

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 |
| LECTORS: Helena Enrique Olga McBean | Lafwa Rolle Nehemie Leneus | Young Vincentian Young Vincentian |
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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, 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 Commitment when you ...

- *Think before you make a promise.
- *Keep every agreement you make.
- *Make decisions confidently.
- *Go the extra mile.
- *Give 100% to everything you do.
- *Are faithful to people you care about.

Affirmation:

I commit to my decisions. I keep my agreements. I give my all. I am a faithful friend.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

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Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O Glorious and blessed Virgin.

By Pope Francis

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Garn & Alison Johnson - Apr. 26



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 26, 2020

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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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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

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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 April 26, 2020

Mon.: Acts 6:18 - 15; John 6:22 - 29
Tue.: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; John 6:30 - 35
Wed.: Acts 8:1b - 8; John 6:35 - 40
Thur.: Acts 8:26 - 40; John 6:44 - 51
Fri.: Gen. 1:26b - 2:3; Matthew 13:54 - 58
Sat.: Acts 9:31 - 42; John 6:60 - 69

NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41
1 Peter 2:20b - 25
John 10:1 - 10



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22 - 33

Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17 - 21

The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13 - 35

Two disciples bound for Emmaus were joined by Jesus, whom they did not recognize. They discussed the death of Jesus and the disappearance of His body from the tomb. Jesus explained to them through the Scriptures the meaning of the events that had taken place. They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel reading we hear today is a familiar one. A pair of disciples encounter the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus. Despite Jesus walking right alongside them for miles, they fail to recognize Him, distracted as they are by the events of the past three days. As we listen to Peter's and Luke's accounts of events that took place shortly after the Resurrection, let us recognize our Lord in His word.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Michael Charles rb His family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Cee-Ann Lafond rb Her mother.

10:00 AM:

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. April 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Gianna Beretta Molla** Phillip Marcellin (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Tues. April 28, 7:00 AM: **St. Peter Chanel**

Wed. April 29, 7:00 AM: **St. Catherine of Siena** Cyrille Joseph (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

Thurs. April 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Pius V** Birthday blessings for Natalie Antoine rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Fri. May 1, 7:00 AM: **St. Joseph the Worker - Feast** Bishop Elliott Thomas (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

BE SAFE! WEAR A MASK! WASH YOUR HANDS!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2020. We need your help to reach our goal. Please support our Catholic schools, the Bethlehem Houses on St. Thomas and St. Croix, our soup kitchens on all three islands and the evangelization efforts which promote the mission of the local Church.

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 streamed on Cathedralvi.com and televised on **CHANNEL 7** on Sunday at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral. Also every weekday morning at 7:00 a.m. mass is televised and streamed from the Cathedral.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning **for God's grace and blessings for Ann Luke, requested Ann Luke**. 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 Marah McCleary-Eugene and family on the passing of her mother, **Panson Freeman** who died on **Sunday, April 5, 2020**. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy Viola Smith and family on the passing of her aunt, **Altagracia Padilla**, who died on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



LITURGY AND WORD

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:31-32 (Year A)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45 (Year B)

These two passages above, from two subsequent appearances of Jesus to the Apostles, produced a unique blessing. In each story, Jesus opened the minds of the Apostles to the Scriptures in a new way. These were ordinary men who were given an extraordinary gift of understanding. It didn't come to them as a result of long study and hard work. Rather, it came to them as a result of their openness to Christ's powerful action in their lives. Jesus unlocked the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to them. As a result, they suddenly understood truths that could never be learned on their own.

So it is with us. The mysteries of God are vast and wide. They are deep and transforming. But so often we fail to understand. We often even fail to want to understand.

Think about those things in your life now, or in your past, that have left you confused. You need a special gift of the Holy Spirit to make sense of them. And you need this gift to make sense of the many good things of God found in the Scriptures also. This is the Gift of Understanding. It's a spiritual gift that unlocks the many mysteries of life for us.

Without the Gift of Understanding, we are left on our own to try to make sense of life. This is especially true when we are faced with hardship and suffering. How is it, for example, that an all-powerful and all-loving God can allow the good and the innocent to suffer? How is it that God can seem absent at times from human tragedy?

The truth is that He is not absent. He is centrally involved in all things. What we need to receive is an understanding of the profound and mysterious ways of God. We need to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds.

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

Allowing Jesus to open our minds takes faith and surrender. It means we believe first and understand later. It means we trust Him even though we do not see. St. Augustine once said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Are you willing to believe without seeing? Are you willing to believe in the goodness and love of God even though life, or a particular situation in life, does not make sense?

Reflect, today, upon the Gift of Understanding. Believing in God means we believe in a person. We believe in Him even though we find ourselves confused about particular circumstances. But this gift of believing, the gift of faith, opens the door to a depth of understanding that we could never arrive at on our own.

Lord, give me the Gift of Understanding. Help me to know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me to especially turn to You in the most troubling moments of life. Jesus, I trust in You.

