

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: Margarita Smith Bridget Toussaint Young Vincentian
Ruth Smith Agnes Nicholas Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Felicinne Marcellin Michelle Stout
Lauren Thomas

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 Gentleness when you ...

**Make it safe for animals and people to be around you.*

**Touch carefully.*

**Speak with a soft voice.*

**Take time out when you don't feel gentle.*

**Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside.*

Affirmation:

I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentleness. I show care for people and for everything that I touch.

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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

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PARISH CELEBRATION
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Davion & Christine Smith - Sept. 22
Victor & Josette Baly - Sept. 26

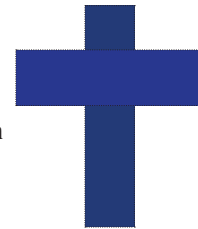


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 22, 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.

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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

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Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

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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**

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 September 22, 2019**

Mon.: Ezra 1:1 - 6; Luke 8:16 - 18

Tue.: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14 - 20;
Luke 8:19 - 21

Wed.: Ezra 9:5 - 9; Luke 9:1 - 6

Thur.: Haggai 1:1 - 8; Luke 9:7 - 9

Fri.: Haggai 2:1 - 9; Luke 9:18 - 22

Sat.: Zech. 2:5 - 9, 14 -15a; Luke 9:43b - 45

NEXT SUNDAY:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7

1 Timothy 6:11 - 16

Luke 16:19 - 31

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4 - 7

Amos the prophet of God warned that greedy people who cheat the poor or take advantage of others' misfortune do not escape God's justice.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1 - 8

Paul urged Timothy to preach truth and justice: leaders should respect the dignity of all, and everyone should pray to God with blameless hands.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1 - 13

Jesus encouraged His disciples to have an enterprising spirit. He also warned them: "No servant can serve two masters ... You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Today's selections from scripture invite us to reflect on our wealth. You can feel the anger of the prophet Amos as he condemns the greedy merchants who cheat the poor and powerless. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the clever steward who manages his master's wealth to aid his debtors. One can put wealth to good use, but one "Cannot serve both God and mammon." How does God want you to use your wealth?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's blessings for Holy Family paristoners.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Tyrique Stuart and Makayla Rene
rb The Rene Family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Pio Pietrelcina*
God's blessings for the members of St. Joseph workers.

Tues. Sept. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Thecla*
Souls in Purgatory.

Wed. Sept. 25, 7:00 AM: *St. Sergius*
Anna Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

Thurs. Sept. 26, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Cosmas & Damian*
God's blessings and guidance for Joel Scantlebury.

Fri. Sept. 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Vincent de Paul*
God's blessings for Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul Society members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the *Bishop's Appeal*. Next week's second collection will be for *St. Vincent de Paul*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued blessings for Jennifer I. Johnson*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: Rev. Fr. Kerly and Rev. Neil Scantlebury would like to thank you for your generous donations for the Bahamas hurricane relief fund. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Jean Dragin, in thanksgiving to God and celebration of his birthday. We pray God's continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you and God bless.

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.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that the sacrament of Confessions will take place on **Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Delita DeLagarde and family on the passing of her sister, *Theresa White*, who died on **Saturday, August 17, 2019**. The funeral service for the late *Theresa White* will be announced later. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

VIRGIN ISLANDS STEWARDS OF MUSIC, ARTS & CLULTURE: The fundraising committee of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral will be hosting a prayer breakfast/birthday celebration for Msgr. Jerome Feudjio and Fr. Neil Scantlebury, on **Saturday, September 28, 2019**, at Victor's Hideout from 8:30 a.m. Tickets will be available at the cost of \$40.00. Ad sheets and patron lists are available. Checks and money orders should be made payable to VISMAC.

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Holy Family Church will be conducting a 6 -Week Life in the Spirit Seminar to begin on **Monday October 14th, 2019** and end on **Monday November 18th, 2019**. The goal of this seminar is to introduce the Holy Spirit to those in the community who have not yet experienced His love and His power in their lives. The Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him. Come and experience his Love.

For further information please call the Church Office at 340-775-1650.

Sacrament of Marriage - Call six (6) months in advance
Sacrament of Baptism - Call for arrangement
Anointing of the sick - Call for an appointment
Funeral Service - Call prior to arrangements

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING:

AMOS BATS FOR THE OPPRESSED

Amos is one of the colourful personalities in an era that has seen the rise of several towering prophetic figures. His ministry occurs in the reign of Jeroboam II, in 8th century B.C. During this time the Israelite society experiences a time of relative prosperity because there are no wars at that time. But the rich manifest no sense of responsibility towards the poor, but instead of relieving their economic distress seem bent on devising new means of depriving them of their property. To this perilous situation Amos brings a message of stern denunciation. Although he is not an inhabitant of the Northern Kingdom, he is painfully aware of its moral, social and religious shortcomings. Hence, Amos utters some strong words against them.

2ND READING:

PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE

Paul begins with a prayer in this passage, for our relationship with God shapes all other relationships. Paul calls them supplications, intercessions and thanksgiving, and basically they all mean the same, and these are to be offered for ordinary people as well as for people in high positions. Only a community which is in touch with the religious experience of its members and gives expression to this experience can discern and respond to God's will. Paul recognizes the important role played by civil government and urges prayer especially for those in influential and responsible positions in society, so that they will govern according to God's will, and that they will come to the knowledge of the truth. As a missionary, Paul's concern is for the proclamation of the gospel which has been entrusted to him. An essential dimension of the gospel is its 'catholicity' which means it is for all people. It is likely that the Jewish Christians who are causing trouble in the community are not in favour of the Gentile mission. Lastly, God does not need our prayer to be induced to pour out all the grace that people need for salvation. It is we who need prayer to open our hearts to welcome the grace that is being offered. Prayer is an expression of our communion with God, which Paul calls 'godliness.'

GOSPEL:

BE PRUDENT!

Let us begin this reflection by presenting a few facts concerning the parable. The amount of the debts found in the parable is very large, although suggestions of the exact figures vary. One hundred measures of oil would be equivalent to about 900 gallon (1 US gallon is equivalent to 3.7

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: **395**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,845.33

Bahamas Relief Fund: \$5,020.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$32,890.00, 82% 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

litres), the yield of possibly 150 olive trees and equivalent to the wages of about three years for the average worker. One hundred measures of wheat would be probably enough to feed 150 people for a year, the produce of 100 acres, and equivalent to seven and a half years of labour for the average worker. One denarius is the standard pay for a daily worker. In each case the steward reduces the bill by the same amount, about 500 denarii or the wages of more than two years for a day labourer. The parable tells of fairly large business dealings. None of the people involved are poverty-stricken peasants or even people with average incomes. Most likely the parable assumes that the debtors have contracted to cultivate the master's land and give him a portion of the produce. The steward is almost certainly an agent rather than a slave. A slave would not be simply dismissed from service but would receive some form of punishment and assignment to unpleasant work. Why does the master (Jesus) praise the manager? The master praises the manager for his prudence. The parable is not a warning against the destructive nature of riches, or approval of dishonesty of the manager, or an approval of any falsification of accounts. The master's approval bears on the prudence of the manager who realizes how best to use what material possessions were his to ensure his future security. The "dishonest manager" thus becomes a model for Christian disciples, not because of his dishonesty, but because of his prudence. Faced with a crisis, he judges prudently how to cope with it. Christian disciples are also faced with a crisis by the kingdom preaching of Jesus, and the prudent use of material possession might be recommended in the light of that crisis. The manager may still be one of the outcasts in the world that Luke knew, but even he has a message for the Christian disciple.