

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  
Felicine Marcellin

**LECTORS:** Chris Doute Pierre Joseph CCD Student  
Olga McBean Jalila Thomas CCD Student

**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Velazquez Bridget Toussaint Mona Bedminster  
Rose Labadie



***Thank you for serving !!!***



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

**HOSPITAL:**

**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, 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, Ruthine & Thomas Johnson, Richard Callwood, Jr.

**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 Tact when you ...***

***\*Are careful about the feelings of others.***

***\*Stop yourself from teasing.***

***\*Tell the truth kindly and gently.***

***\*Decide if it better to tell the truth or keep silent.***

***\*Keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself.***

***\*Treat people who are different as you would treat anyone.***

**Affirmation:**

***I am tactful. I think before I speak. I am diplomatic even when I feel strongly. I tell the truth kindly and gently.***

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**Lenten Prayer for Sundays During Lent**

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closed to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

**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**

***Amya Hodge, Sophia Plaisimond, Keithford Francis, Shemar Joseph, Mackadis Smith, Jacky Raphael, Rousselande Augustin, Kishma Casimir, Davion Smith, Joseph Harding, Jennifer Pacquette, Wade Monroe, Anne Daudier, Emmanuel Mahautiere, Joseph Joseph, Allan Bryan, Pamela Charles, Fritzold Bredy, Theresa Fahie, Gloria Etienne, Jose Encarnacion, Tomas Serrano.***

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

***Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Mar. 17***



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

***Holy Family Catholic Church***

***Welcomes You!***

***2nd Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2019***

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***Wishing everyone a blessed  
Lenten Season ahead!***

***'Tis the season to be praying,  
fasting, almsgiving...***

***... and remember***

***to spend  
more time***

***with  
JESUS!***



**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. Cassius Mathurin  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

**Administrative Assistant**  
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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 - 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 March 17, 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.**

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can be made through our  
website at:  
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Mon.: Daniel 9:4b - 10; Luke 6:36 - 38

Tue.: 2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13,  
16-18, 22; Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wed.: Jere. 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17 - 28

Thur.: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10; Luke 16:19 - 31

Fri.: Gen. 37:3 - 4, 12 - 13a, 17b - 28a;  
Matthew 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46

Sat.: Micah 7:14 - 15, 18 - 20;  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Exodus 3:1 - 8a, 13 - 15**

**1 Corinthians 10:1 - 6, 10 - 12**

**Luke 13:1 - 9**



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5 - 12, 17 - 18

God appeared to Abram and made a covenant to his faithful servant, promising many descendants and much land. Abram put faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as righteousness.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Paul urged the Philippians to follow his example: "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord."

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28b - 36

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. There he was transfigured before their eyes. A cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." Today we hear two dramatic encounters with God. In the dark of night, God leads Abraham into a covenant, promising the Abraham's descendants will be as numerous as the stars of the sky and live in what will appropriately be called the Promised Land. In the Gospel, God speaks to Peter, John, and James through the shadow of a cloud. St. Paul, who had a dramatic encounter of his own with God, assures the Philippians and us that we will share in Christ's glory in heaven.

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

5:00 PM: Richard & Rose Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Kerry Swan (deceased) rb Olga McBean.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Anniversary blessings for Francis and Henrietta John Baptiste rb Their children.

10:00 AM: Spiritual and physical healing for Greg Adrien rb His mother.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 18, 7:00 AM: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
For a spiritual renewal of Holy Family Church.

Tues. Mar. 19, 7:00 AM: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
God's continued blessings for the members of St. Joseph Workers.

7:00 PM: God's blessings and guidance for all married couples.

Wed. Mar. 20, 7:00 AM: St. Cuthbert
For the repose of the soul of Bishop Elliott Thomas.

Thurs. Mar. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Serapion
Gene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Mar. 22, 7:00 AM: St. Deogratias
Birthday blessings for Pamela Charles rb Her family.

Birthday blessings for Ziaire Henry rb Her grandmother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: "Where there is a need, there is the Bishop's Appeal." Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities to provide needed assistance to a fast-growing segment of our community, THE HOMELESS. Please give generously to this year's Appeal so that we can supply needed medicines and doctor visits for our impoverished and infirmed homeless in our community.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto Me."

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's guidance and protection for Marie Renal, requested by Marie Renal. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY: The St. Joseph Workers has arranged a special mass and devotion to St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are invited to attend.

YOUTH RETREAT: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will host a youth retreat on Saturday, March 23, 2019, for youth ages 11 to 19 years old. This retreat will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Retreat Director is Fr. Raymond Francis, from Trinidad.

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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Marguerite Rene and family on the passing of her brother, Engelbert Joseph, who died on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, in St. Lucia. The funeral mass will take place in St. Lucia. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Lois Rivera and family on the passing of her husband, Marvin Rivera, Sr., who died on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The funeral service for the late Marvin Rivera, Sr., will take place on Monday, March 25, 2019, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service from 9:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: ABRAHAM'S FAITH

Despite the promises, Abraham does not as yet possess any of the land nor has any child been born to him. God promises to remove both these obstacles in Abraham's life. As for descendants he will have as many as the stars in heaven. Abraham believes. When God renews the promise of land, Abraham raises an objection in the form of a question, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" Scripture nowhere condemns those asking honest questions or sincerely seeking assurance. In this case, Abraham was given a far-reaching vision of his descendants' future destiny in the land. In fact God assures Abraham through a covenant. The symbol of God passing between the animals as fire is similar to that of the pillar of fire in the Exodus by which God led the people in the desert (Exod 13:21). All of these images confirm that this is a very solemn occasion indeed.

2ND READING: CROSS, A SYMBOL OF LIFE

When we come to the New Testament we find a notable change in perspective regarding earthly possessions. Paul says that our citizenship is in heaven. We are all proud of our earthly citizenship, but we have to value above all the gift of a heavenly life and citizenship, and we live in hope of our future inheritance that we will receive in its fullness in the future. Thus we eagerly await the reappearing from heaven of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. How do we attain our heavenly citizenship? It is through the cross of Christ. In two ways the cross is at the very centre of Christianity. It is central because we believe that through the death of Christ on the cross we have the way of forgiveness and acceptance with God and thus of eternal life. The cross is also central to our understanding of discipleship. Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him (Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23). Some Christians in Philippi have turned enemies of the cross and Paul predicts their destruction, "Their end is their destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."

GOSPEL: THE TRANSFIGURATION

The gospel of today presents the transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus has just said, "Whoever is ashamed of me and

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: 467
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,860.00
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LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory." After this the evangelist presents what this glory means. The glorious scene is witnessed by the chosen apostles. The appearance of his countenance is altered and raiment becomes dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear and they talk about Jesus' departure to heaven. Moses and Elijah are great Old Testament prophetic figures but they are not equal to Jesus. That is why Peter's suggestion to make three tents looks silly for he treats Jesus as equal to Moses and Elijah. The cloud covers them and a heavenly voice is heard. It is Jesus who should be listened to. This in short is what the vision means. The Transfiguration marks an important stage in the revelation of Jesus as the Christ and Son of God. It is an experience similar to that of his baptism for in both instances the voice of the Father is heard calling Jesus as his beloved Son. The glory revealed at his Transfiguration denotes the royal presence, for the kingdom of God is in the midst of his people. The Transfiguration is a focal point in the revelation of the kingdom of God, for it looks back to the Old Testament and shows how Christ fulfils it, and it looks forward to the great events of the cross, resurrection, ascension and the parousia. The feast of the Transfiguration is a reminder as well as an assurance that Christian lives should be oriented towards meeting Christ in his glory. As the possibility is well within us, let us work our way towards the attainment of this goal.

