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 CCD Choir

LECTORS: Valerie Doute Noreen Joseph CCD STUDENT Margarita Smith Jalila Thomas CCD STUDENT

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Lauren Thomas Mona Bedminster

Felicinne Marcellin





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 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:

LUCINDA MILLIN:

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

And all the sick and suffering in our community!



Affirmation:

I am respectful. I

and myself as we

honor the wisdom of

elders. I treat others

deserve to be treated.

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 Respect when you ...

*Speak courteously to everyone.

*Take special care of the belongings of others.

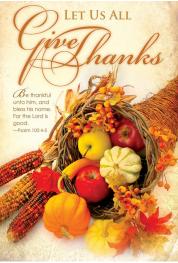
*Are receptive to the wisdom of elders.

*Honor the rules of your family, school and nation.

*Expect respect for your body and your rights.

*Treat others with dignity.

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

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 18, 2018

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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 November 18, 2018

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE Mon.: Rev. 1:1 - 4; 2:1 - 5; Luke 18:35 - 43

Tue.: Rev. 3:1 - 6, 14 - 22; Luke 19:1 - 10

Wed.: Revelation 4:1 - 11; Luke 19:11 - 28 Thur.: Revelation 5:1 - 10; Luke 19:41 - 44

Fri.: Revelation 10:8 - 11; Luke 19:45 - 48

Sat.: Revelation 11:4 - 12; Luke 20:27 - 40

NEXT SUNDAY: JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13 - 14 Revelation 1:5 - 8 John 18:33b - 37

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1 - 3

"I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: 'At that time ... your people shall escape.'"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11 - 14, 18

"Brothers and sisters: By one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated."

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24 - 32

The Son of Man will appear from heaven in power and glory. He will "gather His elect from the four winds."

The readings today focus on the end of time. Daniel prophesies about the resurrection of those who have already died, a radical notion in his day. The author of Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross atoned for all sins, for all people, for all time. In Mark, Jesus warns His disciples of the terrible signs of the end of time but reassures them that God's elect will be gathered from the ends of the earth. May these promises allow us to face the future with hope.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Mellisha Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb Paula Andrew.

10:00 AM: God's continued healing for Magdalene Maxim

rb Magdalene Maxim.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 19, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo* Souls in purgatory rb Olga McBean.

Tues. Nov. 20 7:00 AM: *St. Edmund*Kathleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Nov. 21, 7:00 AM: *Presentation of Mary* Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Nov. 22, 9:00 AM: St. Cecilia

Thanksgiving to God for blessings and favors received rb Francis and Allison Callwood.

Fri. Nov. 23, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro*Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb The John family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Catholic Education**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

Please generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's continued deliverance for Marie Renal, requested by Marie Renal. 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.

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. Once again thank you.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Please note that on **Thursday, November 22**, **2018**, mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please be guided accordingly.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on *Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, 2018*, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Please be guided accordingly and happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

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

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.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament continues every <u>Wednesday</u>, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and every <u>Friday</u> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Whether you spend 15 minutes or the whole day, come and sit with Jesus.

RCIA: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church or know their faith more are encouraged to attend classes on <u>Wednesdays</u> 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.

LITURGY AND WORD

Daniel belongs to the group of exiles taken to Babylon in 597 B.C. But the book of Daniel was neither written by this young refugee nor was it written during the exile. The book was written about 165 B.C., to give hope to the Jews during the terrible persecution unleashed by the

tyrant king Åntiochus Epiphanes. Publishing under the name of some worthy people of the past was a common custom in the ancient literary world. A Jewish author, active at the time of the persecution under Antiochus Epiphanes (175—164 B.C.) took Daniel as his hero and wrote the book of Daniel. The apocalyptic literature focuses on the future, it predicts God's victory over evil, and it involves prophecies and their interpretation. The word "apocalyptic" comes from the Greek word apokalypsis, which means "revelation" or "unveiling". Apocalyptic literature made an early appearance in some prophetic books. In addition to Daniel, parts of Isaiah (24–27), Ezekiel (38-39), and Zechariah (12-14)reflect an apocalyptic mindset. Mark 13 (Gospel of today) and the Book of Revelation are specimens of apocalyptic literature in the New Testament. What makes these literatures apocalyptic? The expression refers to the belief that God reveals to certain individuals truths that transcend the immediate experience of suffering and hardship and foretell God's ultimate victory over all evil. Apocalyptic literature always appears in times of persecution, rejection, and severe hardships. Dualism, symbolism, pseudonymity and strong ethical teaching are some of the characteristics of apocalyptic literature. Dualism because the literature defines reality in two contrasting terms, such as right and wrong, light and darkness, damnation and salvation. Symbolism because it uses images to represent deeper spiritual meaning. Pseudonymity because apocalyptic literature is written in someone else' name, normaly a hero or well-known figure from the past such as Daniel, as in our case. Strong ethical teaching because the literature exhorts the readers to remain faithful, live upright lives, and endure whatever suffering comes their way. The apocalyptic literature flourished between 200 B.C., and 200 A.D. Characterized by figurative language, visions, symbols, numbers, heavenly messengers, and battles between good and evil, it promises ultimate victory to

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: 630

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,986.46

Bishop's Appeal: \$662.00

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.

LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

As for the gospel of today, most of Jesus' activity in Jerusalem has been performed in the Temple area and it is here that Jesus delivered the eschatological discourse the last speech of his ministry that looks to the end-times. In this discourse Jesus says his future coming as the Son of Man will be preceded by cosmic signs. The list of signs mentioned is a way of saying that all creation will signal his coming but does not say that there will be a general disintegration of the universe. Curiously, the sun, the moon and the stars were not thought to be much larger than they look; and their main function was to maintain regularity of life on earth. The sun and moon assured the orderly procession of day and night, and the stars regulated not only the seasons but the destinies of human beings. Even a minor dislocation such as an eclipse was thought to be the sign of some extraordinary sign or disaster. A fortiori, disorganization in heaven would unleash chaos on earth.

What Jesus is hinting at is that the appearing of the Son of Man will be preceded by signs, but the date and time of it is unknown. Therefore, the attitude of Christians should be one of vigilance and eager expectation. The end will be preceded by signs just as at the appraoaching of summer the fig tree will bring forth tender leaves. There is no excuse to remain unprepared for we have been warned.

