WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU! <u>MINISTERS' SCHEDULE</u>			
	5:00PM	7:30 AM	10:00AM
PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE			
CANTORS:	Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS:	Keith Steele Helena Enrique	Lafwa Rolle Pierre Joseph	YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUNG VINCENTIANS
EUCH MIN	: Olga McBean <i>Thank y</i> a	Lauren Thomas Bridget Toussaint ou for serving !!!	Michelle Stout

Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering...

HOSPITAL: Cynthia Johnrose.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Bishop Thomas, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomer Baron, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Thomas & Ruthine Johnson.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stani slaus Livepool, Rosette Harley, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Roserita Laparol

**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 Cooperation when you ...

\*Work well with others.

\*Offer your help and ideas freely.

\*Disagree peacefully and respectfully.

\*Follow the rules.

\*Ask for help when you need it.

\*Help keep a safe, happy environment.

Affirmation: I am cooperative. I

respect the rules. I work and play well with others. I keep myself and others safe.



when you leave - talk to each other!

# **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7 - 9

The Lord said, I will bring back the blind and the lame; "I will lead them to brooks of water."

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1 - 6

"The one who said to Christ, "You are my son: this day I have begotten you" also said, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

## GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46 - 52

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you? The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

In the first reading today, Jeremiah recounts how God has gathered together the people of Israel. God rescues the most vulnerable: "the blind ... the lame ... mothers ... those with child." All are brought to safety in the Lord. God smooths their path and quenches their thirst. God guides them and consoles them. Rejoice! As we look around today, note how God has gathered all of us together.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM**: Birthday blessings for Juilette Commodore rb Her family.

Birthday blessings for Adissa Greig rb The Greig family.

## **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: God's blessings and deliverance for Marie Renal rb Marie Renal.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Caia Treherne rb Mona Bedminster.

Birthday blessings for Phil Mellow rb His mother, Esther Mellow.

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

## **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Oct. 29, 7:00 AM: St. Narcissus Adriana James (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Tues. Oct. 30, 7:00 AM: Blessed Angelo of Acri Birthday blessings and God's guidance for Jamaul Charles rb His family.

Birthday blessings for Phillip St. Luce and Maria Buckle rb Their mother and grandmother.

- Wed. Oct. 31, 7:00 AM: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Deacon Roy Bruney ( $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$ ) rb The Children of Mary.
- Thurs. Nov. 1, 7:00 AM: ALL SAINTS Solemnity Birthday blessings for Pauline Ottley rb The Children of Mary.

7:00 PM: All the Priests of the diocese.

Fri. Nov. 2, 7:00 AM: ALL SOULS - Solemnity Charles Gomez, Jr. (d) rb Rita Brady-Bermudez and family.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the Youth *Ministry*. Next week's second collection will go towards *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 blessings for Rev. Kerly Francois. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our website: www.holyfamilystt.com and select **online** *giving*. Holy Family offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on Monday October 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in October. 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.

**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.

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.

**CONCERT**: The Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral will host a concert on <u>Sunday</u>. October 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., to salute a native son, Dr. Alfred O. Heath, for over 57 years of outstanding and charitable works to the Virgin Islands community. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available in the Church Office.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Please note that Thursday, November 1, 2018, is a holy day of obligation and masses will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

DE'JINE KWEYOL CREOLE LUNCH: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a lunch sale on *Saturday, November 3, 2018*, in Holy Family parking lot, from 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your usual support.

**UNBOUND CONFERENCE:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of STT/STJ will host a Freedom in Christ Conference at Holy Family Columban Hall on Friday, November 9, 2018, from 5:30 p.m and ALL DAY on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. This conference is FREE and all are invited.

**CREOLE MASS:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on *Saturday, December 8, 2018*, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All breakfast proceeds go toward Holy Family Church. Thank you for your usual support.

*RCIA*: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church or know their faith more are encouraged to attend classes on *Wednesdays* at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall.

The healing of the blind man from Jericho is the last healing miracle recorded in the Gospel of Mark. The healing of Bartimaeus and his response to Jesus are vividly told in the gospel of today. His actions when called by Jesus are fascinating. He throws his outer garment aside, leaps to his feet, and rushes in his eagerness to be healed. Mark by habit does not record the names of people whom Jesus has healed. But he makes an exception to this rule by mentioning the names Jairus, whose daughter was healed (Mk 5:22) and "Bartimaeus." The fact that Mark records the name of the blind beggar implies that he became a full-fledged disciple who was well known in the early Church. The healing of Bartimaeus is a miracle story but it is also a testimony about faith. Bartimaeus is blind yet he displays prophetic insight. He is not asking for alms, but his sight to be restored and gets even more than he asks for. Bartimaeus emerges as an exemplar of faith in Jesus and seems to have accepted Jesus' invitation to become his disciple. The cure of Bartimaeus takes place on the last lap of Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem. But Mark records the cure of a blind man also at the beginning of the Journey (Mk 8:22-26). By comparing the two healings, we come to know the purpose of these miracles. The healing of the blind man of Bethsaida is a gradual healing. The first stage in the healing  $(8:2\overline{3}-24)$ involves a complex ritual and takes place outside of Bethsaida. The result is a partial restoration of the man's sight so that he can distinguish humans from trees insofar as the former walk about. The second stage (8:25) brings about a full restoration of the man's sight. The episode ends not with the amazement of the crowd or a proclamation by the man who has been healed, but rather with Jesus sending him home and commanding him not to enter the village. Whereas Bartimaeus displays amazing faith in Jesus. He addresses Jesus as Son of David. This indicates that Bartimaeus recognizes Jesus as

## 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: 484 Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,433.65 World Mission Sunday: \$1,226.00

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018* amounted to \$36,260.00, 91% 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.

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the Messiah. He is instantly healed of his illness on account of his faith. He becomes a follower of Jesus. By placing the healing of the blind man of Bethsaida at the beginning of the Journey, Mark has imbued the story of the gradual giving of sight to the blind man with symbolic or spiritual value. It will take time for Mark's readers to absorb the idea of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. Indeed, the disciples who are the immediate audience for Jesus' teaching on the way do not "get it" until after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Throughout the journey narrative we will come to see more clearly the mystery of the cross – Jesus' death and resurrection – in the life of Jesus and in the life of those who follow him. Whereas the man of Mark 8:22-26 is healed gradually and told not to go into his village, Bartimaeus makes a confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of David, is cured instantly and completely, and follows Jesus on "the way" towards Jerusalem. Although blind, Bartimaeus possesses unparalleled insight into the working of God. He demonstrates an insight into the person of Jesus and his mission which the crowd that follow him and the close disciples lack. Barimaeus stands tall as a person of perseverance and faith.