

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

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

**PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	CCD Choir
<b>LECTORS:</b> Helena Etienne Olga McBean	Jalila Thomas Lafwa Rolle	CCD Student CCD student
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Anne Brandt	Bridget Toussaint Rose Labadie	Mona Bedminster

*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 Joyfulness when you ...*

*\*Look inside for happiness.*

*\*Enjoy whatever you are doing.*

*\*Feel good about doing what is right.*

*\*Find creative ways to enjoy your time.*

*\*Have a good sense of humor.*

*\*Feel an inner peace even when things are tough.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am thankful for the joy I feel inside. I enjoy my work and my play. I appreciate the gifts this day holds for me.*

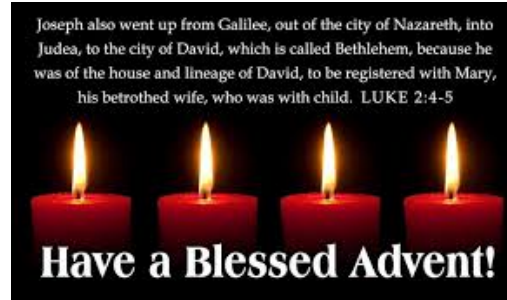
**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**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**

*Rose Labadie, Emperor Leerdam, Isaiiah Cazaubon, Dominik Burman, Ty'Ron Wills, Bria Bruney, Ka'Reema Moses, Akeem Joseph, Anthony Lewis, Lala Pierre, Evelina Rene, Andre Smith, Akim Commodore, Jamila Thomas, Gerard Castor, Jr., Jo-Anne Winston, Donavan Isaac, Brenday Leonard, Moses Birmingham, Cleo Hamilton.*

**Wedding Anniversary**  
*Rolland & Alicia George - Dec. 17  
Julian & Rose Labadie - Dec. 18  
Moses & Kishma Birmingham - Dec. 18  
Rivierre & Adriana Casimir - Dec. 21*



*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!**

**3rd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 16, 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.

**Pastor**  
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

**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: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018**

**Mon.:** Genesis 49:2, 8 - 10; Matt. 1:1 - 17  
**Tue.:** Jeremiah 23:5 - 8; Matthew 1:18 - 25  
**Wed.:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5 - 25  
**Thur.:** Isaiah 7:10 - 14; Luke 1:26 - 38  
**Fri.:** Songs 2:8 - 14; Luke 1:39 - 45  
**Sat.:** 1 Samuel 1:24 - 28; Luke 1:46 - 56

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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**Masses:**  
**Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)**  
**and**  
**Every LAST Thursday**  
**at 5:00 p.m.**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 4th Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5:1 - 4a  
Hebrews 10:5 - 10  
Luke 1:39 - 45

**Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14 - 18a

Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies. Do not be discouraged or lose heart, for "the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior."

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4 - 7

"Rejoice in the Lord always," wrote Paul. "I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds."

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:10 - 18

John the Baptizer said to the crowds, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In that way He preached good news to the people. John the Baptist challenges the crowds in today's Gospel. Eager to follow Him, they ask what they should do. John responds with practical guidance: share your food and clothing, act honorably, be honest. We are not told what they do, but we are told they were filled with expectation. With a week and a half until Christmas, let us take John's guidance to heart.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Alfonso Wells (deceased) rb Alma Wells.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Lindon Charles rb His family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Amalia Davis rb The Rene family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Dec. 17, 7:00 AM: *St. Olympias*  
Azriel Weston (d) rb Glendia B. Caines.

Tues. Dec. 18, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno*  
Happy birthday to Dominik Burman rb Grandma and Popops Freeman.

Wed. Dec. 19, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Urban V*  
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Pamela Charles and family.

Thurs. Dec. 20, 7:00 AM: *St. Dominic of Silos*  
Kathleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Dec. 21, 7:00 AM: *St. Peter Canisius*  
God's blessings, protection and guidance for Juliette Commodore and family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards *Christmas flowers*. 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 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](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.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Religious Education Program will be hosting a Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 16, 2018**, at **4:00 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.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Marcia Julien* and family on the passing of her mother, *Antonette Judy Julien*, who died on **Friday, November 30, 2018**. The funeral service for the late *Antonette Judy Julien* took place on **Friday, December 14, 2018**, at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**CHURCH DECORATION:** Thank you to all who came out to clean and decorate the church for Christmas Season. Once again, thank you and all of God's continued blessings on you and your families.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Please note that the mass schedule for **CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT** will be at **7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.** and on **CHRISTMAS DAY** mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.** **CAROLS WILL BE SUNG BEFORE THE MASSES.**

**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. Once again, thank you.

**BISHOP ELLIOTT G. THOMAS:** For persons wishing to send Bishop Thomas a Christmas card, please see his address below. Thank you.

**MOST REVEREND ELLIOTT G. THOMAS, Retired**  
**ST. JOHN NEWMAN RESIDENCE**  
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### LITURGY AND WORD

#### **1st READING:** **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

The Book of Zephaniah is the ninth of the Twelve Minor prophets of the Old Testament. Zephaniah means "Yahweh has hidden or protected." Zephaniah was active during the reign of Josiah, the righteous King (640-609 B.C.). The book is concerned throughout with the "Day of the Lord" which refers to any intervention of God in history, but more specifically refers to the action of God at the end of times. In this passage the prophet encourages the people to rejoice because the Lord has cast out the enemies of the people. The people need not have the fear of their enemies because the Lord himself dwells in their midst and protects them.

#### **2nd READING:** **REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS**

In this passage Paul invites the Christians of Philippi to rejoice. Jesus whom Christians have accepted as their Lord is the cause of their joy. The Lord Jesus comes near to every believer who may still be thinking of the coming of Christ as being imminent, but even independent of such an expectation, life is short. It will not be long before they will all enjoy the fullness of communion with Christ in the glory of the Father. In the meantime, the Lord is with them. Anxiety and fear have no place in the lives of Christians. Christians are equipped to take their anxieties and fears to God in prayer who is ever willing to pay heed to them. Prayer has various forms and modes, such as petition, request, but above all, thanksgiving. When prayer replaces worry, the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, comes in. The Christians must cultivate this reality in their daily lives.

#### **GOSPEL:** **JOHN THE PREACHER**

The gospel of today places before us the preaching of John the Baptist.

### 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: **451**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,048.18**

**Rel. Retirement Fund: \$1,428.8**

*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

John answers the questions of three groups of people. The crowds of ordinary people should show generosity to one another in their needs. Clothing and food are elementary requirements of people but many do not have the luxury of many meals a day or good clothes to wear. So John says that those who have them must share them with those in need. Tax collectors should not exploit the ordinary people, and the soldiers should not rob and should not implicate anyone falsely for their gain. They should content themselves with their wages. John intends that transformation should come from within and not through violent means. He describes himself as an unworthy servant of the One to come. As the forerunner of the Messiah John can only cleanse the people through the baptism of repentance, but the coming One will purify people's hearts with fire. The Messiah will carry through a sharp separation among people, like a harvester who separates the wheat from the chaff. In order to belong to Jesus a positive faith in him is required. Otherwise, even those who belong to the historical people will be like unfruitful trees that are cut off at the roots, or like chaff that is thrown into an endless fire.

