

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: Olga McBean Pierre Joseph Felicita Richards
 Keith Steele Lafwa Rolle Carmen White
EUCH MIN: Candace Bryan Rose, Felicinne, Eubald Rene
 Dolores Velazquez Lauren & Bridget Marylin Louis

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Josephine Philbert.
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, Stanislaus Livepool, Rosette Harley, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Roserita Laparol, Cynthia Johnrose.

SEAVIEW:
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 Tolerance when you ...

- *Build unity with others who are different from you.
- *Are free of prejudice.
- *Make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness.
- *Don't complain about things that cannot be changed.
- *Change yourself instead of trying to change others.
- *Accept people the way they are, faults and all.

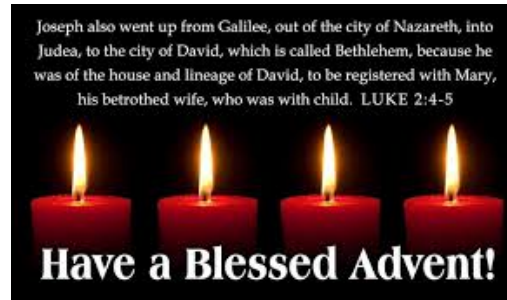
Affirmation:

I am tolerant. I appreciate difference. I overlook people's faults. I accept the things I cannot change.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

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

K'Ante Jackson, Keemoy Henry, Wilson Daniel, Maike Caracciolo, Dominick Hodge, Joseiah Jules, Kymani Dolphin, Lornnesha Henley, Rakhanalli Claxton, Kheana Fahie, Tiffanie Quetel, Tamica Pierre, Sharon Davis, Pamela Lewis, Aron Joseph, Carol Hodge, Stacy Steele, Julie Najawiez, Vernon Caracciolo, Marilene Lionel, Vanessa Harrigan, Joseph St. Thomas, Lucina Ferdinand, Norma Gimenez.



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

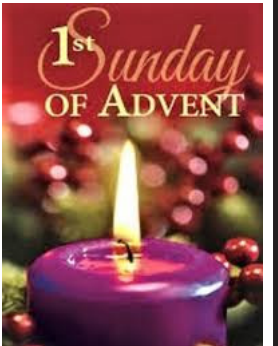
O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.

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.**

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

1st Sunday of Advent - Dec. 2, 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

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
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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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**

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 December 2, 2018**

Mon.: Isaiah 2:1 - 5; Matthew 8:5 - 11
Tue.: Isaiah 11:1 - 10; Luke 10:21 - 24
Wed.: Isaiah 25:6 - 10a; Matthew 15:29 - 37
Thur.: Isaiah 26:1 - 6; Matthew 7:21, 24 - 27
Fri.: Isaiah 29:17 - 24; Matthew 9:27 - 31
Sat.: Genesis 3:9 - 15, 20; Eph.1:3 - 6, 11 -12
Luke 1:26 - 38

**NEXT SUNDAY:
2nd Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1 - 9
Philippians 1:4 - 6, 8 - 11
Luke 3:1 - 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

The time is coming when the Lord's promise to Israel will be fulfilled. An offspring of David will come and bring justice for all nations of the world.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Paul prayed to the Lord for the Christians of Thessalonica that their love for one another would overflow and that their hearts might be blameless and holy before God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25 - 28, 34 - 36

There will be great signs in the heavens and great distress on the earth when the Son of Man comes in glory. Therefore, "be vigilant at all time ... to stand before the Son of Man.

The Gospel on the first Sunday of Advent always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. How should we prepare for this day that Luke calls an "assault"? St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today than they were then: "Conduct yourselves to please God." May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other, for we know that what we do for the least of our brothers and sister, we do for the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's deliverance for Marie Renal rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Lorraine Cranston rb Maureen Petersen.

10:00 AM: God's deliverance, blessings and protection for Marie Renal
rb Marie Renal.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Dec. 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis Xavier**
Birthday blessings and protection for Francesca Alcendor
rb Francesca Alcendor.

Tues. Dec. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. John of Damascus**
Bezo Abraham (d) rb Valda Alexander and family.

Wed. Dec. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. Sabas**
Birthday blessings for Lornnesha Henley rb Her family.

Thurs. Dec. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Nicholas**
Rose & Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Dec. 7, 7:00 AM: **St. Ambrose**
Dick Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards **Renovation Fund**. Next week's second collection will go towards the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's continued deliverance, blessings and protection 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.

ADVENT SEASON: Please note that during the Advent Season there will be **NO FLOWERS** in the church and **NO COMMUNION HYMN**. Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The church is once again kindly asking for donations for poinsettias for decoration during the Holiday Season. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING: **Saturday, December 8, 2018**, has been set aside for the cleaning of our church for the Christmas season **from 7:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Please come out in full number and let us give our church a good cleaning to welcome the baby Jesus. "**Many hands make light work.**" Also hands and help are needed every weekend for the cleaning of the church. Thank you in advance.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to **Luz Riveria-Swan** and family on the passing of her mother, **Gloria Virginia Fredrick**, who died on **Friday, November 23, 2018**. The funeral service for the late **Gloria Virginia Fredrick** will take place on **Monday, December 10, 2018**, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: Please be informed that **Deacon Yacob Fopa Lonfo** will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, December 15, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. All are invited. Please keep him in yours prayers.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Religious Education Program will be hosting a Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 16, 2018**, at 5:00 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Please save this date and support our children.

CONFESSIONS: Holy Family church will have confessions on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**, from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

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.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

In this passage Jeremiah speaks about the restoration of the royal house of David. He writes that when God restores the fortunes of Judah, peace and prosperity will descend upon the land and its cities. By placing this reading on the First Sunday of Advent the Church underscores that the prophecy of Jeremiah points towards the incarnation of the Son of God. Everything that Jeremiah foresees can be applied to Jesus. Jesus is the righteous branch that springs from David and he is the one fit to execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jesus' life and ministry are centered on the theme of the kingdom of God which is a greater reality than Judah and Jerusalem. That is why the birth of Jesus has universal implications. This passage records the prayer of Paul in which he expresses his longing for the spiritual growth of the Thessalonians. Paul prays for their growth in love which must expand beyond the Church to include everyone else. Paul cites himself as an example so that his prayer functions as a means of instructing the readers as to how they should pray and how they should live. Paul also wants the Thessalonians to be blameless and holy to meet the Lord when he comes. He is not praying that they may grow blameless at some future point when the Lord comes. Rather he believes that the Lord will come very soon, and therefore he prays that God may make their hearts firm in these qualities and that they will continue in this state right until the Lord's coming. Finally, the motive of Christian living is to please God by doing his will. The Thessalonians are already doing this, and so Paul's purpose here is simply to encourage them to continue doing what they are already doing.

GOSPEL: THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

The theme of the return of the Son of Man continues in the Gospel as well. The language and style of this discourse is clearly apocalyptic. Apocalyptic literature was prevalent at the time of Jesus. Book of Daniel in the Old Testament and Book of Revelation in the New Testament

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: **400**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,566.00

Catholic Education: \$1,248.32

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$38,075.00, 95% 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

are examples of apocalyptic literature. But the message is clear: Christians should be prepared to face any challenge and should live their lives with vigilance.

Christian lives should not be characterized by dissipation, drunkenness and the cares of this world which make us dull. What is needed is prayer and alertness. Those who remain alert in prayer have nothing to fear from the coming of the Son of Man. For them there is no distress or confusion. For them it is a time of liberation. This is a sound advice because Christians face persecutions and troubles at all times. Even in our modern and enlightened times Christians are not free from persecutions. In the vast Asian continent they are persecuted because they are a minority. Hence, Jesus' advice to his disciples is ever valid.

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