

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	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Margarita Smith Helena Enrique	Pierre Joseph Allison Callwood	Young Vincentian Young Vincentian
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Rose Labadie	Michelle Stout

*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, 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 Justice when you ...*

- \*Treat everyone fairly.*
- \*Think for yourself and refuse to prejudice.*
- \*Avoid gossip and backbiting.*
- \*Own your mistakes and fix them.*
- \*Protect people's rights, including your own.*
- \*Slove problems so everyone wins.*

**Affirmation:**

*I act with justice.  
I stand up for the  
rights of others  
and myself. I have  
no need to pre-  
tend or defend. I  
choose to make  
amends.*

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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**

*Agnes Nicholas, Woodmarie Dieu, Ryana Newton, Candice Ennis, Vernon Ferris, Shanna Attidore Darryl Potter, Tamika Thomas-Williams, Stephanie Joseph, Cheryl Rivere, Foidaliza Rosario, Jennifer Quetel, Jean Pierre, Paul Gimenez, Yvrose Mozard, Francois Baron, Margarita Smith, Martha Hunt, Samyra Wilton, Dexter Burley, June Elri-re, Bridget Toussaint.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Jose & Dolores Velazquez - Jan. 26  
Errol & Patsy Grell - Jan. 28*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 26, 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:  
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**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 26, 2020**

Mon.: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 7, 10; Mark 3:22 - 30  
Tue.: 2 Samuel 6:12b - 15, 17 - 19;  
Mark 3:31 - 35  
Wed.: 2 Samuel 7:4 - 17; Mark 4:1 - 20  
Thur.: 2 Samuel 7:18 - 19, 24 -29;  
Mark 4:21 - 25  
Fri.: 2 Samuel 11:1 - 4a, 5 - 10a, 13 - 17;  
Mark 4:26 - 34  
Sat.: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17; Mark 4:35-41

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1 - 4  
Hebrews 2:14 - 18  
Luke 2:22 - 40



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10 - 13, 17

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no division among you ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you ... Is Christ divided?"

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12 - 23

Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they followed Him. Jesus began to proclaim this: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He cured many people.

The road on which we walk is one of dramatic change. Isaiah preaches about darkness and distress being replaced by light and rejoicing. Paul encourages his divided audience to unite in the name of Jesus. In Matthew, Jesus calls the first apostles and they leave their way of life and follow Him. As we listen to today's readings, notice how people are changed by the Light of the world.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Ethan Roberts rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Ronny Johnson (*deceased*) rb His mom, Meredith Johnson.

Marie Pierre Cadet (*deceased*) rb Their daughter, Michelle.

10:00 AM: In thanksgiving to God and celebration of Amiel Javois' 43rd birthday  
rb His mom, wife and daughters.

God's guidance and protection for Maynard and Louis family and  
birthday blessing for Diana Louis.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Angela Merici*  
God's healing and deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

Tues. Jan. 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Thomas Aquinas*  
God's deliverance and healing for Jamaul Charles rb His family.

Wed. Jan. 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Genevieve*  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Jan. 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Maria Soledad Torres-Acosta*  
In thanksgiving to God for blessings and favors received rb Sophia Burton.

Fri. Jan. 31, 7:00 AM: *St. John Bosco*  
God's help and protection for Vernel Gumbs rb Her mother,  
Meredith Johnson.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**WELCOME:** This weekend we welcome to the 10:00 a.m. mass members of The Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by Glendia Caines in thanksgiving to God and celebration of Amiel Javois' 43rd birthday. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God's continued blessings on Amiel's life as he enters a new year. Once again, thank you.

**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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK:** Please join Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School as they celebrate Catholic School Week, January 26 to January 31, 2020. The theme is "*Catholic Schools Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*" Each day the school has activities celebrating the community, students, nation, vocation and faculty and staff. Call 340-774-2199 for more information.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** 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.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2019:** All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "0" or a "5" (**for example - 1990 = 30 years; 1995 = 25 years**), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of February 8 -9, 2020. **Anyone married 50+ years (1970 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married.

**LOURDES IN A DAY:** The Order of Malta is sponsoring their 2nd, "*Lourdes in a Day*" on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, from 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bevard with the anointing of the sick. There will be distribution of Holy Water from Lourdes to all, confessions and lunch.

**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.**

**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.

### LITURGY AND WORD

The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 9:1-4. This reading is another prophecy, concerning the messianic days, given by Isaiah in the eighth century B.C. It describes the new era of liberty and joy, which the future Messiah will usher in.

The second reading is from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17. St. Paul corrects the Corinthians for the pride that was causing them to form factions and divisions.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 4:12-23. The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasises the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

### 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: **419**

Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,191.00**

**Music Ministry: \$1,080.65**

*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

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16).

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.