

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: Helena Enrique Ruth Smith	Nehemie Leneus Pierre Joseph	Young Vincentian Young Vincentian
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Catherina Alexander Felicinne Marcillin	Michelle Stout

Thank you for serving !!!

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

HOSPITAL:
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, Bishop George Murry.

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 Helpfulness when you ...

- *Notice when someone needs help.
- *Do a service without being asked.
- *Give people what they need, not always what they want.
- *Listen to someone who needs to talk.
- *Care for your own needs.
- *Ask for help when you need it.

Affirmation:

I am helpful. I look for ways to be of service. I care for others and myself. I look for helpful ways to make a difference.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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

Sermya Francis, Frederick Fahie, La'Ron Henry, Midion Fleur Richard, Philip Francis, Lanotte JnLouis, Jose Hernandez, Marie St. Cima, Jose Velazquez, Rolland Gorge, Mary Windel, Leona Marks, Kenneth Sablon, Thomas Johnson, victor Joseph, Phillip Stuart.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Barthelemen & Victoria Jn-Charles - May 25
Roy & Noreen Stout - May 31*



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - May 24, 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

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

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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 May 24, 2020

Mon.: Acts 19:1 - 8; John 16:29 - 33
Tue.: Acts 20:17 - 27; John 17:1 - 11a
Wed.: Acts 20:28 - 38: 1; John 17:17b, 17a
Thur.: Acts 22:30; 23:6 - 11; John 17:20 - 26
Fri.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-1; John 16:20 - 23
Sat.: Acts 25:13b - 21; John 21:15 - 19

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1 - 11

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John 20:19 - 23



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1 - 11

Jesus promises they will soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17 - 23

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16 - 20

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”

Today we hear the familiar account of Jesus ascending to heaven while His disciples looked on. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus send His disciples on their mission. In between we hear St. Paul tell the Ephesians, “May the eyes of your hearts be enlighten,” praying that they may gain perception in their passion for Jesus Christ. Whenever we gather and listen to God’s word, may the eyes of our hearts be enlightened as well.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Mayah Williams rb Allison

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Victor Joseph rb Victor Joseph.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Thomas Johnson rb Ruthine Johnson.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Bede the Venerable**
God’s continued blessing for Francis Callwood rb His wife.

Tues. May 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Philip Neri**
God’s continued blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois.

Wed. May 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Augustine of Canterbury**
Cleopatra Hobson (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. May 28, 7:00 AM: **St. Mariana of Quito**
Emile Stridiron (deceased) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

Fri. May 29, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Eugene de Mazenod**
Deacon Keith and Myrna Scantlebury (deceased)
rb The Scantlebury family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

BISHOP’S APPEAL: Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Bishop’s Appeal 2020! We need more help in order to reach our goal. Please give a brochure to a friend. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts need everyone’s support!

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.” – St. Mother Theresa

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God’s continued blessings for Francis Callwood*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: Fr. Neil thanks all those who gave him gifts, offered prayers for him, called, texted, emailed him congratulation for his 25th anniversary to the priesthood. May God bless you.

CONGRATULATIONS: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacons Cassius Matthurin and Frank Kearney and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend congratulations to all our 2020 graduates. May God continue to bless you. Once again, congratulations and keep up the good work.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed ALL day on **Monday, May 25, 2020**, in observance of Memorial Day. Please be guided accordingly.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available next **Wednesday, May 27, 2020**, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Matthurin, 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** will take place on **Thursday, June 4, 2020**, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



LITURGY AND WORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus completes His mission on Earth and ascends into Heaven to take His seat on His glorious throne for all eternity. Or does He? The answer is yes and no. Yes, He does take His seat on His glorious throne, but no, He does not complete His mission on Earth. The Ascension is both the end and the beginning. It’s a transition to the next phase in the perfect plan of the Father. And understanding the way this plan unfolds should leave us in wonder and awe.

Sure, the Apostles were probably somewhat frightened and confused. Jesus was with them, then He died, then He rose and appeared various times, and then He ascended to the Father before their eyes. But He also told them that it is good that He goes. In fact, He said that it’s better that He goes. They must have been confused. Jesus also told them His Advocate would come to lead them into all Truth. So the Apostles went from joy, to fear, to relief and more joy, to confusion and sorrow, to curiosity and uncertainty.

Sound familiar? Perhaps that’s the way some find their lives to be. Ups and downs, twists and turns, joys and sorrows. Each phase reveals something new, something challenging, something glorious or something sorrowful. The good news is that the Father’s plan is unfolding perfectly.

The part of the perfect plan we find ourselves in with this solemnity is the part where Jesus begins to direct His mission of establishing the Kingdom of God from Heaven. His throne is, in a sense, the driver’s seat of our lives. From Heaven, Jesus suddenly begins to descend continuously into our lives fulfilling His mission in and through the Apostles, as well as all

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: **119**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,047.00

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

of us. The Ascension does not mean Jesus is gone; rather, it means Jesus is now present to each and every person who turns to Him and surrenders their life to His mission. From Heaven, Jesus is able to be present to all. He is able to live in us and invites us to live in Him. It’s the new beginning of the Church. Now all the Apostles need to do is wait for the Holy Spirit to descend.

Reflect, today, upon the abiding and intimate presence of our Lord in your life. Know that Jesus invites you to share in His mission. From His glorious throne He wants us to “preach everywhere.” He wants to invite each one of us to do our part. The part of the Father’s plan entrusted to each one of us is not entrusted to another. We all have a share in that plan. What is your part? How does Jesus direct His mission through you? Ponder this question today and know that He accompanies you as you say “Yes” to your part in the glorious unfolding of His perfect plan.

Lord, I do find that my life is filled with many ups, downs, twists and turns. There are joys and sorrows, moments of confusion and clarity. In all things help me to continually say “Yes” to Your plan. Jesus, I trust in You.

