

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

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

***PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE***

CANTORS:	Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS:	Candace Bryan Ruth Smith	Lafwa Rolle Pierre Joseph	YOUNG VINCENTIAN YOUNG VINCENTIAN
EUCH MIN:	Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas Bridget Toussaint	Michelle Stout

***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).

**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, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Roserita Laparol, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Richard Callwood, Jr., Josephine Philbert.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**MASSAC:**  
**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 Commitment when you ...***

***\*Think before you make a promise.***

***\*Keep every agreement you make.***

***\*Make decisions confidently.***

***\*Go the extra mile.***

***\*Give 100% to everything you do.***

***\*Are faithful to people you care about.***

**Affirmation:**

***I commit to my decisions. I keep my agreements. I give my all. I am a faithful friend.***

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**PRAYER FOR EASTER**

Lord Jesus, you have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize Your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of Your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of Your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I can view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion You showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of Your glory. In Your name I pray. 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.**

**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**

**Cameron Daley, Garn Johnson, Bruce Bertrand, Janine Lewis, Terrence Webbe, Stella Saunders, Victoria Greenaway, Ruth DeMouy-Hunt, Iona Vanterpool, Emil santiago, Olivia Najawicz, David Willie, Survanna Isidore, Francis Sampson, Lia Fabian, Myrtha Duverney, Cory Bryan, Alinda Sebastian, Antonio Vanterpool.**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**Timothy & Louvanie Jno Baptiste - May 4**



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

***Holy Family Catholic Church***  
***Welcomes You!***

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 28, 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.**

**Pastor**  
**Reverend Neil Scantlebury**

**Associate Pastor**  
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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Mr. Francis Callwood  
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**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
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**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

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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](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)**

**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 PM  
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 April 28, 2019**

Mon.: Acts 4:23 - 31; John 3:1 - 8

Tue.: Acts 4:32 - 37; John 3:7b - 15

Wed.: Gen. 1:26b-2:3; Matthew 13:54 - 58

Thur.: Acts 5:27 - 33; John 3:31 - 36

Fri.: 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 8; John 14:6 - 14

Sat.: Acts 6:1 - 7; John 6:16 - 21

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

Acts 5:27 - 32, 40b - 41

Revelation 5:11 - 14

John 21:1 - 19





## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 5:12 - 16**

Through the work of the apostles, many signs and wonders took place among the people. People in great numbers became believers, and many sick people were cured.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9 - 11a, 12 - 13, 17 - 19**

The author of Revelation had a vision of seven gold lamp stands. Among the lamp stands was one like a son of man.

**GOSPEL READING: John 20:19 - 31**

One of the Twelve, Thomas, was absent when the risen Lord first appeared to the others. Later, when Thomas was with them, Jesus came and said, "Bring your hand and put it into my side and ... believe." Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God!" In today's Gospel, Jesus commissions the disciples, sending them out as His Father had sent Him. We see the fruits of their work in the first reading. The sick are cured, demons are driven out, sins are forgiven, great numbers come to believe. Today's Church can be traced all the way back to this early band of believers, impelled out of the locked room and into the streets of Jerusalem. Where can we bear fruit today?

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

**5:00 PM:** Sebastian Scantlebury (deceased).

### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** To Our Lady, Undoer of Knots rb Lola Warrington.

**10:00 AM:** Spiritual and physical healing for Greg "Mikey" Adrien.

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

### Daily Masses:



Mon. Apr. 29, 7:00 AM: **St. Catherine of Siena**  
Birthday blessings for Natalie Antoine rb Urelca Jean Baptiste.

Tues. Apr. 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Pius V**  
Souls in purgatory.

Wed. May 1, 7:00 AM: **St. Joseph the Worker - Feast**  
God's guidance and blessings for St. Joseph Workers of Holy Family Church.

Thurs. May 2, 7:00 AM: **St. Athanasius**  
For world peace and the victims of Sri Lanka.

Fri. May 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Philip & St. James, Apostles - Feast**  
Birthday blessings for Vincent Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Please be an active and effective part of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic schools and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us reach our goal today.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You! ***"Failure Always Looks for an Excuse, Success Always Looks for a Way, You Are Our Way to Success!"***

**UNBOUND:** This weekend, we welcome Rev. Joseph Cosselin M.S. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 18 developing counties. To learn more, please call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This **Sunday, April 28, 2019**, the Divine Mercy celebration will take place at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. John. The service will include confessions and the reciting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and mass. The closing mass will commence at 3:30 p.m. You are kindly invited to join us in this celebration.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This weekend we 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.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed on **Thursday, May 2, Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, 2019**, for the carnival celebration. Have a safe carnival. Please note that there will be no CCD class on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**. Please be guided accordingly.

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT:** Sts. Peter and Paul School, will host a Mom's Night Out on **Friday, May 10, 2019**, at Sts. Peter & Paul School. The night includes: Bingo, 50/50 raffle and special door prizes and fresh carnation for each mom. Tickets: \$10.00 each and can be had from the school or any parent of the school's students.



## LITURGY AND WORD

### 1ST READING:

#### ***THE SPRINGTIME OF CHRISTIANITY***

The Acts of the Apostles contains three major summaries (2:42-47; 4:32-35; 5:12-16). These are found in the early chapters of Acts and are somewhat related to each other. These summary statements depict in idyllic or tranquil fashion the springtime of Christianity. In this summary, the miracles of the apostles receive ample mention. It is not just Peter but other apostles as well perform them. The people who bring the sick to the apostles have obviously put their trust in them. Many must have been moved by faith in the Word that the apostles have been preaching. The faith and the good example of the apostles and other Christians have moved people to esteem them highly and put trust in them. Such traits manifest the Christians as a caring community.

### 2ND READING:

#### ***THE LIVING LORD***

The Book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible and the only book in the NT that is exclusively prophetic in character. It belongs to the class of apocalyptic literature in which the divine message is conveyed by visions and dreams. Revelation contains four great visions. The first vision (1:9—3:22) from which today's reading is taken pictures Christ as the critic of the churches, who commends their virtues and condemns their vices. While the author is in the island of Patmos he is asked to write down his vision and send it to the seven churches. He then sees the vision of the glorified Christ, identified as the Son of Man who is clothed with a long robe and with a golden girdle around his waist and standing amidst the seven golden lampstands. When the Lord speaks he says that he is the living one. The Lord of life is the one who was dead, that is to say, someone very much rooted in human history and its conflicts. The Church is able to confront death valiantly because it is in the hands of the Lord of life.

## 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.

**HOLY THURSDAY: \$1,069.25**

**GOOD FRIDAY: \$1,658.00**

Attendance: Last Weekend: **870**  
***Last Weekend's collections***

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,612.40**

***Bishop's Appeal: \$1,549.04***

### ***Liturgy and Word Cont'd***

### ***GOSPEL:***

#### ***THOMAS' DOUBT CLEARED***

The gospel of today places before us the encounter between Jesus and his disciples. The encounter takes place on Easter Sunday itself and as can be expected the disciples are frightened because their Master has been put to death. Jesus wishes them peace, shows them his hands and side to assure them that he has been raised by his Father. He also confers the Holy Spirit upon them and gives them the power to forgive sins. Next episode involves the apostle Thomas. Thomas, who has not been present when Jesus appears refuses to believe the testimony of the other apostles. He has been adamant to see before he believes. Jesus appears again on the following Sunday and invites Thomas to probe him. Thomas emerges from his doubt and makes a confession of Jesus which will be remembered to his credit for ever. "My Lord and my God" is one of the best Christological confessions recorded in the New Testament.

As today is also the Divine Mercy Sunday, let us pray that the Floodgates of the Divine Mercy from Heaven may be opened and that we may experience God's mercy and forgiveness.



THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!