

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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



I am detached. I am aware of my feelings and choose my actions with detachment. I do what is right for me. I choose to be my best self no matter what happens.

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

A white statue of the Holy Family (Mary, Joseph, and Jesus) standing outdoors in front of a white building. The statue is made of a light-colored material, possibly stone or concrete, and depicts Mary holding the infant Jesus, with Joseph standing beside them. The statue is set on a small, light-colored base. In the background, there is a white building with a dark roof and a window, and a white van parked nearby. The sky is blue with some clouds. The statue is surrounded by green plants and a utility pole is visible on the left.

Joshua 24:1 - 2a, 15 - 17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21 - 32
John 6:60 - 69

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1 - 6

Wisdom built her house and prepared a banquet. The invitation was sent to “come, eat of my food and drink.” When we forsake foolishness in our lives, we grow in understanding.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15 - 20

Paul counseled the Ephesians to keep careful watch over their conduct. In this way they could overcome their ignorance and discern the will of God.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51 - 58

Jesus assured His followers that He is the living bread come down from heaven. All who partake of this banquet will be raised up on the last day. Today’s readings paint the picture of banquets, from the sumptuous table set by Wisdom to the Eucharistic meal that Jesus introduces. Just as Wisdom’s feast offers more than simple food and drink, Jesus’ Body and Blood offer more: eternal life and Christ himself. As we gather together to join in this feast, let us “be filled with the Spirit, ... singing and playing to the Lord in (our) hearts” (Ephesians 5:18 - 19).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God’s deliverance, guidance and protection for Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Phillip Marcillin (deceased).

10:00 AM: God’s blessings and guidance for the Maynard and Louis families.

Birthday blessings for Janya Cammie rb Her mother.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 20, 7:00 AM: St. Bernard
Rita Williams (d) rb Her family.

Tues. Aug. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Pius X
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Aug. 22, 7:00 AM: Queenship of Mary
God’s continued healing and blessings for Lorna Greig rb Lorna Greig.

Thurs. Aug. 23, 7:00 AM: St. Rose of Lima
Erea Frett Christopher (d); Eila Fredericks Sewer (d); Gwen A. Frett (d);
Eunice Frett Potter (d) rb Glendia B. Caines.

Fri. Aug. 24, 7:00 AM: St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast
Theresa E. Stridiron (d); Svend A. Stridiron (d); Ernestine Rhymer (d);
Lena Stridiron (d) rb Noreen E. Stout

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the Youth Ministry. 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 birthday blessings for Irene Morris. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Visit our website: www.holyfamilystt.com and select support our parish. Holy Family offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Catholic Charities has the following vacancy: FULL-TIME FINANCIAL OFFICER - General accounting duties to include preparation of monthly and quarterly federal and local grant reports and budgets, yearly agency budgets and financial statements.

Interested persons may submit their application to ccusvi@outlook.com or Call 340-777-8518 for further information. Applications may also be dropped off at the office on #42 Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Anita Williams and family on the passing of her mother, Rita Williams, who died in on Friday, August 10, 2018. The funeral mass for the late Rita Williams will take place on Friday, September 7, 2018, at Holy Family church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: The 71st Annual Pilgrimage to Cassi Hill will be celebrated this Sunday, August 19, 2018. We will gather at Four Winds Plaza from 2:00 p.m. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. to Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine. We will end with a closing mass at Holy Family Church at 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the classroom after the mass. All are invited.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: St. Vincent de Paul members are kindly asked to be reminded of their regular monthly meeting for the month of August which is scheduled to be Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the classroom. Please be guided accordingly.

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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the new school year. Once again thank you. Religious education classes will begin on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass. Please register your child or children early for CCD class. Children who are entering 7th Grade should sign up now for pre-confirmation class. Forms can be picked up from the church office or at the entrance of the church. Additional information will be provided later.

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. Whether you spend 15 minutes or the whole day, come and sit with Jesus.

LITURGY AND WORD

Eternal life is the theme of today’s liturgy and so the following reflection is centred on this topic. Eternal life is the reward that God bestows upon believers after death and is identical with the blessedness of heaven. According to the Old Testament, the living God possesses life by his very nature and is the fountain of life (Ps 36:10). Every kind of earthly life is governed and bestowed by God. God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being (Gen 2:7). In the Old Testament, life is not originally thought of as eternal life but as a quantitative abundance of earthly life, that is, as a long, healthy and happy life. In the later period of Israel’s existence the beginnings of a hope for the conquest of death and an eternal life in the transcendent sense gradually make their appearance. Only in the final centuries before Christ does belief in a resurrection of the dead that ensures the entrance of the just into eternal life take definitive hold. In order to understand the New Testament idea of life a distinction must be made between earthly life that is destined for death and eternal life. In the Synoptic Gospels eternal life is identical with the Kingdom of God in its complete and perfect form. The just will enter into eternal life. The attainment of eternal life must be the sole concern of life (Mt 7:14; Lk 10:25). Eternal life is promised to the disciple who abandons everything for the sake of Jesus (Mk 10:30). An extensively developed theology of eternal life is provided by John, for whom eternal life sums up the whole of salvation. In him the distinction between physical life and eternal life is emphasized in an especially clear way. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep (Jn 10:15). True love is shown in the giving of one’s life for one’s friends (15:13). Eternal life is given by the Holy Spirit (3:6). The true light is connected with the life engendered by the Spirit (1:4). The incarnate Son of God is the one, exclusive and universal giver of

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: 410
Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,785.71
Church in Africa: \$1,333.55

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

eternal life. He is the bread of life (6:35, 48), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the way, the truth, and the life (14:6). The bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world (6:51). The sole, but all-embracing, presupposition for the reception of eternal life is faith (3:36). In keeping with the realized eschatology of John this life is understood as a present blessing of salvation of believers. The Baptism and the Eucharist are the sacraments that bestow it. In the Christian tradition the souls of the just are said to enter into eternal life after death, with the glorified body also sharing in this life after the resurrection of the dead. In the great confessions of faith the ecclesial magisterium professes its faith in eternal life: “I believe in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting” (Apostles’ Creed). Although here, in continuity with biblical thought, eternal life is related to the whole person after the last day, the medieval councils stress that the souls of the deceased, after purification if this be needed, immediately obtain the direct vision of God.

