

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: Valerie Doute Agnes Nicholas Ursula Prosper
Margarita Smith Noreen Joseph Dr. A. Thomas

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Lauren, Felicinne Marilyn Louis
Candace Bryan Catherina & Allison Yvonne Freeman

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.

OFF ISLAND: Bertina Lestrade, Altigracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Maggie Dolphin, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Roserita Laparol, Eugenie England.

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, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Hiliare Alfred, Owen Johnrose.

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.***

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is committed to protecting children from all harm. If you have knowledge of any member of the clergy or other church worker who may have abused a minor, please contact the diocesan child protection coordinator, ***Callista Julien*** at 340-772-4214.

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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

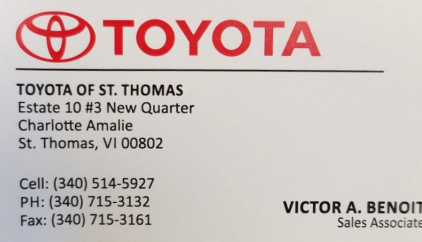
Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 9:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on Wednesdays and on weekends (Saturdays 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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Sonia Alfred, Jovanny Harrigan, Ciana President, Jennifer Estime, Andy By, Renata Benjamin, Cerelia Donald, Cheley Angol, Lannie Bussue, Jacquel Dagou, Quincianny Casimir, Joyceline Baptiste, Russelle Jno-Lewis, Neressa Forde, Latoya Hazell, Bert Toussaint, Gregory Antoine, Maurice Foy, Anneta Heyliger, Francis Callwood, Olive Johnson, Noreen E. Stout, Orville Rouse, Fenrick Rivere, Harold Attidore, Eugenie England.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Khalid & Makida Merchant - Nov. 3
Raphael & Rawlina Camacho - Nov. 5
Daniel & Mellissa Rangel - Nov. 8



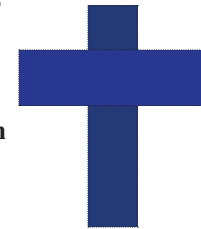
Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcomes You!

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 3, 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

In Residence
Rev. John Fewel

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

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Catholic Chapel

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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 6:00PM

Readings for the Week
of November 3, 2019

Mon.: Romans 11:29 - 36; Luke 14:12 - 14

Tue.: Romans 12:5 - 16ab; Luke 14:15 - 24

Wed.: Romans 13:8 - 10; Luke 14:25 - 33

Thur.: Romans 14:7 - 12; Luke 15:1 - 10

Fri.: Romans 15:14 - 21; Luke 16:1 - 8

Sat.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 2, 8 - 9, 12;
1 Cor. 3:9c - 11, 16 - 17; John 2:13 - 22

NEXT SUNDAY:
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1 - 2, 9 - 14

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

Luke 20:27 - 38

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

The Lord, who can do all things, spares all things. God's imperishable spirit is in all things, and the Lord God overlooks "people's sins that they may repent."

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

The name of Christ is to be glorified in you and you in Him.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1 - 10

When Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Him. Jesus went home with Zacchaeus and blessed his house, for the "Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." Today let us put ourselves in the shoes of Zacchaeus, so eager to see Jesus that he climbed a tree to see over the crowd. Jesus is with us today, in our neighbor, in our midst as we gather together in His name, and in the bread and wine we offer as it is blessed and broken. We don't need to climb a tree, yet we may find Him difficult to see. Let us pray today for the eyes of Zacchaeus, eager to see Jesus wherever he can be found.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Thanksgiving to God for blessings received rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Anniversary blessings for Khalid and Makeda Merchant rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Dechante rb Cleopha Rawlings.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Charles Borromeo**
Birthday blessings and God's guidance for Russelle Jno Lewis rb
Her mother, Mona Bedminster.

Birthday blessings for Eugenie England rb The Rouse family.

Tues. Nov. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. Bertilla**
Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Renee Doute (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Wed. Nov. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Theophane Venard**
Birthday blessing for Adissa Grieg rb The family.

Thurs. Nov. 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Giuseppe Antonio Tovini**
Birthday blessings for Shantel Alfred rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Fri. Nov. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Philip Howard**
God's continued blessings for Francis Callwood rb His wife, Allison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's continued guidance and protection for Russelle Jno Lewis, requested by Mona Bedminster**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: Jean Dragin and the family of the late Francois Defy, expresses deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone for their prayers, love, kindness and thoughtful gestures expressed on them during the time of their bereavement.

BOOK OF REMEMERANCE: November is a time to remember our loved ones who has died. Prayers and masses will be offered for the souls of those whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance. All the names you have written in the past years are still in the book. There is no need to write their names again. Please add the names of those who have died since November 2018. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Holy Family Church is conducting a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar which began on **Monday October 14th, 2019** and will continue every Monday until **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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Phillippa Webbe and family on the passing of her son, **Curtis Webbe**, who died on **Friday, October 18, 2019**. The funeral service for the late **Curtis Webbe**, will take place on **Friday, November 8, 2019**. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CREOLE MASS: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The guest speaker is **Rev. Fr. Elton John Letang, C.Ss.R.** from Dominica. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Notice is hereby given that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court 2049 will be meeting at the Sts. Peter & Paul school at the Elementary Computer Lab classroom starting **Sunday, November 17, 2019** at 8:30am followed by mass at the Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral at 10:00am. White dress and ribbon for mass.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE: The St. Thomas/St. John Catholic Charismatic Renewal Presents their 2019 Conference. The Theme is "**Pray Unceasingly**" **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**. The Conference will be held in Upper Columban Hall **Friday November 15 to Sunday November 17, 2019**. Our Guest Speakers are Fr. Louis Merosne from Haiti and Brother Kent Vincent from Guyana. Registration fees are: Adult \$35.00, Ages 0-12 Free and Ages 13-18 \$10.00. Polo Shirts are \$25.00. We have a Conference Package of \$100.00 which includes: Registration, a Polo Shirt and ALL Meals. Please register and pay by October 25, 2019. Registration Forms & Fees can be dropped off at your Church Office. Any questions feel free to contact our Director Fr. Anthony Abraham at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church 340-776-6339 or our Chairwoman Mrs. Michelle Rivera-Stout at Holy Family Parish 340-643-6986. Thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: **BE PROUD OF YOUR FAITH**

The Wisdom of Solomon is an exhortatory discourse that extols Wisdom. It has been written by a learned Jew of Alexandria, after the city's conquest by Rome in 30 B.C. Today's reading says that God loves all things, loathing nothing that he has created (Wis 11:24), and as the lover of all that lives, he loves all. The author is primarily addressing his fellow Jews in an effort to encourage them to take pride in their traditional faith. He seeks to convince them that their way of life, rooted in the worship of the one true God, is of an incomparably higher order than that of their pagan neighbours, whose idolatrous polytheism has sunk them into the mire of immorality. Moreover, he attempts to justify their present suffering through the promise of immortality as a reward for their steadfast perseverance in the pursuit of righteousness.

2ND READING: **DOUBTS ABOUT THE PAROUSIA CLEARED**

Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians addresses a crisis created in a Christian community because of the claim that "the day of the Lord" has come upon it. There are mixed reactions in the people about the news. Some are frightened, some others quit their jobs and begin idling away their time, and the rest await the full effect of the Lord's coming, thereby causing disturbance in the community. In today's reading Paul tries to calm down the agitated fellow-Christians, telling them that the day of the Lord has not yet come. It is not clear what has given rise to the belief that the day of the Lord has already come. All that they hear is false propaganda and they should know for certain that parousia has not occurred. The widespread persecutions might have been taken as indicators of the parousia. There have been two major persecutions towards the end of the first century.

GOSPEL: **JESUS MEETS ZACCHAEUS**

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus passes through Jericho, a town which is about 20 km away from Jerusalem. Jesus notices the activity of a wealthy tax collector of the town, who because of his small stature takes extra pains to catch a glimpse of Jesus who is passing. By way of reaction to Zacchaeus' initiative, Jesus too takes the initiative and invites himself to the tax collector's house for lodging, probably for overnight. Zacchaeus receives Jesus gladly while the accompanying crowd begins to murmur saying, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." At which criticism Zacchaeus bristles; he may be a "sinner," but he gives half his possessions to the poor and makes reparation in generous fashion for any extortion in which he may have been involved. In response

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: **387**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,068.93

Catholic Education: \$1,030.96

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$36,488.00, 91% 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

Jesus announces that salvation has come to the house of Zacchaeus. Something beautiful and beneficial happens in our life when we cultivate a strong desire towards it and we take some steps even if embarrassing towards the accomplishment of it. Rich and wealthy Zacchaeus does not mind climbing a tree and waiting there to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Though Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus, he is seen by Jesus. Jesus notices Zacchaeus from afar and calls him by name. Jesus not only knew his name, but also what is in his heart, and leaving aside all the important people of the town goes to stay in his house. A kind action from Jesus has made a tremendous impact in the life of Zacchaeus. Filled with joy and gratitude Zacchaeus makes haste and receives Jesus joyfully. He experiences a different kind of love from Jesus. Here is someone who loves him unconditionally when his towns' people would in equal measure hate him. Zacchaeus is willing to make amendments: he would give half his property to the poor and would repay fourfold to those whom he has cheated. According to Mosaic Law it is enough to give back the money extracted falsely plus one fifth of the amount for the damages suffered. But Zacchaeus offers much thereby showing his transformation from a sinner to a good son of Abraham.

