

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

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:** Yasmine Haynes                      Agnes Nicholas                      Dr. A. Thomas  
Olga McBean                      Noreen Joseph                      Ursula Prosper

**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Valazquez                      Lauren, Felicinne                      Eubald Rene  
Anne Brandt                      Bridget & Allison                      Marylin Louis



***Thank you for sewing !!!***



***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, Philomen Baron, McLean Fountain (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, Stanislaus 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 Unity when you ...***

***\*Treat all people as members of one human family.***

***\*See the gifts in differences.***

***\*Refuse to join in when others express prejudice.***

***\*Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions.***

***\*Care for the earth and all living things.***

***\*Act like a peacemaker wherever you go.***

**Affirmation:**

***I practice unity with others. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.***

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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**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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**PARISH CELEBRATION**  
**Birthdays**

**Jovanny Harrigan, Cianna President, Gequan Aubain, Jennifer Estime, Andy By, Renita Benjamin, Cerelia Donald, Yasmin Heyliger, Jevon Samuel, Chelcy Angol, Lannie Bussue, Jr., Jacquel Dagou, Joyceline Baptiste, Neressa Forde, Latoya Hazell, Bert Toussaint, Gregory Antoine, Janice Carbon, Maurice Foy, Niles Sanderson, Anneta Heyliger, Francis Callwood, Olive Johnson, Jeanette Winston, Noreen Stout, Orville Rouse, Harold Attidore, Eugenie England.**

**RELIGIOUS BIRTHDAY**

**Rev. Kerly Francois - Nov. 12**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**Raphael & Rawlina Camacho - Nov. 5**  
**Ian & Neressa Forde - Nov. 10**

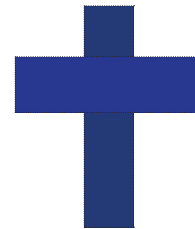


**Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!**

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

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 04, 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.**

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**Reverend Neil Scantlebury**

**Associate Pastor**  
**Reverend Kerly François**

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**Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin**

**Administrative Assistant**  
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**Mr. Francis Callwood**  
**Mr. Verne Callwood**  
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**Masses:**  
**Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)**  
**and**  
**Every LAST Thursday**  
**at 5:00 p.m.**

**Online giving or donation**  
**can be made through our**  
**website at:**  
**[www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)**

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

**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 November 4, 2018**

**Mon.: Philippians 2:1 - 4; Luke 14:12 - 14**  
**Tue.: Philippians 2:5 - 11; Luke 14:15 - 24**  
**Wed.: Philippians 2:12 - 18; Luke 14:25 - 33**  
**Thur.: Philippians 3:3 - 8a; Luke 15:1 - 10**  
**Fri.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 2, 8 - 9, 12;**  
**1 Corinthians 3:9c - 11, 16 - 17; Jn. 2:13-22**  
**Sat.: Philippians 4:10 - 19; Luke 16:9 - 15**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kings 17:10 - 16**  
**Hebrews 9:24 - 28**  
**Mark 12:38 - 44**



# 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2 - 6**

Moses told the people they must follow God’s law. Above all they must know that the Lord alone is God, and they must love the Lord with all their heart, soul and strength.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23 - 28**

Before Jesus, all the priests died and had to be replaced, but, “because He remains forever,” His priesthood does not pass away. Jesus saves “those who approach God through Him.”

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28b - 34**

The greatest command is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. We hear the same words today in the first reading and the Gospel. They must be important! In Deuteronomy the words are put in the mouth of Moses: Love God with your entire being. In Mark, Jesus repeats these words in answering the faithful scribe. But then he goes further, quoting Leviticus: Love your neighbor as yourself. As we listen to the readings today, we reflect on how well we keep these most important commandments.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** God’s continued deliverance for Marie Renal.

### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Anniversary blessings for Khalid and Makida Merchant rb  
Their family.

**10:00 AM:** Birthday blessings for Russelle Jno-Lewis rb Mona Bedminster.

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

### Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. Bertilla**  
Birthday blessings for Cerelia Donald rb Donna Edney.

Tues. Nov. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Theophane Venard**  
Birthday blessings for Eugenie England rb The Children of Mary.

Wed. Nov. 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Giuseppe Antonio Tovini**  
Birthday blessings for Jameal Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.  
  
Birthday blessings for Renita Richardson rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. Nov. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Philip Howard**  
Birthday blessings for Francis Callwood rb His wife.

Birthday blessings for Shantel Alfred rb Her grandmother.

Fri. Nov. 9, 7:00 AM: **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
Birthday blessings for Omar Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

## 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 continued guidance, protection and blessings for Francis Callwood, requested by his wife*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our website: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Catholic Charities has the following vacancy: An Assistant to the Executive Director.

Interested persons may submit their application to [ccusvi@outlook.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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 6:00 p.m and ALL DAY on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.** **This conference is FREE** and Lunch will be on sale. All are invited.

**CREOLE MASS:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass next **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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2019:** Bound 4 Life USVI will be traveling to Washington D.C. from **January 14, 2019 through January 21, 2019**. Most of our members range from the age of 12-23 years old. The cost for each person traveling will be approximately \$1,200.00. For more information please contact Timothy Olive at 340-998-9376 or Fr. Eduardo Ortiz-Santiago at 340-774-0885 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

**NOTE:** *The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient’s part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus’ real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church.*

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

## LITURGY AND WORD

For a short introduction to the Book of Deuteronomy see the reflection on the First Sunday of Lent. The Old Testament contains 613 precepts of the Law. It was common among the Jewish scholars at the time of Jesus to dispute among themselves as to which was the greatest commandment as we see in today’s gospel.

To the scribe who put to Jesus the question about the greatest commandment, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:4-5 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart.” The problem is that the heart of man does not always do that.

This passage has become the central prayer in Judaism called the Shema, (Shema means Hear, which is the opening word of the prayer), because it expresses in so few words the most important precepts of the Jewish religion. This prayer is the first principle of thought and the guide for the will in family life and community life. It was with the ‘Shema Israel’ on their lips that the Israelite martyrs went to the stake and suffered for Israel and their God.

First, the Lord alone is God of Israel. To all intents and purposes he is the only God, since his power extends to all nations. Secondly, it is not enough for God’s people simply to go through certain rituals in their life and worship. Rather, they must truly love God, and devote their whole lives to him. The phrase “with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” means the whole person. The biblical idea of heart covers our ideas of the will and the mind. True godliness means that all our abilities, as well as all we possess, are given to God. Only God sees through the heart of the human person. Therefore, only God can judge the human person. He has access to the innermost region of the heart, which is neither under the influence of other human persons nor even at one’s own disposition. From a transformed heart come forth faith, hope and love. There is no suggestion in the Bible that the brain is the centre of consciousness, thought or will. It is the heart which is so regarded. “Mind” is perhaps the closest modern term to the biblical use of “heart.” The Bible does not distinguish the rational or mental processes in the way that Greek philosophy does.

## 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: **381**

**Last Weekend’s collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,329.50**

**Catholic Education: \$1,044.76**

*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.*

## LITURGY AND WORD Cont’d

God knows the heart of each one and is not deceived by outward appearances (1 Sam 16:7). Ezekiel says that a new heart must be the aim of the wicked (18:31); and Jeremiah says that God’s Law will be written on the heart (Jer 31-31-34). The heart is regarded as the seat of the affections but also as the seat of the intellect. Coming back to the Gospel, Jesus placed love for God at the heart of the law; love for our neighbour should and will spring naturally from this as a consequence. If we try to put love of neighbour first or, worse still, leave out the love of God altogether, we shall make a shipwreck of our lives and fail even to love our neighbour as we should. On the other hand, if we say that we love God, and do not love our neighbour, we are hypocrites (1 Jn 4:20). Although the teacher agreed that all this was true, and therefore was very near the kingdom of God, he was not yet a member of it as he had not yet acknowledged Jesus as the Saviour. Did he ever do so? The scribe’s correct understanding of what is important in the OT Law places him close to the coming kingdom and prepares him to receive it properly.

Keep praying. Don't quit.  
Miracles happen every  
day. So never stop  
believing.  
GOD can change  
things very quickly in  
your life.