

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:** Helena Enrique      Allison Callwood      Young Vincentian  
Olga McBean      Lafwa Rolle      Young Vincentian

**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Velazquez      Danna Knight      Michelle Stout  
Catherina Alexander

*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, Helen Bruney.

**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.*

**Save the Date . . .**

*Saturday, February 29, 2020*

*Holy Family Catholic Church  
CCD Program presents. . .*

**Youth Lenten Retreat 2020**

**\$5.00 Contribution  
and Donations  
accepted for  
breakfast, snacks,  
lunch and drinks!**

**Additional information,  
call the church office:  
340-775-1650**

*All youth are invited. Call  
the church office to register!  
We'll see you there!*

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Our Lady of  
Mt. Carmel Catholic  
Church  
St. John, VI**

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

*You are practicing Courtesy when you ...*

*\*Remember your manners.*

*\*Treat elders, parents, teachers and children politely.*

*\*Think about how your actions affect others.*

*\*Eat, speak and move graciously.*

*\*Make requests instead of demands.*

*\*Greet people with a smile.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am courteous. I  
speak and act in a  
mannerly way. I  
show others that I  
value and respect  
them.*

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Donavan Isaac, Jhanate LeBlanc,  
Glenroy Hodge, Alliyah Modeste,  
Claudelle Mathurin, Weldo Augustine,  
Daline Damberville, Leroy Eugene,  
Vendel Williams, Sr., Roy Stout,  
James Hunt.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Wordsworth & Ramona Auguste - Feb. 24  
Thomason & Olive Johnson - Feb. 27*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Lord, bless our parishioners who cele-  
brate 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!**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 23, 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**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Mrs. Allison Callwood**

**Sacristan**

**Mr. Ryan John**

**Francesca Alcendor**

**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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**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](http://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 February 23, 2020**

**Mon.: James 3:13 - 18; Mark 9:14 - 29**

**Tue.: James 4:1 - 10; Mark 9:30 - 37**

**Wed.: Joel 2:12 - 18; 2 Cor. 5:20 - 6:2;  
Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 18**

**Thur.: Deut. 30:15 - 20; Luke 9:22 - 25**

**Fri.: Isaiah 58:1 - 9a; Matthew 9:14 - 15**

**Sat.: Isaiah 58:9b - 14; Luke 5:27 - 32**

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
1st Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 2:7 - 9; 3:1 - 7**

**Romans 5:12 - 19**

**Matthew 4:1 - 11**



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1 - 2, 17 - 18

Moses urges the Israelites to holiness. They must bear no hatred in their hearts. Rather, they must follow this law: love your neighbor as yourself.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23

We are all temples of the Holy Spirit, and as such belong to God. We must never think that we are self-sufficient, or that we alone rule our lives. We must beware the wisdom of the world, which is not of God. We belong to Christ, and therefore must live in Christ and depend on Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:38 - 48

Jesus tells us that we must return good for evil and love for hate. We must go the extra mile and love our enemies. We must strive to be perfect, just as God is perfect. This will prove that we belong to the Father. In the first line of the first reading we hear God tell Moses, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Then in the last line of the Gospel Jesus tells His disciples. "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." How's that for a challenge? Not only are we told to be holy, we are told to be perfect! The truth is that we can be neither without God's help. Listening to today's readings, note how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can perfect in us their earthly dwelling.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Linda Wade rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Eve Ogiste rb Eve Ogiste.

Birthday blessings for Richie Placid rb His family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Elvina Rene, Caitlin Roberts and Kathleen Rene-Grant rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 24, 7:00 AM: Blessed Josefa Naval Girbes Birthday blessings for Fleur Richards rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Tues. Feb. 25, 7:00 AM: St. Caesarius of Nazianzen In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus rb Carolyn Peternel.

Wed. Feb. 26, 7:00 AM: St. Porphyry - ASH WEDNESDAY Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

7:00 PM: God's guidance and blessings for Holy Family parishioners.

Thurs. Feb. 27, 7:00 AM: St. Gabriel Angelberth Joseph (deceased) rb The Rene family.

Fri. Feb. 28, 7:00 AM: St. Romanus and St. Lupicinus Lindo Pierre (deceased) rb His wife, Mavis Pierre.

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 Marie and Pierre Cadet (deceased), requested by their daughter Michelle. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by Mona Bedminster in celebration of her birthday and God's continued blessings. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God's continued blessings on you. 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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

LENT IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK: Lent begins this Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available next Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall. Please be guided accordingly.

ST. JOSEPH WORKERS: There will be a meeting on Tuesday February 25th, 2020 @ 7:30pm for all who are interested in going on their cruise from November 4 to November 15, 2020. Also members are asked to note that their meeting will take place next Sunday, March 1, 2020, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020: The World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 6, 2020, at Nisky Moravian Church at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." The country of recognition this year is Zimbabwe. As many Catholics as possible are asked to attend to represent our Church. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. Those 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be NO altar flowers, NO Gloria and NO Alleluia, NO recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
8. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
9. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.
10. View daily "Best Lent ever" on www.dynamiccatholic.com

LENTEN RETREAT: Holy Family CCD students and ALL young people of the parish will be on retreat this Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. John, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations are accepted for breakfast, snacks, lunch and drinks. Thank you in advance for your contribution. Please save the date, and keep our youth in your prayers. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD

The first reading is taken from the Book of Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18. Today, we hear one of the rules of conduct which are set out in chapter 19; that of love of neighbor. Other rules included reverence for parents, observance of the Sabbath, avoidance of idolatry, upon harvesting leaving some of the grain in the fields for the poor, and the practice of justice and charity in social dealings.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23. As we work our way through the first part of 1st Corinthians, last week we heard Saint Paul tell of the true wisdom of God. This week he again addresses the divisions in the people of God and reminds the Corinthians (and us) who we really belong to.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew (5:38-48). The lesson we have to learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all men, whether they be friends or enemies. G. K. Chesterton says : "We are commanded to love our neighbors and our enemies; they are generally the same people." This is very true for all of us. It is very easy for me to love (in a theoretical way) all Japanese, Chinese, Russians and most Europeans—they never come in contact with me and never tread on my corns. But it is my neighbors, those among whom I live and work, who are liable to injure me and thus become my enemies.

Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced. It is first and foremost necessary for Christian peace in the home. Husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. If one offends in what the other would regard as something serious, the offended one should not demand an apology but should show forgiveness before the other has humbly to apologize. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect even one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity alone can cover the multitude of faults of both partners.

If there is peace and harmony between husband and wife, as there will be if both are truly charitable, the children will learn too to be understanding and forgiving. Such a home will be a truly happy home even if it has little of the world's riches.

Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbors—to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the

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: 397

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,047.75

Music Ministry: \$1,190.25

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Life for many, if not for most people, has many dark, gloomy and despairing moments. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring a beam of sunshine, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people. Fr. Faber in a booklet on kindness has a poem which we could all learn and practice with great profit for ourselves and for a neighbor in need of kindness. He says:

"It was but a sunny smile,  
And little it cost in the giving,  
But it scattered the night like the morning light  
And made the day worth living.

It was but a kindly word,  
A word that was lightly spoken,  
et not in vain for it chilled the pain  
Of a heart that was nearly broken.

It was but a helping hand,  
And it seemed of little availing,  
But its clasp was warm, it saved from harm

A brother whose strength was failing."

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity, and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of your brother but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.

