

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: Margarita Smith Helena Enrique	Allison Callwood Nehemie Leneus	Young Vincentian Young Vincentian
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas Felicinne Marcellin	Michelle Stout

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.*



Children participated in the CCD 2020 Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

You are practicing Honesty when you ...

- *Say what you mean and mean what you say.*
- *Make promises you can keep.*
- *Tell the truth tactfully.*
- *Admit your mistakes.*
- *Refuse to lie, cheat or steal.*
- *Are true to yourself and do what you know is right.*

Affirmation:

I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Evan Fahie, Keithford Francis, Jr., Sheldon Benjamin, Jr., Kristel Cabo, Rousselande Augustin, Collette Van Beverhoudt, Davion Smith, Anthony Legrand, Jennifer Pacquette, Caroline Pickering, Pamela Charles, Gail Steele, Irene Shillingford, Gabrielle George.



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.

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

4th Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020

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Wishing everyone a blessed Lenten Season ahead!

'Tis the season to be praying, fasting, almsgiving...



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

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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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 March 22, 2020

Mon.: Isaiah 65:17 - 21; John 4:43 - 54
Tue.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 9, 12; John 5:1 - 16
Wed.: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb. 10:4 - 10 Luke 1:26 - 38
Thur.: Exodus 32:7 - 14; John 5:31 - 47
Fri.: Wis. 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2,10, 25-30
Sat.: Jer. 11:18 - 20; John 7:40 - 53

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12 - 14
Romans 8:8 - 11
John 11:1 - 45

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a

The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8 - 14

Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1 - 41

Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because He did this on the sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

In the first reading God chooses the overlooked son of Jesse, for God sees beyond appearances. In the Gospel, the Pharisees cannot see past the appearance of sin whereas the man who was formerly blind sees that Jesus is Lord. As we listen to the readings, let us think about our blind spots and the times when we fail to see beyond appearances.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's protection and blessings for Marie Renal rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Pamela Charles rb Pamela Charles.

Birthday blessings for Ziaire Henry rb Her Grandmother.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for Victoria Matthew and family rb Victoria Matthew.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. March 23, 7:00 AM: **St. Toribio de Mogrovejo**
Birthday blessings Cleaver Burton rb His family.

Tues. March 24, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Diego**
Thanksgiving to God for favors and blessings received rb Marie Renal.

Wed. March. 25, 7:00 AM: **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**
Deacon Autin Medina (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Thurs. March 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Margaret Clitherow**
God's protection and guidance for Anthony Renal rb Marie Renal.

Fri. March 27, 7:00 AM: **St. John of Egypt**
Curtis Abraham (*deceased*) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste

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: "Where there is a need, there is the Bishop's Appeal." In an age when it is more and more difficult to find funding for non-public schools, your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps to provide scholarships to our four Catholic schools. Please give generously so that our children can receive a Catholic education.

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 Pamela Charles requested by Pamela Charles**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available next **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please be guided accordingly.

HOLY FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRY: Members of the Holy Family Health Ministry are encouraged to attend a meeting for the Holy Family Health Ministry on **Thursday, March 26, 2020** at 6:00 pm in Lower Columban Hall classroom. Thank you for your participation.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Robert Greig and family on the passing of his mother, **Lorna Grieg**, who died on **Monday, March 16, 2020**. A funeral mass for the late **Lorna Grieg** is expected to take place on **Thursday, April 16, 2020**, at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

LITURGY AND WORD

Who was this man? Interestingly, he does not have a name. He is only referred to as the "man blind from birth." This is significant in the Gospel of John because the lack of a name is also seen, for example, in the story of "the woman at the well." The fact that there is no name indicates that we should see ourselves in this story.

"Blindness" is our inability to see the hand of God at work all around us. We struggle to see the daily miracles of God's grace alive in our lives and alive in the lives of others. So the first thing we should do with this Scripture is strive to see our lack of sight. We should strive to realize that we so often do not see God at work. This realization will inspire us to desire a spiritual healing. It will invite us to want to see God at work.

The good news is obviously that Jesus cured this man, as He willingly cures us. To restore sight is easy for Jesus. So the first prayer we should pray as a result of this story is simply, "Lord, I want to see!" The humble realization of our blindness will invite God's grace to work. And if we do not humbly acknowledge our blindness, we will not be in a position to seek healing.

How He heals this man is also significant. He uses His own spit to make mud and smear it on this man's eyes, which is not immediately that appealing. But it does reveal something quite significant to us. Namely, it reveals the fact that Jesus can use something exceptionally ordinary as a source of His divine grace!

If we look at this in a symbolic way we can come to some profound conclusions. Too often we look for God's action in the extraordinary. But He so often is present to us in that which is ordinary. Perhaps we will be tempted to think that God only works His grace through heroic acts of love or sacrifice. Perhaps we are tempted to think that God is not able to use our daily ordinary activities to perform His miracles. But this is not

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: **363**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,609.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$883.00

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

true. It is precisely those ordinary actions of life where God is present. He is present while washing the dishes, doing chores, driving a child to school, playing a game with a family member, carrying on a casual conversation or offering a helping hand. In fact, the more ordinary the activity, the more we should strive to see God at work. And when we do "see" Him at work in the ordinary activities of life, we will be healed of our spiritual blindness.

Reflect, today, upon this act of Jesus and allow our Lord to smear His spit and dirt on your eyes. Allow Him to give you the gift of spiritual sight. And as you begin to see His presence in your life, you will be amazed at the beauty you behold.

Lord, I want to see. Help me to be healed of my blindness. Help me to see You at work in every ordinary activity of my life. Help me to see Your divine grace in the smallest events of my day. And as I see You alive and active, fill my heart with gratitude for this vision. Jesus, I trust in You.

