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: Helena Enrique Agnes Nicholas Dr. A. Thomas Margarita Smith Noreen Joseph Yvonne Freeman

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



Thank you for serving!!!



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, Clementina Abraham, Bishop Thomas, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, McLear 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, Cynthia Johnrose.

SEAVIEW:

LUCINDA MILLIN:

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

And all the sick and suffering in our community!



Affirmation:

I live by my ide-

that anything is

possible.

als. I believe in my

dreams. I have faith

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 Idealism when you ...

*Really care about what you value in life.

*Dare to have big dreams.

*Have a vision of what is possible.

*Have a plan to make your ideals real.

*Take action to make your dreams come true.

*Do something to make a difference in the world.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Holy Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

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

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 veekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. <u> Thank you for your cooperation</u>

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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3, 2019

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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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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM Creole Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass followed by Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m. Friday: Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE Mon.: Hebrews 11:32 - 40; Mark 5:1 - 20

Tue.: Hebrews 12:1 - 4; Mark 5:21 - 43

Wed.: Heb.12:4 - 7, 11 - 15; Mark 6:1 - 6

Thur.: Heb.12:18 - 19, 21 - 24; Mark 6:7 - 13

Fri.: Hebrews 13:1 - 8; Mark 6:14 - 29

Sat.: Hebrews 13:15 - 17, 20 - 21;

Mark 6:30 - 34

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1 - 2a, 3 - 8

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

Luke 5:1 - 11

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!</u> *FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4 - 5, 17 - 19*

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before your were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you ... They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you."

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

"Love is patient, love is kind ... Love never fails." In the end there are three things - faith, hope and love - "but the greatest of these is love."

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:21 - 30

God sent Elijah to no other widow than the widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Elisha cured no other leper than Naaman the Syrian. The crowd grew angry. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away." Jeremiah is called to preach God's word, but most of the first reading describes God fortifying him against the opposition he will face. Jesus meets opposition from his hometown and needs to move on. But in between we are treated to St. Paul's rhapsody on love. The Corinthians were alternately jealous and dismissive of others' spiritual gifts. Paul preaches that love is more important than

any spiritual gift, for without love nothing else matters.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's deliverance, guidance and protection for Felix Renal rb His mother.

Birthday blessings for Tamzen Merchant rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Tia and Tai Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Birthday blessings for Bernadette Gustave rb Paula and Viola.

10:00 AM: Dr. Lino La Penna (deceased) rb His wife Tina La Penna

5:00 PM: God's continued blessings and protection for the Louis and Maynard families

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb 4, 7:00 AM: *St. Jane Valois*Birthday blessings for Chante Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Birthday blessings for Jousha Fred rb His family.

Tues. Feb. 5, 7:00 AM: *St. Agatha* God's healing and deliverance for Greg (Micky) Adrien rb His mother.

Wed. Feb. 6, 7:00 AM: *St. Paul Miki & Companions*Birthday blessings for Elijah Anthony rb Grandma and Poppop Freeman.

Thurs. Feb. 7, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Giles Mary*Repose of the souls of all deceased Mountaineer priests.

Fri. Feb. 8, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*Birthday blessings for Aria Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **deceased Rita Williams**, **requested by her family**. 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, using "**GIVE PLUS**" mobile App. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Chris Doute in thanksgiving to God and celebration for **Valerie Doute's** birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on both of you. Once again, thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS: The next Baptism class will commence on <u>Monday</u> <u>February 4, 2019</u>, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in February. 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.

DINNER FOR A CAUSE: Mr. Justin Jn Baptiste and his committee will host a dinner for a cause for Mr. Claudy Brutus, Sr., on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 9, 2019</u>, in Columban Hall, from 7:00 p.m. It is a formal affair. Tickets are as follows: SINGLE - \$55.00; COUPLE - \$100.00; TABLE OF (8) - \$300.00. Tickets are available from the church office and committee member. Please support a worthy cause. Please write checks in the name of YVONNE BRUTUS. Thank you.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2019: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "4" or a "9" (for example - 1989 = 30 years; 1994 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop next weekend of <u>February 9 -10, 2019</u>. Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier) are also eligible regardless of the year they were married.

LOURDES IN A DAY: The Order of Malta is sponsoring "**Lourdes in a Day**" on **Monday, February 11, 2019**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, from 10:00 a.m. to conclude with the Exposition and Benediction at 1:00 p.m. If you are available on the day of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, **Monday, February 11, 2019**, please feel free to attend.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: Sts. Peter & Paul School will host an international night on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 16</u>, <u>2019</u>, at Sts. Peter & Paul School courtyard, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7 plates and 1 drink for \$15.00. Tickets are available from students and staff.

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.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

IST READING: JEREMIAH'S CALL

Prophet Jeremiah is a paradoxical figure. He cares deeply for his people, dentifies with their suffering, and epeatedly calls them to repentance. However, he also rails against their sin and issues threats of destruction. His relationship with God has a similar tone. In as much as he faithfully obeys God's commands to him, he also complains to God when he feels things are not going his own way of thinking. God speaks to Jeremiah in the guise of both creator and destroyer. God has cared for the people over the centuries, bringing them to freedom, giving them the land, promising them a future. This same God, who has loved the people, gifted and encouraged them, is now rejected by them. In their failure to recognize that God is the one who gives them food and freedom, they go as far as to seek independence even from their God. God accepts the people's choice but warns them of consequences. The resulting punishment, however, is not the last word. God promises to transform the people by a new creation leading to a New Covenant.

2ND READING: SELFLESS LOVE

This hymn contains some of the most beautiful lines ever penned by Paul. The first part of the hymn insists that the spiritual gifts are of any value only with love. The charisms mentioned are gift of tongues, gift of prophecy, faith, total charity (i.e., giving away all possessions), and self-sacrifice (i.e., readiness to suffer and to die). These charisms, however sublime they may appear, will have value only if they are motivated and accompanied by love. After this Paul describes love both positively and negatively. Positively, love is patient, kind, rejoices in the right, and endures all things. Negatively, love is not jealous, not boastful, not arrogant, and is not resentful. Christian love starts with God who needs nothing from them; but love brings them into being and ennobles them. Paul's notion of love is based on the self-giving of Christ, who loves us not because we are good but while still sinners he loves us (Řom 5:8).

GOSPEL: JESUS EXPERIENCES REJEC-TION

This passage sets the tone of Jesus' ministry by answering the question about Jesus' Messiahship. The an-

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: <u>528</u> *Last Weekend's collections*FIRST COLLECTION: <u>\$6,326.85</u>

ST COLLECTION: <u>\$6,326.85</u> *Music Minstry:* <u>\$1,191.10</u>

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$40,467.00, 101% 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

swer is unequivocal. He is a prophetic Messiah. What is said by the prophet Isaiah about the "servant of the Lord", Jesus declares to be "fulfilled" in him (4:21). The Isaiah citation also defines the character of Jesus' ministry. He will announce good news to those who are poor, blind, in captivity, and oppressed. Rather than picturing Jesus' work in terms of a political or economic reform, Luke portrays his liberating work in terms of personal exorcisms, healings, and the teaching of the people.

Jesus also announces the rejection he will face. He declares that no prophet is acceptable in his own country, and his town people's vivid and murderous intentions fulfil his prophecy. But why do they turn on Jesus? The provocation is given by the comparison of his own ministry to that of Elijah and Elisha. The stories are bound together only by the fact that in both the prophetic visitation was extended to Gentiles outside the boundaries of the people of Israel. The people cannot accept that the salvation brought by Jesus will extend to all nations. It is this veiled intimation that Jesus will be for all and not just for them alone and God's visitation and salvation are to be for the poor and the oppressed of all nations and not just for the Jews that arouses their wrath. Jesus is not accepted in his own country because his mission extends beyond his own country. What Isaiah announced to the people of his day is now being announced to the poor, the prisoners, the blind, and the downtrodden of Jesus' day.