

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: Ruth Smith Noreen Joseph CCD Student
Margarita Smith Jalila Thomas CCD Student

EUCH MIN: Candace Bryan Lauren Thomas Mona Bedminister
Felicinne Marcillin



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, 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 Forgiveness when you ...

****Remember that everyone makes mistakes.***

****Share your feelings without taking revenge.***

****Stop giving uncaring people the chance to hurt you.***

****Accept people without judgment or criticism.***

****Take responsibility for your own mistakes.***

****Make amends instead of punishing yourself with guilt.***

Affirmation:

***I am forgiving of others and myself.
I am willing to give and receive amends.
I learn from my mistakes. I have the power to keep changing for the better.***

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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 I 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 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
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Derrick & Sharon Davis - Feb 19
Leroy & Marahgaye Eugene - Feb. 22
John & Alice Williams - Feb. 23*

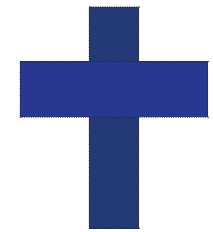


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 17, 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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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
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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

Fourth Wednesdays - 4:00PM to 6:30PM

Readings for the Week
of February 17, 2019

Mon.: Genesis 4:1 - 15, 25; Mark 8:11 - 13

Tue.: Genesis 6:5 - 8; 7:1 - 5, 10;
Mark 8:14 - 21

Wed.: Gen. 8:6 - 13, 20 - 22; Mark 8:22 - 26

Thur.: Genesis 9:1 - 13; Mark 8:27 - 33

Fri.: 1 Peter 5:1 - 4; Matthew 16:13 - 19

Sat.: Hebrews 11:1 - 7; Mark 9:2 - 13

NEXT SUNDAY:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23

1 Corinthians 15:45 - 49

Luke 6:27 - 38

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5 - 8

Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish, but those who trust in the Lord will remain strong, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20

If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17, 20 - 26

Jesus described the blessings in store for the meek and lowly who place their trust in the Lord and said that the rich and powerful will lose everything they have. It's time to choose sides. The selections from Jeremiah, Psalms, and Luke each describe the favorable consequences for one group of people and the unfavorable consequences for the opposite group. Jeremiah distinguishes between those who place their trust in God and those who place their trust in others. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus reassures those who are suffering while warning those who are prospering. It is sobering. Let St. Paul's proclamation of Christ's resurrection be of comfort to all of us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Angelina Iwaundi (deceased) rb Her daughter, Tina La Penna.

10:00 AM: Gerson Eusebe (deceased) rb His mother.

5:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb 18, 7:00 AM: Blessed Elisabetta Canori-Mora
Birthday blessings for Mark Charles rb His family.

Tues. Feb. 19, 7:00 AM: St. Barbatus
Birthday blessings for Quaine Alexander rb The Rene family.

Birthday blessings for Dhiraj Daswani rb His mother, Kavita Daswani.

Wed. Feb. 20, 7:00 AM: St. Margaret of Cortona
Birthday blessings for Winston Ryan rb The John family.

Thurs. Feb. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Peter Damian
God's deliverance and guidance for Ijazze George rb Beverly George.

Fri. Feb. 22, 7:00 AM: Chair of Saint Peter
Gene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's healing, guidance and protection for the Greig family, requested by Lorna Greig. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church will be closed all day on Monday, February 18, 2019, in observance of Presidents' Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thank you for your usual support.

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.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available next Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018: The World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Christchurch Methodist Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. The theme for this year is "Come - Everything is Ready." The country of recognition this year is Slovenia. As many Catholics as possible are asked to attend to represent our Church. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

LENT: Lent begins on, Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

LENTEN MISSION: Holy Family will host a Lenten mission from Monday, March 11 to Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The mission will be preached by Fr. Blessed from 7:00 p.m. nightly. He will also preach at the weekend masses prior to the start of the mission. Please save the dates.

LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. Those 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be NO altar flowers, NO Gloria and NO Alleluia, NO recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
8. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
9. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.
10. View daily "Best Lent ever" on www.dynamiccatholic.com

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: THE RIGHTEOUS VS THE WICKED

In this passage from Jeremiah, we have a series of wisdom sayings which make a contrast between the righteous and the wicked. The contrast between the man who is cursed and the one who is blessed is made in terms of what they trust in: human abilities or Divine. The one who bears the curse is like a tree in the dry, salt lands where no good is ever experienced. The one who bears the blessing is the opposite: he like a tree transplanted by water, its roots by the stream, its foliage green, thriving in drought and always bearing fruit. Psalm 1 presents the image of the man who is blessed as a tree transplanted by streams of water, yielding its fruit and its leaves never withering. In the Bible the green tree stands as a metaphor of righteous persons. On the other hand, the tree in the harsh conditions is the perfect image of the wicked.

2ND READING: RESURRECTION IS UNDENIABLE

Paul has already argued for the actuality of the resurrection by telling the Corinthians that there are people who have seen the resurrected Christ like Peter and the twelve apostles. He has appeared to more than five hundred people most of whom are still alive. Paul also has had the vision of the risen Jesus that has led to his conversion. He and many others are witnesses to it. Hence the denial of Jesus' resurrection is untenable. To deny the resurrection of the dead is equal to denying the resurrection of Jesus. Holding the position that Christ has not been raised can have disastrous consequences, such as, Paul's preaching then is in vain and Corinthians' faith stands nullified. This in effect means that they have not found a way out of their sins and that those who died with their faith in Christ have perished! And that those who have put their hope in a life after death have become the most pitiable people. Hence the truth is that the resurrection of Jesus makes the resurrection of the dead possible and real. The denial of the resurrection of the dead is certainly absurd.

GOSPEL: THE BEATITUDES

The Lucan beatitudes and woes are a carefully constructed set, each woe contrasting with one of the beatitudes. The first three beatitudes are also to be interpreted as a set. The poor, the hungry and the weeping are not three different groups of people but three descriptions of a single group. Because they are destitute, they are also hungry and weeping. The fourth beatitude, to be sure, stands out, for it is much longer than the others and refers to the persecuted followers of Christ. The "poor" in the Lucan beatitudes means the economically needy, for they are hungry and are contrasted with those who are rich and full.

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: 478
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,066.00
Youth Ministry: \$958.01

LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

To a greater degree than in the modern world, for the Mediterranean society of Jesus' time honor and shame mattered much. The rich stand out not just because they have possessions but because they have power and honor in society. The poor are those who can no longer maintain a position of respect in society. Either they lose the economic means for a decent living and then are excluded from society, or they are excluded and then lose their means of support. The result is the same: they are both economically deprived and socially marginalized. When Jesus speaks the beatitudes, he is announcing to these people the happy news that they have been chosen by God to share in God's kingdom, which will end their hunger and exclusion. The evangelist mentions that as Jesus speaks the beatitudes "he looked up at his disciples." The beatitudes are relevant to the disciples because they "left everything" to follow Jesus, thus joining the ranks of the poor. Jesus focuses on the disciples not only because they are poor but because they must minister to the poor. Thus, through the beatitudes Jesus is carrying out the mission announced in Nazareth of bringing "good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). It may seem strange that the rich are treated so roughly here, but there is an underlying conviction that those who hoard what the poor need are held responsible before God. The beatitudes and woes present the same reversal of situation through God's intervention proclaimed in the Magnificat (Lk 1:51-53). The woes would seem to say that there is no hope for the rich, but later teaching about riches in Luke will show that this is not entirely true. There is a possibility of repentance for the rich, although the way of discipleship will be costly (Lk 18:18-27). Those in the Lucan audience who were poor may have been comforted by the beatitudes. Insofar as they have already experienced acceptance and received material support through the community of Jesus, these beatitudes would ring true, not for the future but also for the present. Those in the community, who are relatively wealthy, however, can hardly be comfortable while hearing these words. Their reactions might range from anger to anxiety about their place in God's kingdom.