

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: Helena Enrique Pierre Joseph Young Vincentian  
Olga McBean Lafwa Rolle Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Rose Labadie Michelle Stout  
Allison Callwood

*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), Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Maggie Dolphin.

**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, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Roserita Laparol, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Richard Callwood, Jr., Josephine Philbert, Alicia George, Iona Vanterpool.

**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 Helpfulness when you ...*

*\*Notice when someone needs help.*

*\*Do a service without being asked.*

*\*Give people what they need, not always what they want.*

*\*Listen to someone who needs to talk.*

*\*Care for your own needs.*

*\*Ask for help when you need it.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am helpful. I look for ways to be of service. I care for others and myself. I look for helpful ways to make a difference.*

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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**

*Sermyra Francis, La'Ron Henry,  
Jose Hernandez, Marie St. Cima,  
Jose Velazquez, Rolland George, Mary  
Windel, Leona Marks, Kenneth Sablon,  
Phillip Stuart, Omari Henry,  
Kenyah Meyers, Tristan Alcorta.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Roy & Noreen Stout - May 31*

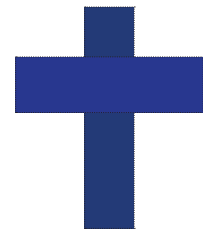


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

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

**6th Sunday of Easter - May 26, 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**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

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Mr. Ryan John

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Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
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Mr. Ade Warrington

**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**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:  
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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 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 May 26, 2019**

Mon.: Acts 16:11 - 15; John 15:26b - 16:4a

Tue.: Acts 16:22 - 34; John 16:5- 11

Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22b - 18:1; John 16:12 -15

Thur.: Acts 18:1 - 8; John 16:16 - 20

Fri.: Zep. 3:14 - 18a; Luke 1:39 - 56

Sat.: Acts 18:23 - 28; John 16:23b - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1 - 11  
Ephesians 1:17 - 23  
Mark 16:15 - 20





## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 15:1 - 2, 22 - 29**

A controversy arose among the disciples whether or not gentile converts were to be circumcised according to Mosaic law. At a Jerusalem meeting the Holy Spirit, the apostles, and the elders decided gentiles should not be burdened by such laws.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10 - 14, 22 - 23**

An angel carried the visionary to the top of a mountain to view the holy city Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven. There was no temple because the Lord God and the Lamb were the temple.

**GOSPEL READING: John 14:23 - 29**

Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to Him and make our dwelling with Him." As we approach Pentecost, let us consider the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. Jesus teaches His disciples that they will be able to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and instruction. Indeed, in Acts we see the leaders of the church trusting the Holy Spirit to guide them in deciding what to require of Gentile converts. As we listen to God's word today, let us recall the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** God's continued blessings for Francis Callwood rb His Wife.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Theresa James (*deceased*) rb Her son, Phillip Xavier.

**10:00 AM:** Birthday blessings for Eugenia Rene rb The Rene family.

Birthday blessings for Rolland George rb Alicia George.

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



#### Daily Masses:



Mon. May 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Augustine of Canterbury**  
God's continued healing and blessings for Thomas and Ruthine Johnson.

Tues. May 28, 7:00 AM: **St. Mariana of Quito**  
Emile Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

Wed. May 29, 7:00 AM: **St. Blessed Eugene de Mazenod**  
God's continued healing and blessings for Richard Callwood, Jr. and family.

Thurs. May 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Joan of Arc**  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. May 31, 7:00 AM: **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**  
God's continued healing and blessings for Doreen Charles and family.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Next Week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in this diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2019! We need more help in order to reach our goal. Please give a brochure to a friend. Our schools, Catholic Charities and evangelization efforts need everyone's support.

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! **"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 deliverance, guidance and protection for Marie Renal**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacons Peter Laurencin and Frank Kearney and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend congratulations to all our 2019 graduates. May God continue to bless you. Once again, congratulations and keep up the good work.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacons Peter Laurencin and Frank Kearney and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to **Dorival Phillip Etienne and Vernelda Alexander** and family on the passing of their father and fiancé respectively, **Dorival V. Azoo Etienne**, who died on **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. The funeral service for the late **Dorival V. Azoo Etienne** will take place at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, May 31, 2019**. Viewing will precede the service at 9:00 a.m. 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.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed ALL day on **Monday, May 27, 2019**, in observance of Memorial Day. Please be guided accordingly.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class will commence on **Monday June 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in June. 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.

**PENTECOST RALLY:** STT/STJ Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team invites everyone to come out to our 2019 Pentecost Rally **Sunday June 9, 2019**, at the Franklin Powell Park, St. John. We will have a procession from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to the park at 3:30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Fr Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem of St Peter and Paul Cathedral and we will have a testimony by Mr. Val Cuffy of Dominica. Our theme is **"Welcome Holy Spirit"** with the Bible verse **Zechariah 4:6 "Not By Might, Not By Power But By My Spirit says the Lord."** Please save the date.



### LITURGY AND WORD

#### 1ST READING:

##### **THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL**

When Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch after the first missionary journey, they encounter a problem regarding the admission of the Gentiles into the Christian fold. The problem is created by some Jewish Christians who while coming to Antioch spread the news that the observance of the Mosaic Law is necessary for salvation. Now this position of the influential Jewish Christians is diametrically opposed to the teaching of Paul. But neither Paul nor the community of Antioch was able to solve the problem because some Christians of Antioch are reluctant to yield to the view of Paul and Barnabas that the Gentile Christians have no need to submit to circumcision or observe the Mosaic Law. Hence, the community decides to forward the problem to the apostles in Jerusalem which is the mother church. The meeting of the apostles and delegates in Jerusalem about 50 A.D. is the famous Jerusalem Council.

When the meeting is held, the apostolic and presbyteral college of Jerusalem officially recognizes the evangelization of the Gentiles, which has been initiated by Peter and carried out on a wide scale by Paul and Barnabas. It leads to the definitive break of the Christian Church from its Jewish matrix. In any case, we see that the Jerusalem Council tries to settle the problem of dietary and marital disputes among the Gentile and Jewish Christians in the churches by invoking regulations from OT Code of Holiness (Lev 17-18) and passing them on to Christians of Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia in the form of a letter. This is the so-called Jerusalem Decree.

#### 2ND READING:

##### **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

The Book of Revelation closes with a majestic view of the New Jerusalem, the heavenly Church of the future, the veritable kingdom of God. The heavenly Jerusalem that John sees as coming down from heaven is a glorious entity. It has twelve gates on which the names of the twelve tribes are written and the wall stands on twelve foundations representing the twelve apostles.

#### GOSPEL:

##### **THE GIFT OF PEACE**

The disciple who loves Jesus will keep his word. But Jesus promises more: "and we will come to them and make our home with them."

### 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: **507**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,593.18**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$1,102.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$22,603.00, 57% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.**

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

When will this "coming" be? The Father and the Son will come and they will establish an abiding presence with the believer. At table with his disciples Jesus opens a discourse by speaking of a time between his departure and his future coming (vv 2-3). This period will be filled by the presence of the Paraclete and the life-giving presence of the departed and exalted Lord in the worshipping community. The departed Jesus comes to the disciples who are not abandoned as "orphans." Those who love and believe experience the presence of the Lord Jesus and they can look forward to a final coming, when Jesus and the Father will abide definitively with them (v. 23). Jesus leaves a precious gift with his disciples: the gift of peace. The peace Jesus offers is his peace, and it is this qualification that makes it something the world can never match. The peace of Jesus flows from his oneness with his Father and the authority he has with the Father, so that whatever is asked in his name will be given.

