But the manner in which we should live it today has not changed and as expected, much of the idealism still remains in the Church. If the larger Christian community cannot put everything in common for practical difficulties, religious communities still live by the same ideal. In religious communities there is no private ownership of wealth but the resources are pooled together for the common good. Religious through their apostolate produce great wealth for their religious order or congregation but they do not keep them for their personal use. All the needs of the religious are met from the common fund. It is on account of this that Christians all over look at the religious communities with such high esteem. They see in them the Christian ideals with a high degree of perfection which every individual Christian can-

### 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.

**HOLY THURSDAY: \$1,479.00**

**GOOD FRIDAY: \$1,958.92**

Attendance: Last Weekend: **878**

Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$8,149.83**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$1,235.00**

### LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

not put into practice nor is it expected. Yet the Christians themselves through their charitable works, donations and offerings to the Church, and welfare schemes that take into account the needs of the local Church community try to achieve this ideal.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St Maria Faustina Kowalska who was born on 25 August 1905 in Poland as the third of ten children. From a very tender age she stood out because of her love of prayer, work, obedience, and also her sensitivity to the needs of the poor. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. Maria Faustina consumed by tuberculosis and by innumerable sufferings died on 5 October 1938 at age of 33. She was canonized on 30 April 2000.

The devotion to Divine Mercy concentrates on the mercy poured forth by God the Father in Christ's death and resurrection. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of the divine mercy and pardon and to celebrate them with devotion. The faithful who are well disposed can obtain spiritual benefits from the devotion to the Divine Mercy.

