

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: Ruth Smith Candace Bryan	Noreen Joseph Rita Brady Bermudez	Dr. A Thomas Felicitia Richards
EUCH MIN: Anne Brandt	Allison Callwood Catherina Alexander	Yvonne Freeman Marylin Louis

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 Truthfulness when you ...

- *Speak only the truth.*
- *Don't let others tell you what to think.*
- *Investigate the truth for yourself.*
- *Can tell the difference between fact and fantasy.*
- *Admit when you have made a mistake.*
- *Don't exaggerate or deceive.*

Affirmation:

I am truthful. I speak the truth. I see the truth with my own eyes. I am content to be my true self.

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

*Helena Enrique, Lisa Roberts,
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Wayne casimir, Sjour Daniot,
Jessica Grell, David Beausoleil,
Ray Chesterfield,
Forestal Djoury, Dineijah Atti-
dore-Charles, Brendon Samuel,
Elizabeth Stevenson, Coreen Edwards,
Genet Henry, David Mitchel,
Gloriana Burley, Elroy Pickering, Sr.*



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!**

5th Sunday of Lent - March 29, 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.

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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Mrs. Allison Callwood

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Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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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 29, 2020**

Mon.: Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
John 8:1 - 11
Tue.: Numbers 21:4 - 9; John 8:21 - 30
Wed.: Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thur.: Genesis 17:3 - 9; John 8:51 - 59
Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10 - 13; John 10:31 - 42
Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21 - 28; John 11:45 - 56

**NEXT SUNDAY:
PALM SUNDAY**

Isaiah 50:4 - 7
Philippians 2:6 - 11
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12 - 14

The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live ... says the Lord."

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8 - 11

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:1 - 45

Lazarus died, and Jesus raised him from death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Ezekiel shares a radical vision of Israel's future: God will burst open graves, reanimate the dead, and restore them to their land. Jesus puts such a plan into action, opening the tomb of Lazarus, bringing him back to life, and restoring him to his family. Paul assures us that with the Spirit within us, our mortal bodies will have life as well. Listening to scripture, let us reflect on how God's redeeming grace raises us up from our sin and despair.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Tracy Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Benoit Fregiste and Shaquewell Fregiste rb Josephine Merrifield.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Anselma Maynard and God's continued guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. March 30, 7:00 AM: **St. John Climacus**
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. March 31, 7:00 AM: **St. Guy of Pomposa**
God's deliverance, health, strength and guidance for Serge Rodney
rb His mother.

Wed. April 1, 7:00 AM: **St. Hugh of Grenoble**
Deacon Leonard Monsanto (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Thurs. April 2, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis of Paola**

Fri. April 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Richard de Wyche**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2020 helps to support our mission in evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the Catholic Islander which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarian and the development of our diocesan youth ministries.

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

TELEVISED MASS: Sunday mass is televised on Sunday at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral.

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.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT: CANCELLED

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON: CANCELLED

CARNIVAL CRUISE: CANCELLED

STAY AT HOME, PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

LITURGY AND WORD

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." John 11:16

What a great line! The context is important to understand. Thomas said this after Jesus told His Apostles that He was going up to Jerusalem because Lazarus, His friend, was ill and close to death. In fact, as the story unfolds, Lazarus actually did die before Jesus arrived at his house. Of course, we know the end of the story that Lazarus was raised up by Jesus. But the Apostles tried to keep Jesus from going to Jerusalem because they knew there were many who had been quite hostile toward Him and wanted to kill Him. But Jesus decided to go anyway. It was in this context that St. Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go and die with him." Again, what a great line!

It's a great line because Thomas appeared to say this with a certain resolve to accept whatever was waiting for them in Jerusalem. He appeared to know that Jesus was going to be met with resistance and persecution. And he also appeared to be ready to face that persecution and death with Jesus.

Of course Thomas is well known to be the doubter. After Jesus' death and Resurrection he refused to accept that the other Apostles actually saw Jesus. But even though he is well known for his act of doubting, we should not miss the courage and resolve he had in that moment. At that moment, he was willing to go with Jesus to face His persecution and death. And he was even willing to face death himself. Even though he ultimately fled when Jesus was arrested, it's believed that he eventually went as a missionary to India where he did ultimately suffer martyrdom.

This passage should help us to reflect upon our own willingness to go forth with Jesus to face any persecution that may await us. Being a Christian requires courage. We will be different than others. We will not fit in with the culture around us. And when we refuse to conform to the day and age we live in, we will most likely suffer some form of persecution as a result. Are you ready for that? Are you willing to endure this?

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: **000**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$0,000.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$000.00

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

We also must learn from St. Thomas that, even if we do fail, we can start again. Thomas was willing, but then he fled at the sight of persecution. He ended up doubting, but in the end he courageously lived out his conviction to go and die with Jesus. It's not so much how many times we fail; rather, it's how we finish the race.

Reflect, today, upon the resolve in the heart of St. Thomas and use it as a meditation upon your own resolve. Do not worry if you fail in this resolve, you can always get up and try again. Reflect also upon the final resolution St. Thomas made when he did die a martyr. Make the choice to follow his example and you, too, will be counted among the saints of Heaven.

Lord, I desire to follow You wherever You lead. Give me a firm resolve to walk in Your ways and to imitate the courage of St. Thomas. When I fail, help me to get back up and resolve again. I love You, dear Lord, help me to love You with my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

