

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                      Lafwa Rolle                      Young Vincentian  
                    Ruth Smith                      Young Vincentian  
**EUCH MIN:** Anne Brandt                      Lauren Thomas                      Michelle Stout  
                    Bridget Toussaint

*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, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Maggie Dolphin, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint.

**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, Josefina Donastorg.

**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 Assertiveness when you ...*

- \*Share your own ideas and feelings.
- \*Tactfully tell others what you really think.
- \*Don't allow others to lead you into trouble.
- \*Avoid being aggressive or passive.
- \*Ask for what you want and need.
- \*Expect respect at all times.

**Affirmation:**

*I am assertive. I freely express my own ideas. I think for myself and do what I feel is right. I am my own leader.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**



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In appreciation of our wonderful neighbors at  
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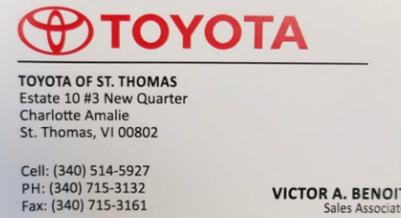
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God First, Family Second, Career Third

**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**

*Akon Francois, Mickelle Matthew, K'anate Correa, Loudencia Legrand, Sherise Francis, Jerome Vanterpool, Delvin Hodge, Denise Thomas, Elric Vanterpool, Joan Alfred, Joseph Commodo, Dave Anderson, Jr., Esenja Joseph, Sherica Alfred, Ramirez Henry, Malik St. Rose, Deland Isidore, Marahgaye Eugene, Kerna Cordener, Gregory Scarbriel, Ethelworld Ross.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Connal & Sonia Alfred - July 30  
St. Hilaire & Mary Antoine - July 31*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 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**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Deacon**  
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**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds  
Mr. Ade Warrington

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

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**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 July 28, 2019**

Mon.: Ex. 32:15 - 24, 30 - 34; John 11:19-27  
Tue.: Ex. 33:7 - 11; 34:5b - 9, 28; Matt. 13:36 - 43  
Wed.: Exodus 34:29 - 35; Matt. 13:44 - 46  
Thur.: Ex. 40:16 - 21, 34-38; Matt. 13:47 - 53  
Fri.: Lev. 23:1, 4 - 11, 15 - 16, 27, 34b - 37; Matt. 13:54 - 58  
Sat.: Lev. 25:1, 8 - 17; Matt. 14:1 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23  
Colossians 3:1 - 5, 9 - 11  
Luke 12:13 - 21

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20 - 32

The Lord was outraged at the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah and was determined to destroy them, but Abraham interceded on behalf of the innocent who lived in those towns, and the Lord relented.

#### SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12 - 14

The author of Colossians wrote, "You were buried with him in baptism,....also raised with Him." God has forgiven all our transgressions and "removed it from our midst, nailing it o the cross."

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1 - 13

Jesus taught His disciples the "Abba" prayer. He encouraged them to pray with persistence and to keep knocking on the door. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds."  
In the passage from Luke's Gospel that we hear today the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus not only tells them what to say, He assures them of His Father's attentiveness and concern. But before that, we hear Abraham speaking directly to God, appealing on behalf of the faithful ones. As St. Paul asserts, faith is stronger than death, just as God's forgiveness is stronger than our sins.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. July 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Martha*  
God's healing and blessings for Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Tues. July 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Peter Chrysologus*  
Birthday blessings for Joseph Commodore rb His wife.

Wed. July 31, 7:00 AM: *St. Ignatius of Loyola*  
Thanksgiving to God for favors received for the children and grandchildren of Jennifer Johnson.

Thurs. Aug. 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Alphonsus Liguori*  
Birthday blessings for Sherica Alfred rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Fri. Aug. 2, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Eusebus of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*  
Protection and healing for Francesca Alcendor rb Francesca Alcendor.

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

**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. Once again thank you.

**THANK YOU:** The Haitian community extends sincere thanks to all who patronized their just concluded food sale. Because of your participation, the food sale was a success. We pray God's continued blessings on you and your family. Once again, thank you.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Catholic Charities has the following vacancy: An Assistant to the Executive Director, full time Financial Officer and a Case Manager.

Interested persons may submit their applications to [ccusvi@outlook.com](mailto:ccusvi@outlook.com) or Call 340-777-8518 for further information. Applications may also be dropped off at the office on #42 Kronprindsens Gade, St.Thomas.

**CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE:** The Holy Family Parish invites the community to participate in the celebration of its 72nd Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The annual pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, August 18, 2019. The assembly for the procession will begin at 2:00 p.m. from the FOUR WINDS PLAZA to Holy Family Church. The entire community is invited to participate as we celebrate our 72nd Anniversary. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Grand Ball Room (Upper Level) - FEES**

Private/Public organizations sponsoring fund-raising activities. - \$1,200.00  
Catholic Parish/ School/Organizations sponsoring a fund-raising activities - \$700.00  
Birthday Parties - \$700.00 Funeral Reception - \$500.00 (discount does not apply here)  
Conferences / Graduation - \$800.00 Conference without admission fee - \$700.00 - Special Parties - \$1,500.00

Registered Holy Family Parishioners / Catholic Daughters / Knights of Columbus 25% discount.

Holy Family Church parish organizations sponsoring fund raising activities are exempted from paying a fee but must donate 30% of the net proceed and submit a financial report of said activity.

\$200.00 – payable on signing of Contract which goes towards the total payment for the function.

#### **ALL FEE BALANCES ARE TO BE PAID NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Should cancellation be necessary, a full refund of the deposit will be issued if cancellation occurs more than 30 days in advance of the event date. Should cancellation occur less than 30 days prior to the event, the deposit becomes non-refundable.

### LITURGY AND WORD

#### **1ST READING: ABRAHAM'S PRAYER**

Abraham is portrayed here as a great prophet, one who is privy to God's secrets and prays for his people. But Abraham prays not just for his own people but also for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. God willingly listens to the pleas of Abraham but the case he presents is hopeless because sins of the people are so unpardonable that Abraham relents to God's plan. Here we have the lesson that sin invites punishment. Abraham's dialogue accents the importance God places on mercy alongside the unequivocal insistence on justice and right behaviour.

#### **2ND READING: COLOSSIANS ARE ALIVE IN CHRIST**

In this passage Paul contrasts the pagan past of the Colossians with their present state. They have been once separated from God which is equal to death. This dreadful condition has been caused by their sins. Sins are acts of rebellion against God. But now because of the death of Christ God has made them alive in Christ. He has graciously forgiven their sins and therefore the cause of spiritual death has been done away with. God has not only removed the debt; he has also destroyed the document on which the debt is recorded. The debt is impossible to pay, but God has dealt with it; he has blotted it out and cancelled the bond by nailing it to the cross. This is a vivid way of saying that because Christ is nailed to the cross, our debt has been completely forgiven.

#### **GOSPEL: THE OUR FATHER**

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is notably shorter than that in Matthew. Three forms of the "Our Father" are known from antiquity. The shortest is Lucan, with five clauses; Matthew 6:9-13 is longer, with seven clauses; and a still longer form, with seven clauses and a doxology is found in Didache (Teaching of the twelve apostles). The Lucan form of the prayer consists of an address ("Father"), two wishes uttered before God, and three petitions to him. God sanctifies his name by manifesting his loving kindness and saving power. When we pray, "hallowed be thy name," we are praying that this revelation of the Father's love and holiness may be accepted by all. God's

### 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: **382**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,931.25**

Bishop's Appeal: **\$556.00**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$27,256.00, 68% 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

children and loving the fellow disciples like brothers and sisters of the same Father.

When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for the final and definitive establishment of the rule of God. The Kingdom of God, though present, has not yet fully come. Jesus has laid the foundation for the kingdom through his ministry, passion, death and resurrection. By asking us to pray for 'daily bread,' Jesus also teaches us to live one day at a time without being anxious about the morrow (Mt 6:25-26). Like the people of Israel in the desert who have had the daily portion of manna from heaven, and they are to take only what is needed for the day (Exod 16:1-21), Jesus invites us to live in poverty of spirit accepting from the hands of the Father the bread needed for the day. The final petition asks for strength to overcome temptation. This petition may have an eschatological sense but this petition also refers to the daily temptations we face. Pope Benedict in his book Jesus of Nazareth says that in order for a man to become mature, he needs to be tried.

