

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	Melita Etienne
LECTORS: Helena Enrique	Lafwa Rolle	Suzanne Adrien
Olga McBean	Nehemie Linus	Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN: Candace Bryan	Felicinne Marcellin	Franklin Howe
	Rose Labadie	Antoinette Howe

Thank you for sewing !!!

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, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, 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, Josephine Philbert, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Owen Johnrose, Sonia Herbert, Roserita Laparol, Maggie Dolphin.

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 Diligence when you ...

**Pay careful attention to what you are doing.*

**Do things step by step.*

**Practice to the point of excellence.*

**Give your absolute best to whatever you do.*

**Work hard.*

**Don't give up.*

Affirmation:

I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I can be trusted to do a good job.

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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 SERVICES/MASSES

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 10:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass at 9:00 a.m. 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

Jennifer I Johnson, Serenity Mathurin, Chayne Caracciolo, Giovann Hodge, Lenskerry Dorcelly, Jacquoi Rhymer, Megan Rene, Vincente Donastorg III, Neil Jno Baptiste, Duane Burley, Crystal Winston, Rona Maynard, Nina Bryan, Jean Galeth, Peter Najawicz, Michael Casimir, Heneritta John Baptiste, Sheba Adrien, Lydia Rivere.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Dave & Greselda Anderson - Jan. 11
Eubald & Marguerite Rene - Jan 15*

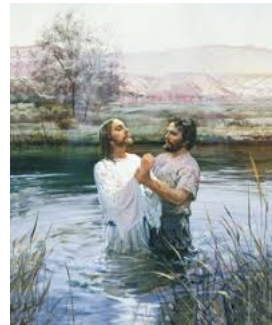


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Jan. 12, 2020

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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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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 January 12, 2020

Mon.: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14 - 20
Tue.: 1 Samuel 1:9 - 20; Mark 1:21 - 28
Wed.: 1 Sam. 3:1 - 10, 19 - 20; Mark 1:29-39
Thur.: 1 Samuel 4:1 - 11; Mark 1:40 - 45
Fri.: 1 Sam. 8:4 - 7, 10 - 22a; Mark 2:1 - 12
Sat.: 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5 - 6

1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3

John 1:29 - 34

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1 - 4, 6 - 7

“Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,” said Isaiah. “To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners,” and to make you a light for the nations.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34 - 38

God does not play favorites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13 - 17

The Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove, and a voice from the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” The Son of God is gradually revealed to the world. Isaiah speaks of the servant of the Lord who brings justice and compassion. Peter reaches to a group of Gentiles, telling them that God was with Jesus as he brought hope and healing to all people. Finally, we hear the Father’s voice from the heavens at Jesus’ baptism: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” May we see Him revealed today in the World, in the Eucharist, and in each other.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Souls in purgatory rb Marie Antoine.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Roger and Denese Charles rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Megan Rene rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Hilary of Poitiers**
Maria Nguyen (*deceased*) rb Her father Binh Nguyen.

Tues. Jan. 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Macrina the Elder**
Unborn son (*deceased*) rb His father, Binh Nguyen.

Wed. Jan. 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Paul the Hermit**
God’s blessings and healing for the children at St. Jude Hospital.

Thurs. Jan. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Berard and Companions**
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Jan. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Anthony of Egypt**
Birthday blessings for Jennifer Johnson rb Her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the *Permanent Diaconate*. Next week’s second collection goes towards the *Music Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2019 calendar year. Please note that we have not received our 2020 Offertory envelopes. Kindly be patient with us. They have sent us a package of generic envelopes that can be used for any collection, weekly or special, until our order is received. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE**, etc. so we can capture the information for donation recording. As soon as we receive our batch, we will put them out. **The envelopes will be at the entrance of the church. Please do not waste the envelopes. If you do not need them please do not take them. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.**

BAPTISM CLASS: Please note that there will be NO Baptism class in January. The next Baptism class will commence on **Monday February 3, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly’s office and will continue every Monday in February. 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.

HOLY FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRY: Health care professionals and all interested persons are encouraged to attend a planning meeting for the Holy Family Health Ministry on **Thursday January 16, 2020** at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kearney and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to **Joan Alfred** and family on the passing of her husband, **Hilaire Alfred**, who died on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**. A memorial mass for **Hilaire Alfred** will take place on **Thursday, January 16, 2020**, at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERAL SERVICE/MASS: Please note that effective **January 1, 2020**, the cost for funerals will be **\$300.00** for registered Holy Family members and **\$500.00** for persons who are not registered members of Holy Family Church. This price raise is in keeping with the other Catholic churches in St. Thomas. Please be guided accordingly.

HOLY FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM: Forms are available at the entrance of the church. Persons who are not registered members of Holy Family church and wish to register as members of Holy Family Church, please find registration forms at the entrance of the church and return the filled our form to the church office. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

Today’s Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It’s a feast of transition from Jesus’ hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus’ divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s

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: **442**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,565.05

Renovation Fund: \$1,024.00

Thank you for your contribution towards our 2019 Bishop’s Appeal. We pray God’s continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT’D

mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the world. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

