

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	Melita Etienne
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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 love... 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 Consideration when you ...

- *Respect other people's needs and feelings.*
- *Consider others' needs as important as your own.*
- *Stop and think how your actions will affect people.*
- *Put yourself in other people's shoes.*
- *Give tender attention.*
- *Think of little things to bring others happiness.*

Affirmation:

I am considerate of others. I stop and think about how my actions may affect them. I do thoughtful things for people.

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PARISH CELEBRATION

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Britany Dyer, Britan Dyer,
Malon Angol, Jean Vante, Monique
Dorcely, Alison Johnson, Vernell Gumbs,
Brandt Bruney, Elison Etienne,
Glenn Philbert, Clifton Johnson, Iler
Philemond, Georgette Jules,
Carmen Henley, Keith Steele.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Lucius & Antoinette Cherrie - Mar. 8
Manuel & Carmen Saldinas - Mar. 9
Balvin & Shirlin Browne - Mar. 10
Francis & Heneritta John Baptiste - Mar. 13*



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!**

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 8, 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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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor

Reverend Kerly François

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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
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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 8, 2020**

Mon.: Daniel 9:4b - 10; Luke 6:36 - 38
Tue.: Isaiah 1:10, 16 - 20; Matthew 23:1 - 12
Wed.: Jer. 18:18 - 20; Matthew 20:17 - 28
Thur.: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10; Luke 16:19 - 31
Fri.: Genesis 37:3 - 4, 12 - 13a, 17b - 28a;
Matthew 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46
Sat.: Micah 7:14 - 15, 18 - 20;
Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

**NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 17:3 - 7
Roman 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8
John 4:5 - 42

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1 - 4a

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation, and all would be blessed because of him.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b - 10

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1 - 9

Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at his side, He was transfigured before the eyes of His disciples Peter, James, and John. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

If last week’s readings centered on temptation, this week they coalesce around the theme of blessing. The reading from Genesis, though only four verses, uses the word “bless” or “blessing” five times. Next, Paul reminds Timothy of the blessings God bestowed on us through Christ Jesus. Finally, we witness the Transfiguration, a visual manifestation of God’s blessing on Jesus. Let us listen today to God’s promised blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Lloyd Stridiron rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Francis J. Bryan (*deceased*) rb His wife and family.

10:00 AM: Thanksgiving to God for blessings rb Victoria Matthew.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. March 9, 7:00 AM: *St. Francis of Rome*
Birthday blessings for Stephan Wade rb His family.

Tues. March 10, 7:00 AM: *St. Dominic Savio*
Birthday blessings for Candida Lokey rb Her mother.

Wed. March 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Gemma Galgani*
Birthday blessings for Clifton Johnson rb The family.

Thurs. March 12, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Aniela Salawa*
Thomas Desir (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

Fri. March 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Seraphina (Fina)*
Birthday blessings for Tevin Raganan rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

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 *God’s blessings for Patricia Murrel Joseph and grandchildren*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

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. This is the last weekend they will be at the entrance of the church. Please be guided accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES: Please note that blue and red globes are provided for you to place your candles. If the globes are all filled, please refrain from putting your candles on the shelf of our Blessed Mother and the shelf of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

On this the second week of Lent, we are given the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus’ face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable.

Why did this happen? Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And to ponder further, why do we reflect upon this scene in the beginning of Lent?

Simply put, Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It’s a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to reexamine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard. It can be depressing and can tempt us to depression, hopelessness and even despair. But the temptation to despair must be overcome. And it is not overcome by ignoring our sin, rather, it is overcome by turning our eyes to the power and glory of God.

The Transfiguration is an event given to these three Apostles to give them hope as they prepare to face the suffering and death of Jesus. They are given this glimpse of glory and hope as they prepare to see Jesus embrace their sins and endure the consequences.

If we face sin without hope, we are doomed. But if we face sin (our sin) with a remembrance of Who Jesus is and what He has done for us, then facing our sin will lead us not into despair but into victory and glory.

As the Apostles looked on and saw Jesus transfigured, they heard a voice from Heaven say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Mt. 17:5b). The Father spoke this of Jesus, but

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: \$6,403.25

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LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

He also desires to speak it of each one of us. We need to see in the Transfiguration the end and goal of our lives. We need to know, with the deepest conviction, that the Father desires to transform us into the whitest light, lifting all sin, and bestowing upon us the great dignity of being a true son or daughter of Him.

Reflect, today, upon your sin. But do so as you also reflect upon the transfigured and glorious nature of our divine Lord. He came to bestow this gift of holiness on each one of us. This is our calling. This is our dignity. This is who we must become, and the only way to do so is to allow God to cleanse us of every sin in our lives and to draw us into His glorious life of grace.

My transfigured Lord, You shone in radiance before the eyes of Your Apostles so that they could testify to the beauty of the life to which we are all called. During this Lent, help me to face my sin with courage and confidence in You and in Your power to not only forgive but to also transform. May I die to sin more deeply than ever before so as to share more fully in the glory of Your divine life. Jesus, I trust in You.

