

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

5:00PM                      7:30 AM                      10:00AM

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Melita Etienne
<b>LECTORS:</b> Helena Enrique Candace Bryan	Noreen Joseph Agnes Nicholas	Ursula Prosper Mona Bedminster
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Anne Brandt	Felicinne Marcellin Catherina Alexander	Eubald Rene

*Thank you for serving !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:** Margarita Feliciano, Ophelia Bannis.  
**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, Eugenie England, Sonia Herbert.

**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, Josephine Philbert, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Hilare Alfred, Owen Johnrose.

**SEAVIEW, MASSAC, LUCINDA MILLIN - NO ONE 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 Patience when you ...*

- \*Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion.
- \*Are willing to wait for things you want.
- \*Set goals and persevere until they are met.
- \*Do something now that will help you in the future.
- \*Accept things you cannot change with humor and grace.
- \*Are tolerant when mistakes are made.

**Affirmation:**

*I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**HOLIDAY MASS TIMES  
CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT**

**CAROLS - 8:00 P.M.**

**MASS - 9:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
9:00 A.M.**

**OLD YEAR'S NIGHT**

**HOLY HOUR - 8:00 P.M.**

**MASS - 9:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M.**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
9:00 A.M.**

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**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**

**Birthdays**

*Immanuel Christian, D'Moi Industrious, Chris Matthew, Nicholas Stevenson, Maïke Caracciolo, Jah'Hil Victorine, Breanna Antoine, Tevin Peters, Kenlon Angol, Morris Lionel, Leanna Francois, Barbara Sonny, Wayne Serieux, Bevely Blyden, Vernon Caracciolo, Lena Steele Williams, Vanessa Harrigan, Shirlin Browne, Veronica Casimir, Carol Victorine, Leon Casey, June Giff, Rosebud Labadie, Allan Harrigan.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Sean & Tamika Williams - Dec. 11



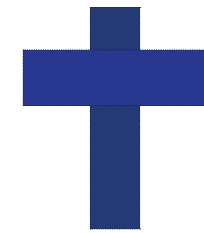
*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**Welcomes You!**

**2nd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 8, 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

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Reverend Kerly François

**In Residence**  
Rev. John Fewel

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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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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 6:00PM**

**Readings for the Week  
of December 8, 2019**

Mon.: Gen. 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Luke 1:26 - 38  
Tue.: Isaiah 40:1 - 11; Matthew 18:12 - 14  
Wed.: Isaiah 40:25 - 31; Matthew 11:28 - 30  
Thur.: Zech. 2:14-17; Luke 1:26 - 38  
Fri.: Isaiah 48:17 - 19; Matthew 11:16 - 19  
Sat.: Sirach 48:1 - 4, 9 - 11;  
Matthew 17:9a, 10 - 13

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1 - 6a, 10  
James 5:7 - 10  
Matthew 11:2 - 11

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1 - 10

“A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,” prophesied Isaiah. “The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him” through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and awe in the presence of God.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 15:4- 9

The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that “we might have hope.”

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1 - 12

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Many people flocked to Him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Peace and harmony. Last Sunday, Isaiah inspired us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Today, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. As we listen to scripture, let us imagine the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus’ coming.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Violet Holder (*deceased*) rb The children of Mary.

Cuthbert Roberts (*deceased*) rb Marguerite Henderson.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessing for Bernadette Wells rb Her sister, Paula.

10:00 AM: God’s continued blessings for the Maynard and Louis families.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Dec. 9, 7:00 AM: *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*  
Fr. Raymond Karier (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Tues. Dec. 10, 7:00 AM: *St. John Roberts*  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Lister Warrington (*deceased*) rb The Warrington family.

Wed. Dec. 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Damasus I*  
Birthday blessings for Evelina and Chris Rene rb The Rene family.

Thurs. Dec. 12, 7:00 AM: *Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast*  
Maria Nyugen (*deceased*) rb Her father, Binh Nguyen.

Fri. Dec. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Lucy*  
Unborn son (*deceased*) rb His father, Binh Nguyen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week’s second collection goes towards the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. Next week’s second collection goes towards *Christmas Flowers*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Immanuel Christian, requested by his family*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

**ADVENT SEASON:** Please note that during the Advent Season there will be **NO FLOWERS** in the church and **NO GLORIA AND NO COMMUNION HYMN**. Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

**BREAKFAST SALE:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. All breakfast proceeds go toward Holy Family Church. Thank you for your usual support.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** **Saturday, December 14, 2019** has been set aside for the cleaning of our church for the Christmas season from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please come out in full number and let us give our church a good cleaning to welcome the baby Jesus. “Many hands make light work.” Thank you in advance.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** The church is once again kindly asking for donations for poinsettias for decoration during the Holiday Season. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Diocesan Youth Ministry and CCD Programs present to you, an annual Christmas gathering on **Sunday December 15, 2019**, at Upper Columban Hall from 3:00 p.m. The program is entitled “**THE CHRISTMAS TREE**.” Donation: Adults - \$10.00 and children 12 years and under \$5.00. Tickets are available from the church office.

**CONFESSIONS:** Holy Family church will have confessions on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019**, from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

**CHURCH DECORATION:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday, December 20, 2019** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. “Many hands make light work.” Thank you in advance.

**HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY:** The Feast of the Holy Family is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019. PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR HOLY FAMILY T-SHIRT/POLO SHIRT (if you have one) TO MASS THAT WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY.**

**CASH RAFFLE:** Sts. Peter & Paul School is happy to announce the start of our Annual Cash Raffle. First prize is \$10,000, second is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,000.00. Who couldn’t use a little extra cash? Raffle drawing will take place at the Annual International Night Dinner on **February 15, 2020**. Tickets are \$10 each. Anyone who purchases a FULL BOOK FOR \$100 receives 1 ticket free. Tickets are available from students, at church offices and at the school office. Call 340-774-2199 for more information.

### 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.

### LITURGY AND WORD

**THE LORD IS KING** (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Isaiah maintains an interest in the Davidic dynasty and so he begins this oracle by saying that the future king will come from this dynasty. As for the Spirit of the Lord, it is a divine force given to individuals to enable them to fulfill missions otherwise beyond them, as in the case of Moses, the judges, the prophets, and others. He receives the Spirit of the Lord formerly promised to Israel’s judges and kings. Further, peace and harmony will also return among fierce animals and even reptiles; the nursing will play near the cobra without danger. There is a notion that in primeval times human beings and animals did not hurt one another, but were content with vegetarian food as they did not kill animals for food.

**CALL TO UNITY** (Romans 15:4-9)  
As Paul draws the Letter to the Romans to a close, he states that the Old Testament, though meant for the people of old, cannot be dismissed as such because they were intended by God to continue to address Jews and Christians of every generation. The oracles of the Old Testament are pertinent to Christians. Having said this, Paul prays for the harmony of the Christian community of Rome, realizing that such unanimity is itself a gift of God. Christ Jesus is again proposed as the model of Christian solidarity. When Christians live not only for themselves, but for others, then that solidarity is achieved. God himself is seen as the source of such harmony, because he supplies the grace of endurance and encouragement. The OT quotation supports Paul’s contention that Jewish Christians are to praise God along with Gentile Christians.

**PEOPLE ACCEPT JOHN’S BAPTISM** (Matthew 3:1-12)  
John’s preaching is oriented to the coming kingdom of God and to preparing the way of the Lord. His clothing suggests that the prophet Elijah is his model.

### 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: **341**

#### Last Weekend’s collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,963.05**

**Renovation Fund: \$1,270.21**

**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

His baptism involves the confession of sins and repentance as a means of escaping the “coming wrath”. People are looking for deliverance from Roman oppression and for renewal, and so are willing to undergo this ritual of purification. We also see a scathing attack by John on the Pharisees and the Sadducees who come to him for baptism. The Pharisees were a Jewish group active in Palestine from the second century B.C. to the first century A.D. They rival the Pharisees for power and influence, and are generally thought to have dominated the Temple personnel, the wealthy and the political elite. Both these groups of people become antagonists of Jesus and hence we see John’s criticism of them.

