

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 Mona Bedminster
Olga McBean Noreen Joseph Suzanne Adrien

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Felicinne, Lauren, Eubald Rene
Candace Bryan Rose & Allison Annette Daly



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, 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., Josephine Philbert.

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 Truthfulness when you ...

****Speak only the truth.***

****Don't let others tell you what to think.***

****Investigate the truth for yourself.***

****Can tell the difference between fact and fantasy.***

****Admit when you have made a mistake.***

****Don't exaggerate or deceive.***

Affirmation:

I am truthful. I speak the truth. I see the truth with my own eyes. I am content to be my true self.

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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
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joseph & Juliette Commodore - Apr. 12



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

Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcomes You!

5th Sunday of Lent - April 7, 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

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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 April 7, 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.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
John 8:12 - 20

Tue.: Numbers 21:4 - 9; John 8:21 - 30

Wed.: Daniel 3:14 - 20, 91 - 92, 95;

John 8:31 - 42

Thur.: Genesis 17:3 - 9; John 8:51 - 59

Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10 - 13; John 10:31 - 42

Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21 - 28; John 11:45 - 56

NEXT SUNDAY:
PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4 - 7

Philippians 2:6 - 11

Luke 22:14 — 23:56

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isauah 43:16 - 21

Isaiah recounted how the Lord crushed the enemies of Israel. Then the Lord God did something entirely new by providing water in the desert for His chosen people to drink.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8 - 14

Paul told the Philippians how much he had forfeited in order to arrive at resurrection from the dead. Paul's entire attention was on the finish line as he ran toward the prize: life in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: John 8:1 - 11

Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They hoped he would condemn her to death by stoning, but Jesus said simply, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." No one dared. Jesus forgave the woman and told her to avoid sin. Isaiah rhapsodizes about what God has done for us, providing dry land through the sea and a way through the desert. In the Gospel, Jesus finds a way to save the adulterous woman's life, then forgives her for the path she had taken. St. Paul attests that in Christ he has found the only way that matters. As we listen to today's readings, let us examine the path we are on in our own lives.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Vivian Ovesen.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Maria Nguyen (**deceased**) rb her father, Binh Nguyen.

10:00 AM: Cecilia Pharoah (**deceased**) rb Victoria Ferguson.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Julie Billiart**
Unborn son (**deceased**) rb Binh Nguyen.

Tues. Apr. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Madeleine Sophie Barat**
Birthday blessings for Gifford René rb The René family.

Wed. Apr. 10, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Antoine Frederic Ozanam**
Kathleen Farro (**deceased**) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Apr. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Stanislaus**
Birthday blessings for Tracy Rawlins rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Fri. Apr. 12, 7:00 AM: **St. Joseph Moscati**
Birthday blessings for Julia Rodriguez and Joshua Santos rb Olga McBean.

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: Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2019 supports the soup kitchens that are part of the Catholic Charities program. Last year 155,000 meals and hundreds of nights of shelter for the homeless were provided to the poor through your generosity.

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 Godfrey Renal, requested by Marie Renal**. 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.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on **Monday April 8, 2019**, 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.

CONFESSIONS: In preparation for the Triduum, Holy Family church will have its penance service on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**, available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

DOMINICA INFIRMARY: The Dominica Infirmary is seeking our help for toiletries, adult pampers and cleaning materials. The Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc, will be collecting your donation next **Sunday, April 14, 2019**, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Holy Family parking lot. We take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Infirmary for your favorable response. Once again thank you and God bless.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kearney, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Marie Joseph and family on the passing of her son, **Spencer Alexander**, who died on **March 26, 2019**, in Arizona. The funeral mass for the late **Spencer Alexander** will take place at Holy Family Church on **Friday, April 12**, 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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kearney, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Paula Andrew and family on the passing of her brother, **Samuel Francis**, who died on **March 23, 2019** in St. Thomas. The funeral service for the late **Samuel Francis** will take place on **Sunday, April 14**, at 10 a.m. at Agapé Seventh Day Adventist Church. 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:

SOMETHING NEW IS IN THE OFFING

Prophet Isaiah enumerates the works of the Lord in the first exodus as he brings a new message from God. The events brought to the attention of the people are the marvellous signs he did as the people crossed the Red Sea, such as parting the mighty waters, letting the horses and the chariots of the Egyptians enter the sea and getting perished there as the waters return on them with mighty force. The message that he brings to the people is that God is going to do something new and goes on to describe a number of symbolic things: he will make a way in the wilderness and make water flow in the desert whose waters the wild animals can drink and honour God. God also says that he will provide drinking water in the desert for his chosen people. When we read this prophecy in the season of Lent there is nothing to doubt that the newness that God promises is the salvation he brings through his Son Jesus through his suffering and death.

2ND READING:

CHRIST STANDS ABOVE ALL ELSE

In a moving passage Paul writes about a number of events from his personal life after his encounter with Christ. He now considers all that was advantageous to him earlier as rubbish. The knowledge of Christ is superior to everything else. After this Paul goes on to explain that we gain acceptance before God by faith and not through the works of the law. Faith in Christ is the measure through which we establish our relationship with God. Speaking about perfection Paul insists that he has not yet reached perfection, expressing this idea through the metaphor of a race in a stadium. He has not yet reached the goal. The goal Paul desires and struggles to reach is the full and final possession of Christ.

GOSPEL:

HELPLESS WOMAN RESCUED

The story of the woman caught in adultery is a supreme example of Jesus' attitude towards sinners. It is a famous story. The Jewish opponents bring before Jesus, a woman whom they say is caught in the act of committing adultery in order to test him. They know that the punishment for such a crime is death by stoning. In a situation of considerable distress, half-clad, and aware that she is facing death, the

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: **446**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,425.50

Bishop's Appeal: \$747.00

LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

woman is of no concern to the Scribes and the Pharisees. They accuse her and challenge Jesus. They are not interested in either the fate of the woman or the husband who is never mentioned, but in the possibility of finding fault with Jesus. She is being made an instrument for the purposes of the Scribes and the Pharisees "that they might have some charge to bring against him."

As the Scribes and the Pharisees continue to ask him, Jesus gives them the answer, "Let him who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." As they hear this, the Scribes and the Pharisees drift away, one by one. Nothing is said of the people. They also may have departed, leaving Jesus alone with the woman. None of them can lay claim to be without sin. Jesus then dismisses the woman telling her to go and not to sin again. The command to sin no more offers her the possibility of a newness of life in a right relationship with God. What we see in this episode is Jesus' ability to handle tough situations. The Pharisees who bring the woman are tense, but Jesus is calm and relaxed throughout; he accepts the woman openly and lovingly, as an adult and as a person. He has a sureness of touch; he can handle the situation and the relationship with her because he has nothing to be afraid of in himself. Jesus is a totally integrated person: spiritually and emotionally.

**Submit yourselves
therefore to God.
Resist the devil,
and he will
flee from you.**

James 4: 7 (KJV)

