

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 Agnes Nicholas Mona Bedminster
 Candace Bryan Rita Brady Bermudez Suzanne Adrien
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Lauren, Felicinne, Yvonne Freeman
 Dolores Velazquez Catherina & Rose Eubald Rene

Thank you for serving !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.
OFF ISLAND: 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 Self-Discipline when you ...

- *Use detachment so your emotions won't control you.
- *Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry.
- *Create routines that bring peace and order to your day.
- *Practice moderation.
- *Do what is expected without anyone watching over you.
- *Do things on time.

Affirmation:

I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

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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

Chaz Eugene, Donnalyns Joseph, Kaleel Rivera, Jaleel Rivera, Ruselle Henry, Julio Rhymer, Marie Rose Verneuil, Ade Warrington, Dievla Charles, Dieulita Homere, Leon Casey, Jr., Jude Pierre, Lee McLloyd Walcott, Jr., Kelvin Smith, Michelle Stout, Allison Callwood, Evaline Jno Lewis, Catherina Alexander, Merle Vanterpool, Mary Antoine, Sparrow Adrien, Rita Brady-Bermudez, Mercedes Hodge.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joseph & Bridget Toussaint - Oct. 9
Peter & Julie Najawicz - Oct. 9



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

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.

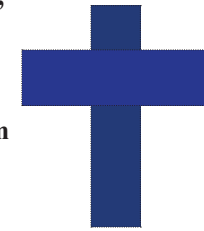
FUNERAL MASSES

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.**

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 6, 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

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

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

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel

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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 October 6, 2019

Mon.: Jonah 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Luke 10:25 - 37
Tue.: Jonah 3:1 - 10; Luke 10:38 - 42
Wed.: Jonah 4:1 - 11; Luke 11:1 - 4
Thur.: Malachi 3:13 - 20b; Luke 11:5 - 13
Fri.: Joel 1:13 - 15; 2:1 - 2; Luke 11:15 - 26
Sat.: Joel 4:12 - 21; Luke 11:27 - 28

NEXT SUNDAY: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14 - 17
2 Timothy 2:8 - 13
Luke 17:11 - 19

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2 - 3; 2:2 - 4

The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14

Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving, and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians and enables them to guard the rich deposit of faith.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:5 - 10

Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a giant sycamore tree and transplant it in the sea with a single word.

Faith, even just the size of a mustard seed, can go a long way. It allows Habakkuk to withstand destruction and violence. It allows Paul to bear imprisonment and encourage Timothy to face his share of hardships. It allows the disciples to serve the Lord without recompense. Listening to the readings today, let us reflect on how our own faith has allowed us to overcome difficulties and pray for the grace to realize its strength.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's guidance, protection and deliverance for Anthony Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Jane Ann Casey and Coleen Brown
rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Rose Verneuil and Fr. Neil
rb Marylin Louis.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct 7, 30, 7:00 AM: **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Father Patrick Cashman (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Tues. Oct. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Simeon**
Birthday blessings for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivera rb Their family.

Wed. Oct. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. John Leonardi**
Birthday blessings, guidance and protection for Ade Warrington
rb His Grandmother, Lola Warrington.

Thurs. Oct. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis Borgia**
Bishop Elliott Thomas (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Fri. Oct. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Kenneth**
Birthday blessings for Allison Callwood rb Her family.

Birthday blessings for Evaline Jno Lewis rb Mona Bedminster & Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the *Renovation Fund*. Next week's second collection will be for the *Music Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued guidance, protection and blessings for Allison Callwood*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere thanks to St. Joseph Workers for their check of \$4,572.00 from the proceeds of their 2019 Father's Day Luncheon. Once again, thank you.

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.

ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE RALLY: The 2019 annual public square rally is scheduled for **Saturday, October 12, 2019** at 12:00 noon at the Emancipation Gardens (Bungalow). All are encouraged to attend the Rosary Rally and pray for peace in the world. For more information please contact Mr. Eubald Rene at 340-643-2928 or 340-775-3503. Thanks for your usual support and cooperation.

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.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a Creole breakfast sale on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your usual support.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Jean Dragin and family on the passing of his mother, **Francoise Defy**, who died on **Monday, September 30, 2019**. The funeral service for the late **Francoise Defy**, will be buried on **Monday, October 7, 2019**. May her 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 and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Lauren Thomas and family on the passing of her father, **Leonard Garfield Reed, Sr.**, who died on **Thursday, September 26, 2019**. The memorial service for the late **Leonard Garfield Reed, Sr.**, will be take place on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, at Holy Family church at 10:00 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 and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Lauren Thomas and family on the passing of her aunt, **Thelma Lucilla Francis Ware**, who died on **Thursday, September 19, 2019**. The funeral mass for the late **Thelma Lucilla Francis Ware** will be take place on **Friday, October 18, 2019**, at Holy Family church at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING:

FULFILMENT AWAITS TIME

Habakkuk is the eighth minor prophet. Of the man Habakkuk nothing is known outside of the book that bears his name. In this passage we have a dialogue between the prophet and Yahweh. The prophet begins by raising the problem of justice (the guilty not punished, the innocent oppressed), in the form of a lament (1:2-4). He complains that Yahweh remains impassive in the presence of injustice. Yahweh then asks the prophet to write down the vision.

The second part of the reading clarifies the vision. Everything will come to its fulfilment but it awaits its time. It may look slow but the fulfilment will definitely arrive. The reading closes with the famous saying that the righteous shall live his faith. There is a time factor between the announcement of a promise and its actual fulfilment. We may note that the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled after several centuries in the person of Jesus.

2ND READING:

NOT TO BE AFRAID OF THE GOSPEL

In this passage Paul is conscious of the threat from the false teachers and is mindful of giving Timothy support to combat the threat. Timothy is aware of what the sound teaching is for he has heard it from Paul. Timothy's task is to guard the faith in the sense of keeping it safe. Paul is acutely aware that this can be achieved only through the help of the Holy Spirit, who is the guardian of the truth. Paul also asks Timothy not to be afraid of the gospel but to join Paul's suffering in order to open himself to the power of life that the gospel contains.

GOSPEL:

REWARD COMES FROM GOD

In response to the demand of the apostles for an increase of faith Jesus tells the parable of the Unprofitable Servants. Envisioned in the parable is a small landholder/farmer whose one servant performs the various outdoor and household duties that would be divided between servants in a larger estate. The household, master/slave analogy has become a regular fixture of the Lucan narrative, providing the basis for important instruction on kinship, faithfulness and status seeking (e.g., 12:35-48; 16:1-9). In this instance, the parable turns on the observation that a slave who is simply completing his

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: **415**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,098.50

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,208.06

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

work does not by doing so place his master under any obligation to reward him in some way. We may ask, in the master-slave relationship, does the master come to owe the slave special privileges because the slave fulfils his daily duties. Does the slave, through fulfilling his ordinary duties to the master, become his master's patron? Of course not! Similarly, "worthless slaves" refers to slaves to whom no favour is due. Jesus takes an example from the social customs of the period with regard to slaves. We can understand from the words that a slave does not belong to himself. He is considered the property of the master. However hard he works, it is merely his duty and he never pretends that his master should show him gratitude or feel obliged to him; for he is only carrying out his duty as a slave. Likewise the apostle also should serve without any pretensions for a reward. Because of his service, he must not think that God is indebted to him. The parable is applied to the listeners, inviting them to understand that their position before God is similar to the position of a slave before his master. They should say, when they have done all that is commanded, "We are unworthy servants." Christians know that they are at the service of God, but they can also become victims of a Pharisaic mind-set. Some may think that they have a right to be rewarded for what they do. We cannot stand righteous before God unless God grants it. Also when we give everything we have, we actually give nothing, because we are only giving back what He himself has given us.