

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

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

***PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE***

CANTORS:	Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcellin	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS:	Antoinette Floyd	Allison Callwood	Young Vincentians
EUCH MIN:	Olga McBean	Catherina Alexander	Michelle Stout

*Thank you for serving !!!*

*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, Bishop Thomas, Isabel Dublin, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Mary Lewis.

**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, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Rosette Harley.

**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 Moderation when you ...*

*\*Get enough of what you need, no more, no less.*

*\*Use self-discipline to stop yourself from overdoing things.*

*\*Take charge of your health.*

*\*Balance work and play in your life.*

*\*Know your own limits and set boundaries for yourself.*

*\*Are content with enough.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am moderate. I am thankful and content to get what I need. I use my time and energy wisely. My life is balanced.*

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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.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**



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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Daryl Griffith, II, Donnalee Isaac, Giselle Reynolds, Akon Francois, Mickelle Matthew, Brianna Esprit, Shanique Stout, Peter Williams, Sherise Francis, Julian Wallace, Rozheal Gegoire, Camen LLaville, Rousel Charelus, Michele Stout, cecil Battiste, Verne Jno Baptiste, Felicita Hodge, Julie smith, Charles Joseph, Sarina McBean, Daisy Joseph.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Egbert & Leana Dagou - July 24  
Desmond & Marie Esprit - July 25*

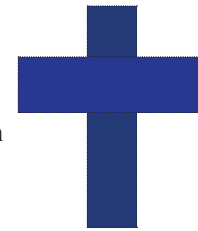


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

***Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!***

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 22, 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. Cassius Mathurin**

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Mrs. Allison Callwood**

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**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**

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**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 followed by  
Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM**  
**Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM**

**Readings for the Week  
of July 22, 2018**

**Mon.: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38 - 42**

**Tue.: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matt. 12:46-50**

**Wed.: 2 Cor. 4:7 - 15; Matthew 20:20 - 28**

**Thur.: Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Matthew 13:16-17**

**Fri.: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18 - 23**

**Sat.: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24 - 30**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Kings 4:42 - 44**

**Ephesians 4:1 - 6**

**John 6:1 - 15**

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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1 - 6

The Lord was angry and promised to punish the shepherds who misled and scattered the flock. The Lord God would gather the flock and appoint new shepherds to care for it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13 - 18

In Christ, we are reconciled and united with each other and with God. Christ Jesus came to announce the good news. Through him we come in one Spirit to the Father.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30 - 34

The disciples returned from work and went with Jesus to a quiet place to rest. Crowds followed. Jesus took pity on them, “for they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Our readings today reveal and confirm God’s desire to shepherd us: to care for, protect, and comfort us as shepherds tend their sheep. In the first reading, God promises to provide shepherds for the people, particularly a descendant of David who will rule wisely and justly. In the Gospel, Jesus, Son of David, is moved with pity when people flock to him, comparing them to sheep without a shepherd. With these passages in mind, we are able to sing in the psalm, “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Eugene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God’s continued guidance and protection for Felix Renal rb His mother. Birthday blessings for Lorna Greig rb The family.

10:00 AM: Clifford John (deceased) rb His family.

5:00 PM: God’s healing, deliverance and blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 23, 7:00 AM: St. Bridget of Sweden God’s guidance and protection for Damon Jno Baptiste rb His mother, Judith Jno Baptiste.

Tues. July 24, 7:00 AM: St. Sharbel Makhlouf Clifford John (d) rb His family.

Wed. July 25, 7:00 AM: St. James, Apostle - Feast Rev. Patrick Cashman (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. July 26, 7:00 AM: Sts. Joachim & Anne In Thanksgiving and God’s blessings for Tamzen Merchant rb Her family.

Fri. July 27, 7:00 AM: Blessed Titus Brandsma Birthday blessings for Janet Labadie Kelly rb Her mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

ON LINE GIVING: Easy, Secure Giving

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings automated? Come August Holy Family Church makes donating seamless by allowing gifts to be made electronically from your bank account, debit or credit card. Please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting www.holyfamilystt.com or by downloading the “GivePlus Church” mobile app. 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.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on Monday July 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in July. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Matthurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Pauline Jolly and family on the passing of her daughter, Mona Francis. The funeral service for the late Mona Francis took place on Sunday, July 15, 2018. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRY: Health care professionals and interested persons are encouraged to attend an organizing and planning meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall for the purpose of reactivating the Health Ministry. Questions can be directed to Candace Bryan at (340) 228-1912.

CONFERENCE: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, is hosting a “Freedom in Christ” conference on Friday, July 27, from 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 28, from 9:00 a.m.

STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: We are currently seeking teachers for science middle/high school, physical education teacher all levels, and history teacher middle/high school. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is ongoing, please call 340-774-2199 to schedule testing.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament continues every Wednesday, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and every Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jesus is available for you to spend time with Him.

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

It doesn’t matter how many Sundays you sit in church or if you think you are saved. God sees what you do and how you treat others. That is what really matters. Amen.

LITURGY AND WORD

The oracle in the First Reading regarding the future of Judah was given during the reign of Zedekiah. It was a turbulent time in the history of Judah which culminated in the Babylonian exile and destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

In 597 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar had deported Jehoiachin and most of the leading citizens to Babylon and appointed Zedekiah whose original name was Mattaniah as king. As a result the new king lacked experienced advisers. Zedekiah is portrayed in the book of Jeremiah as too weak to do what he knows is right: three times during the Babylonian siege Zedekiah approaches Jeremiah, but faced with the opposition of officials, courtiers, and people, the king feels unable to follow the prophet’s advice and to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar.

After ten years of siege the Babylonians finally captured Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar who was at the time stationed at Riblah, passed sentence upon Zedekiah for rebelling against Babylon. His sons were killed in front of him and he himself was blinded. He was then taken in chains to Babylon and put in prison. He was confined in the ‘house of the mill,’ where he had to perform degrading task of grinding with a hand-mill. He died in captivity. The prophecy of Jeremiah was thus fulfilled.

Of the five kings of Judah under whom Jeremiah worked only Josiah was a good and righteous king; all others, Jehoahaz II, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah were all bad kings. According to the Deuteronomist historian they all did evil in the sight of God. Given the above background we can understand the anguish of Jeremiah. The kings who were to represent God were not doing their duties. They were not shepherding their flock well. If the kings were honest and willing to listen to the prophets, and in this case if Zedekiah had listened to Jeremiah who advised him to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar, then the destruction of Jerusalem along with its Temple might not have happened. The sad plight of the king whose eyes were plucked out and made to work in the flour mill would have been avoided. In any case, God does not leave his people to their plight. He will continue to work with the people taken to Babylon and promise them a bright future.

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: 364

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,545.46

Bishop’s Appeal: \$686.00

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$29,320.00, 73% 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

The passage from Ephesians takes us to the very heart of Paul’s understanding of the gospel of reconciliation. Jesus is our peace because he joined the two great divisions of humanity, namely, the Jews and the Gentiles into one. The barrier was the Mosaic Law. The Mosaic Law with its detailed holiness code made it impossible for faithful Jews to live in close proximity with the Gentiles. The Temple in Jerusalem is a typical example of the distinction between Jews and Gentiles.

Paul emphasizes that the change is brought about by Christ through his death on the cross. What ultimately matters is a new humanity consisting of Jews and Gentiles. Behind the language of creating one new humanity lies the Jewish hope that at the end God will recreate the world more wonderfully even than his first creation before the fall. Christ’s resurrection points to that.

The Gospel of today centres on the theme of the sheep and the shepherd; the shepherds do not care for the sheep. The eagerness of people to get closer to Jesus is amazing. They run to get close to him. When Jesus sees the crowd the first thing he does is to teach them. Of course, the story continues to say that he also provides food for them. With proper guidance and teaching much of humanity’s woes can be avoided. Let the right teaching be imparted through our Churches and institutions.

