

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

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| CANTORS: Allan Harrigan | Dr. Gloria Callwood | Marguerite Rene |
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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.*



You are practicing Friendliness when you ...

**Like yourself and know you have a lot to offer.*

**Smile and greet people courteously.*

**Get to know people and let them get to know you.*

**Show caring when a friend needs you.*

**Are friendly to people who look and act differently.*

**Make someone new feel welcome.*

Affirmation:

I am friendly. I show an interest in others by being warm and courteous. I am a loyal friend. My friendship is a worthy gift.

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Lenten Prayer for Sundays during Lent

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come close to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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PARISH CELEBRATION

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Scott & Patty Love - March 1
Lucius & Monique Dorcelly - March 7*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

1st Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020

**Wishing everyone a blessed
Lenten Season ahead!**

*It is the season to be praying,
fasting, almsgiving...*



**... and remember
to spend
more time
with
JESUS!**

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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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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 March 1, 2020**

Mon.: Lev. 19:1 - 2, 11 - 18; Matt. 25:31 - 46

Tue.: Isaiah 55:10 - 11; Matthew 6:7 - 15

Wed.: Jonah 3:1 - 10; Luke 11:29 - 32

Thur.: Esther C:12, 14 - 16, 23 - 25;
Matthew 7:7 - 12

Fri.: Ezekiel 18:21 - 28; Matthew 5:20 - 26

Sat.: Deut. 26:16 - 19; Matthew 5:43 - 48

**NEXT SUNDAY:
2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1 - 4a

2 Timothy 1:8b - 10

Matthew 17:1 - 9

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7 - 9; 3:1 - 7

The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12 - 19

Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1 - 11

After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted Him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus. The serpent tempts Eve and Adam in the garden in Eden. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Though Adam and Eve are talked into disobeying God, Jesus resists the devil's repeated attempts. St. Paul relates the two and explains that the effects of Jesus' obedience to God's will - from the desert to the cross - far exceed the harmful effect of Adam's disobedience. Let us listen now to these stories of temptation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's blessings and healing for the children at St. Jude's Hospital.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Henville Alexander and Raenay Grant
rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. March 2, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Agnes of Bohemia**
Angela Jean Jacques (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Tues. March 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Katharine Drexel**
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. March. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Casimir**
God's blessings for the children and grandchildren of Eve Ogiste
rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. March 5, 7:00 AM: **St. John Joseph of the Cross**
Birthday blessings for Evelyn Simon rb The St. Joseph Workers.

Fri. March 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Colette**
Birthday blessings for Zephaniah Jean Jacques.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Black and Indian Mission**. Next week's second collection goes towards the **Bishop's Appeal**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: On February 26th, the Church throughout the world celebrated the beginning of the holy season of Lent with the Masses on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we repent of our sins by our contrition. It is a special time when we show our love for God by giving alms. Share your blessings this Lent with those who need your help by supporting the work of Catholic Charities through the annual Bishop's Appeal. **"It's not how much we give, but how much LOVE we put into giving."**
Mother Theresa

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning **for God's deliverance for Roma Attidore and children, requested by Roma Attidore**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those who helped to make our CCD Retreat a success. Your prayers and donations were greatly appreciated.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your contribution in 2019. Parishioners are kindly reminded to take up your box of envelopes for 2020 if you have not done so as yet.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020: The World Day of Prayer will take place this **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, our families and ourselves.
10. View daily **"Best Lent ever"** on www.dynamiccatholic.com

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL LENTEN MISSION: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church presents a Lenten mission entitled "The Word of God," from **Monday, March 2, to Thursday, March 5, 2020**, in the Frank Powel Park, St. John at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Fr. Irenaeus Vincent. For further information please call 340-776-6339.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY: The VI Diocesan Catholic Youth Ministry presents a Youth Lenten Day Retreat on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, at Holy Family Upper Columban Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for youth from 12 years to 21 years. The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Abraham. For further information please call 340-776-6339.

LECTORS: Holy Family Church is in need of lectors for the Saturday evening mass. Are you willing to volunteer your service? Remember, what we do for the church we do it for honor and glory of God and for the building up of His Kingdom. Please call the church office and give your names to volunteer your service. Thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into 'the wilderness' and grappling with the mysteries of life, as well as a time of preparation for Easter.

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus' 'forty-day' experience in the wilderness. Jesus is 'filled with the Holy Spirit' and, like so many human beings before and since, is 'led by the Spirit' into the wilderness of life to be 'tested' there. ('Tested' is a more accurate translation of the Greek than 'tempted').

Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: 'Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart' (Deut 8:2). In Matthew's account, the 'devil' is the 'tester' or 'tempter', the instrument of God's testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus' relationship to God: 'If you are the son of God...'
The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favour from God, the way of status or self-aggrandisement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world.

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: **385**
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,852.00

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LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

In other words, he chooses the way of God's empire or the empire 'of the heavens' rather than the way of the brutal Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed 'of God'.

Most people of faith would agree that being 'of God' right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to earth's human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to earth's precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. In this context, Lent and wilderness take on a whole new meaning.

