

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 Adult Choir Marguerite Rene

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Allison Callwood



Thank you for serving !!!



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

HOSPITAL: Ruthine Johnson.

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), Josephine Philbert.

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, Thomas Johnson.

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 Courtesy when you ...

****Remember your manners.***

****Treat elders, parents, teachers and children politely.***

****Think about how your actions affect others.***

****Eat, speak and move graciously.***

****Make requests instead of demands.***

****Greet people with a smile.***

Affirmation:

I am courteous. I speak and act in a mannerly way. I show others that I value and respect them.

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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

Birthdays

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Wordsworth & Ramona Auguste - Feb 24
Thomason & Olive Johnson - Feb. 27
Scott & Patty Love - Mar. 1**

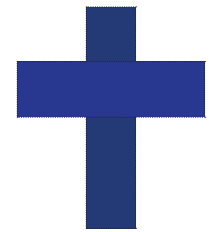


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24, 2019

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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

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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Mr. Ryan John

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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 - 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 24, 2019**

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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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**

Mon.: Sirach 1:1 - 10; Mark 9:14 - 29

Tue.: Sirach 2:1 - 11; Mark 9:30 - 37

Wed.: Sirach 4:11 - 19; Mark 9:38 - 40

Thur.: Sirach 5:1 - 8; Mark 9:41 - 50

Fri.: Sirach 6:5 - 17; Mark 10:1 - 12

Sat.: Sirach 17:1 - 15; Mark 10:13 - 16

NEXT SUNDAY:
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4 - 7

1 Corinthians 15:54 - 58

Luke 6:39 - 45

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!
FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23

Saul pursued David with a large army, but David sent out spies and penetrated Saul's camp, David declined to kill Saul but instead took merely his spear and water jar.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45 - 49

Paul compared the risen Christ with Adam. The first Adam received life, but the risen one gives life. Adam is an earthly model, and Christ is spiritual. As we are like Adam, so will we be like Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27 - 38

Jesus challenged: "Love your enemies." Love goes beyond the payment of debt. "Lend expecting nothing back," said Jesus. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples to love their enemies, to be merciful, to do good even to those who do not do so in return. Today's first reading dramatizes these lessons. Given the opportunity to kill Saul, David spares his life even though Saul had tried to kill him when he had the chance. "The Lord is kind and merciful," we sing in the psalm,. We are called to be as well.

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

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: For the repose of the soul of Lanell Herbert (deceased).

10:00 AM: God's help and deliverance for Austin Alexander, Jr. and
Atlec Maynes rb Ferlicia & Victioria Fergusson.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb 25, 7:00 AM: St. Caesarius of Nazianzen
God's blessings for Flur Richards rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

God's blessings and guidance for Richie Placid rb His father.

Tues. Feb. 26, 7:00 AM: St. Porphyry
Birthday blessings for Elvina Rene, Caitlin Roberts, Kathleen Rene,
Henville Alexander & Raenay Grant rb The Rene family.

Wed. Feb. 27, 7:00 AM: St. Gabriel Possenti
Birthday blessings for Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Feb. 28, 7:00 AM: Sts. Romanus & Lupicinus
Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Mar. 1, 7:00 AM: St. David of Wales
God's deliverance and guidance for Ijazzee George rb Beverly George.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards Catholic Education. Next week's second collection will go towards the Renovation Fund. 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 children and grandchildren of Lorna 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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois, Deacon Frank Kearny, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Meredith Johnson and family on the passing of her son, Ronny R. Johnson, who died on Sunday, February 12, 2019. The funeral service for the late Ronny R. Johnson will take place in Dominica on Thursday, February 28, 2019. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This 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 this 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:

NOBLE WAYS OF DAVID

Saul is in the pursuit of David with three thousand men. And yet the courageous David is able to spy on the encampment of Saul. Under the cover of darkness David and Abishai penetrate the camp and stand over the sleeping Saul. Abishai begs to pin Saul to the ground with a single stroke of his spear. David refuses, takes the spear and water jar by Saul's head, and leaves.

This episode highlights the noble ways of the future King of Israel. David has the opportunity to kill the enemy who is in hot pursuit of his life. But David relents when Abishai wants David to kill Saul for David says that the anointed of God should not be harmed. It is an offence against God. David's magnanimity can be seen in his words, "Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

2ND READING:

ADAM VS CHRIST

In this passage Paul develops an Adam-Christ typology which is based on Genesis 2:7. The first man becomes a living being when God breathes into his nostrils the breath of life; and Christ becomes a life-giving spirit (cf. 1 Cor 15:22-23). Adam's descendants share his nature, while those who are of heaven share Christ's nature. Next point of comparison is that just as Christians share the likeness of Adam, so they will bear the likeness of Christ. As we Christians have borne the image of Adam, so we shall also bear the image of Christ who is the man of heaven.

GOSPEL:

LOVE AND MERCY

This passage forms part of the Sermon on the Plain which is the equivalent of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. The first part of the sermon deals with the relationship of the disciples to God; the second part from which our reading is taken deals with the disciple's relationship with other people. It plunges straight into the duty to love one's enemies.

Two brief examples of such love are given: submission to violence (rather than retaliation) when struck by somebody and readiness to give an aggressor who robs you more than he asks for. The disciples must be prepared to give away their possessions freely. Jesus admits that even sinful people are quite ready to do good 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: 503

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,431.26

Music Ministry: \$1,123.00

LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

those who have helped them or from whom they can expect some benefit in return. But the disciples ought to go further and not stick simply to doing good for what they can get in return for it or as a way of thanking somebody who have done them good. There may well be no earthly credit for people who behave like this, but there will be a heavenly reward: God will regard them as his true sons who imitate their Father's merciful nature to those who are undeserving.

The person who loves like this will receive the same love and more from God. The person who does not judge other people will not be judged by God, and the person who gives freely will receive an ample return – like a container so full of corn that it spills over.

This passage contains the Golden Rule which is, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them." This Golden Rule is the wise foundation of human reciprocity both in the Old Testament and in many other cultures. It means to treat others as you would like to be treated. Jesus requires this basic disposition from his disciples, and he asks for something more. Loving one's enemies is the highest form of morality. It is a divine way of dealing with people. God is King to the ungrateful and wicked people as well as to the just and the righteous. The Golden Rule is made more explicit by the call to the love of enemies.

