

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	Margarite Rene
LECTORS: Margarita Smith Ruth Smith	Agnes Nicholas Rita Brady Bermudez	Carmen White Dr. A. Thomas
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Dolores Velazquez	Lauren, Felicinne Catherina, Rose	Yvonne Freeman Eubald Rene

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 Determination when you ...

**Believe that what you are doing is important.*

**Set goals for yourself.*

**Stay focused without being distracted.*

**Keep going even if it gets difficult.*

**Ask for help when you need it.*

**Finish what you started.*

Affirmation:

*I am determined.
I set goals and
keep going until
I achieve them. I
get things done. I
stay focused on my
purpose.*

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

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

*Caroline Love, Jena Bieu,
Richard Badeau, Dwayne Rene,
Jernel Paul, Chrislene Vanel,
Clyde de Jean Charles, Micarla Matthew,
Nicole Ferrari, Jonthaw Harrigan,
Marilyn Henderson, Suzanne Pariall,
Henrique Foy, Josian Dyer, Kent Meyers,
Riviere Casimir, Kevin Babis, Trevore
Monsanto, Horace Wallace,
Julian Labadie.*



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

Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcomes You!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Jan. 5, 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.

Pastor
Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

In Residence
Rev. John Fewel

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni
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 January 5, 2020**

Mon.: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matt.4:12-17, 23 - 25

Tue.: 1 John 4:7 - 10; Mark 6:34 - 44

Wed.: 1 John 4:11 - 18; Mark 6:45 - 52

Thur.: 1 John 4:19 - 5:4; Luke 4:14 - 22

Fri.: 1 John 5:5 - 13; Luke 5:12 - 16

Sat.: 1 John 5:14 - 21; John 3:22 - 30

**NEXT SUNDAY:
The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1 - 4, 6 - 7

Acts 10:34 - 38

Matthew 3:13 - 17

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1 - 6

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1 - 12

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did Him homage. A light shines for all to see, revealing God's glory and drawing people from all over. In Isaiah the light is in Jerusalem, the holy city, attracting kings and caravans. In the Gospel, the light is in the sky over Bethlehem, attracting magi from the east. Paul preaches that the light shines equally for all, Jews and Gentiles, "copartners" in the promise of salvation. Let us listen today for all the foreign places and peoples, enabling us to sing, "every nation on earth will adore you."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Guidance and protection for the children and grand children of Marguerite Henderson rb Marguerite Henderson.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Candace Charles rb Her family.

Birthday blessings for Patsy Grell rb Patsy Grell.

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

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Andre Bessette**
Jeanette Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

Tues. Jan. 7, 7:00 AM: **St. Raymond of Penafort**
God's continued healing and blessings for Joanne Kelly rb Her family.

Wed. Jan. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Andrew Corsini**
Francis J Bryan (*deceased*) rb His wife and children.

Thurs. Jan. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Adrian of Canterbury**
God's continued healing and blessings for Charlene Labadie rb Her family.

Fri. Jan. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. John the Almsgiver**
God's deliverance for Genia Pollydore rb Ms Pollydore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for blessings and deliverance for Francesca Alcendor and her family, requested by Francesca Alcendor*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, January 6, 2020**, in observance of Three Kings Day. Please be guided accordingly.

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. Provisions have been made on the envelope for your name and address, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CCD Classes will resume on **Saturday, January 11, 2020**. Thank you to all who attended the just concluded concert and brought items for the concession to support our youth. We pray God's continued blessings during this season and beyond. Once again, thank you.

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 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.

Sacrament of Marriage - Call six (6) months in advance
Sacrament of Baptism - Call for arrangement
Anointing of the sick - Call for an appointment
Funeral Service - Call prior to arrangements

LITURGY AND WORD

"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of

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: **399**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,584.50**

Bishop's Appeal: **\$820.00**

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

who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You.

Things change, people
change, friends change,
places change, careers
change, economies change,
but God will never change.

Amen.

Wings of Encouragement