

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 Olga McBean	Lafwa Rolle	Young Vincentian Young Vincentian
EUCH MIN:	Dolores Velazquez	Rose Labadie Allison Callwood	Michelle Stout

Thank you for serving !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.

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, Roserita Laparol.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Richard Callwood, Jr., Josephine Philbert, Alicia George, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Hiliare Alfred.

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 Caring when you ...

****Show care for others, yourself and the earth.***

****Look at people and listen closely.***

****Handle things carefully.***

****Are gentle with people and things placed in your care.***

****Treat your body with respect.***

****Work with enthusiasm and excellence.***

Affirmation:

***I care for others
and myself. I pay
loving attention.
I give my best to
every job.***

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

**PISTARCKLE Theater**
Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas, USVI
in appreciation of our wonderful neighbors at
Holy Family
We are happy to offer Holy Family Congregation
10% off the price of any event
at Pistarckle Theater!
Please call (340) 227-8451 for the discount.
Find our event listings at
www.pistarckletheater.com

Allison B. Callwood
Independent Beauty Consultant

340-244-9047
acallwood@marykay.com
www.marykay.com/acallwood

God First, Family Second, Career Third

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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

 **TOYOTA**

TOYOTA OF ST. THOMAS
Estate 10 #3 New Quarter
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Cell: (340) 514-5927
PH: (340) 715-3132
Fax: (340) 715-3161

VICTOR A. BENOIT
Sales Associate

Le Bleu
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER
Chi-Co's Distributing, Inc



Lindberg Bay #18
P.O Box 302250
St. Thomas, VI 00803

340-776-5894 / Fax: 340-776-5854

PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Vashanti Francis, Ashantay Camacho, Denzel Liberte, Akira Pickering-Haynes, Jahmarleyi Andrew, Makil Bedminster, Dale George, Akeem Liburd, Rawlina Camacho, Eltino Pickering, Toya Seales, Mervin Clermond, Julio Adams, Jeusu Amaro, Kathleen Dena, Jorestal Johnson, Anita Aubain, Jennifer Frederick, Jonia John-Baptiste, Donna Edney, Philomen Baron, Irene Morris.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Alvin & Olga McBean - Aug. 27

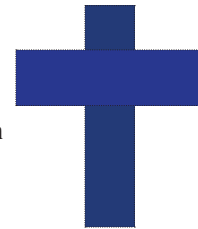


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Aug. 25, 2019

P.O. Box 502218, St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands 00805
Tel: (340) 775-1650
Fax: (340) 775-1750
E-mail: holyfamilyvi@msn.com
Website: www.holyfamilystt.com
Facebook: Holy Familyvi
EMERGENCY CONTACT
(340) 513-8262



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

-

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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

Volunteers
Mrs. 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**

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 August 25, 2019**

Mon.: 1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b - 10; Matt. 23:13 - 22

Tue.: 1 Thes. 2:1 - 8; Matt. 23:23 - 26

Wed.: 1 Thes. 2:9 - 13; Matt. 23:27 - 32

Thur.: Jer. 1:17 - 19; Mark 6:17 - 29

Fri.: 1 Thes. 4:1 - 8; Matt. 25:1 - 13

Sat.: 1 Thes. 4:9 - 11; Matt. 25:14 - 30

NEXT SUNDAY:
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17 - 18, 20, 28 - 29

Hebrews 12:18 - 19, 22 - 24a

Luke 14:1, 7 - 14

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18 - 21

The prophet spoke of the Lord’s coming to gather all nations together. They would proclaim God’s glory, bringing offerings to Jerusalem in clean vessels. The Lord chose some as priests.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5 - 7, 11 - 13

The author of Hebrews offered encouragement: “Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord... Make straight... that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.”

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:22- 30

Jesus told the people, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Make yourself known to the Lord so that the door will open for you. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets will be safe in God’s reign. “Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel that the gate to eternal life is narrow and many will not get through. However, both Isaiah and Jesus speak of people from the ends of the earth being welcomed into the presence of the Lord. We would do well to remember what God asks of us and then follow the advice of Hebrews and accept discipline. Let us exercise the discipline to listen to the word of God and take it to heart.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God’s healing and blessings for Holy Family Cantors and Musicians.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Jada George rb Cleopah Rawlings.

Birthday blessings for Vashanti Francis rb Her mother, Velma Henry.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Duane and Devin Motto rb The family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 26, 7:00 AM: St. Elizabeth Bichier
Birthday blessings for Lisa Antoine rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Birthday blessings for Irene Morris rb The Delgardo family.

Tues. Aug. 27, 7:00 AM: St. Monica
God’s continued blessings and guidance for Fr. Neil and Fr. Kerly.

Wed. Aug. 28, 7:00 AM: St. Augustine
Birthday blessings for Tyrone Roy Hodge Jr., rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. Aug. 29, 7:00 AM: St. John The Baptist
Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Aug. 30, 7:00 AM: St. Fiacre
John Joseph (deceased) rb His wife, Marie Joseph.

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 continued blessings, guidance and protection for Makil Bedminster requested by his mother, Mona Bedminster. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: Thank you to all those who participated in one way or another in making the Cassi Hill Pilgrimage a success. May Our Lady of Cassi Hill intercede on your behalf. Once again, thank you.

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. Once again, thank you.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners and Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Suzan Adrien and Julius Felix and their respective families on the passing of their brother, Titus Felix, who died on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The funeral mass for the late Titus Felix, took place on Saturday, August 24, 2019, in Dominica. 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 and Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Beverly Seals and family on the passing of her mother, Medina Scatliffe, who died on Friday, August 16, 2019. The funeral mass for the late Medina Scatliffe, will take place on Friday, August 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic church. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

STS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL ORIENTATION SCHEDULE: Sts. Peter and Paul School will hold its mandatory orientation for all New Teachers on Monday, August 26, 2019; New and Returning Teachers from August 27 - 30, 2019. Teachers are to report from 8:00 am. Please be on time. Also a mandatory orientation will be held for new and returning parents on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Please be on time. Refreshments will be served.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that the sacrament of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Please be guided accordingly.

HOLY FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRY: Health care professionals and interested persons are encouraged to attend an organizing and planning meeting for the Holy Family Health Ministry on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Lower Columban Hall. All questions can be directed to Candace Bryan at (340) 228-1912.

ST. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School would like to welcome back our Jaguar family for the 2019-2020 Academic Year on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 7:45 a.m.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on Saturday, September 21, 2019, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your usual support.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: THE GREAT VISION OF ISAIAH The awe-inspiring book of Isaiah comes to a closure with an optimistic statement that God will gather peoples of all nations under his protective care. In fact Isaiah says that the time is near when God will gather all nations and tongues in Jerusalem, the holy mountain. This means that God will bring to an end the dispersion of Babel (See Genesis 11). Finally, God will choose some delegates from among these nations who will be witnesses to the divine glory. By making some of them priests God will institute a prolongation of the Levitical priesthood, associating with Israel persons chosen from among the nations. Thus the “name” and the “descendants” of Israel will continue to flourish. With these words the book of Isaiah comes to a close.

2ND READING: WALK ON STRAIGHT PATH After having completed the topic on faith, the author moves on to another topic which is the need to discipline. Basing on a quotation from Proverbs 3:11-12, the author presents trials as divine instruction, a testimony of God’s parental love. We should note the difference between the situation of Christ who, being Son, did not need trials and that of Christians for whom sonship necessarily implies discipline. The exhortation ends with a piece of advice to walk on straight paths.

GOSPEL: THE NARROW DOOR TO SALVATION “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” The question comes out of a background belief among the Jews that “all Israelites have a share in the world to come.” Prophet Isaiah strongly advocates the fact that the salvation is universal (First Reading). Salvation is a reality and it is open to all. Therefore, Jesus gives a practical warning that people should strive or struggle to enter the kingdom by its “narrow door.” This is Jesus’ concern; he leaves to God the answer about how many will find salvation. He puts emphasis instead on the effort that human beings will have to exert to get in. Many will not succeed in entering because they will try to get in only when it is already too late for them. It is common experience that people lose many things because they arrive late for it. Jesus hints at the traffic-jam situation before the narrow door, but continues that the door may also be found to be closed before such persons arrive. The narrow door has become a door which the master within can close and lock in order to keep out those whom he does not know. It is a door not only to the kingdom of salvation,

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: 343
Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,553.98
Youth Ministry: \$898.09

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$32,040.00, 80% 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

but to the joys of its festive banquet. The master is identified as Jesus himself. Those outside may say that they are his contemporaries who have shared food with him and listened to his teaching. Still the answer comes, “I do not know you or where you come from.” Those admitted will be people who come not only from among Jesus’ contemporaries who have striven to walk through the door while it was still open, but also people from east and west, north and south. The joy of those admitted to the banquet of the kingdom is contrasted with the weeping and grinding of teeth of those locked out. Jesus says that the door of the kingdom is still open and we can still enter. The possibility is open to all. The door is narrow but remains open as long as we are in this world. God wants our salvation so much that he has not minded that his only Son is tortured and killed to enable us to obtain it. Jesus has willingly offered his life for us and has gone before us to prepare a place for us. On the other hand, there is also for us really the possibility of being lost and cut off from God forever. St Augustine has said, “He who created you without you, cannot save you without you.”

