

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	CCD Choir
LECTORS: Ruth Smith Olga McBean	Pierre Joseph Lafwa Rolle	CCD Student CCD Student
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Rose Labadie	Mona Bedminster

Thank you for serving !!!

Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.
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, Ophelia Bannis.

**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 Tact when you ...

- *Are careful about the feelings of others.*
- *Stop yourself from teasing or embarrassing others.*
- *Tell the truth kindly and gently.*
- *Decide if it is better to tell the truth or keep silent.*
- *Keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself.*
- *Treat people who are different as you would treat anyone.*

Affirmation:

I am tactful. I think before I speak. I am diplomatic even when I feel strongly. I tell the truth kindly and gently.

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays
Zariya Van Beverhoudt, Amya Hodge, Sophia Plaisimond, Shemar Joseph, Mackadis Smith, Jacky Raphael, Benjamin Dudley, Kishma Casimir, Kettura Mitchel, Anita Williams, Cheryl Dorsett, Joseph Harding, Michel Antoine, Wade Monroe, Alain Wescott, Anne Daudier, Emmanuel Mahautiere, Allan Bryan, Lizette Velazquez, Fritznold Bredy, Theresa Fahie, Kathleen Thompson, Claudy Bruts, II, Gloria Etienne, Jose Encarnacion, Tomas Serrano.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Mar. 17
CONGRATULATIONS!
Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!
3rd Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2020
Wishing everyone a blessed Lenten Season ahead!
'Tis the season to be praying, fasting, almsgiving... and remember to spend more time with JESUS!
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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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Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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 15, 2020
Mon.: 2 Kings 5:1 - 15ab; Luke 4:24 - 30
Tue.: Daniel 3:25, 34 - 43; Matt. 18:21 - 35
Wed.: Deut. 4:1, 5 - 9; Matthew 5:17 - 19
Thur.: 2 Samuel 7:4 - 5a, 12 - 14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Fri.: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Mark 12:28 - 34
Sat.: Hosea 6:1 - 6; Luke 18:9 - 14

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 4th Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a
Ephesians 5:8 - 14
John 9:1 - 41

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3 - 7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts,” and that love is immeasurable; “While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5 - 42

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered Him water from the well, and He, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior. Water takes center stage in scripture today. The Chosen People grow thirsty in the desert and the Lord provides water from the rock in Horeb. The Psalmist recalls this event to urge us not to harden our hearts as they did. Paul suggests the image of water in stating that the love of God has been poured into our hearts. A thirsty Samaritan woman realizes that in Jesus she has received living water. Let us quench our thirst with God's word.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Anaj Martin rb Urelca Baptiste.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's blessings for Victoria Matthew and family rb Victoria Matthew.

Birthday blessings for Joseph Babulal rb His wife Toy.

10:00 AM: Agnes Jno Baptiste (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. March 16, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Torello**
God's continued blessings for members of St. Joseph Workers.

Tues. March 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Patrick**
Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Elroy & Violet Holder (*deceased*) rb Their family.

Wed. March. 18, 7:00 AM: **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
Clarrissa Warrington (*deceased*) rb The Warrington family.

Thurs. March 19, 7:00 AM: **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**
Birthday blessings for Mary Stridiron rb The Johnson & Stridiron families.

Birthday blessings for Ariel Farrington rb Her God daughter, Renee Harris.

Fri. March 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Cuthbert**
Fitzroy Davis (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Annual Bishop's Appeal supports three soup kitchens within our diocese. Every day hungry men and women are fed by your charity. By your generous contributions to the Bishop's Appeal, the work continues the ministry of Jesus. We ask you to please take home the brochure and pray about what sacrificial gift you can give to this worthwhile cause.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

"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 birthday blessings for Eubald Rene requested by his family**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT: Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Palm Sunday Concert featuring Holy Family Adult and Youth Choirs, Haitian Adult and Youth Choirs, and additional Guest Artists. The concert will take place on Palm **Sunday, April 5, 2020** at 3:00 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donation – Adults \$10.00, Children 12 and under pay \$5.00 at the door. Please save this date and plan to be there and bring the family along to support our parishioners. Thank you.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The St. Vincent de Paul is having their usual egg hunt on **Easter Sunday** after the 10:00 a.m. mass; however, they are asking for contributions for prizes and candies. Please contact **Ms. Alma Wells at 340-513-8911** for more information.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON: St. Joseph Workers will host an Easter Sunday Luncheon on **Sunday, April 12, 2020**, from 1:00 p.m. Donation adults: \$35; children pay at the door: \$25.00. Tickets are available from members of St. Joseph Workers.

CARNIVAL CRUISE: A cruise has been planned for the Panama Canal from **October 19th, to October 31st, 2020**, by the St. Joseph Workers. **Please contact members of St. Joseph Workers for more information.**

LITURGY AND WORD

This is the story of a woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He "told me everything I have done."

She wasn't only impressed that Jesus knew all about her past as if He were a mind reader or magician. There is more to this encounter than the simple fact that Jesus told her all about her past sins. What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her!

We can be certain that she would have daily experienced a sort of community shame. The way she lived in the past and the way she was living at the present was not an acceptable lifestyle. And she felt the shame of it which, as mentioned above, was the reason she came to the well in the middle of the day. She was avoiding others.

But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that

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: **422**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,811.50

Bishop's Appeal: \$703.00

Thank you for your contribution towards our 2020 Bishop's Appeal. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Interestingly, the woman went away and "left her water jar" by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Or did she? Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking. Jesus, the Living Water, satiated.

Reflect, today, upon the undeniable thirst that is within you. Once you are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satiate it with Living Water. If you do this, you too will leave the many "jars" behind that never satisfy for very long.

Lord, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the heat of my day, in the trials of life, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness and acceptance in these moments, and may that Love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

