

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: Olga McBean                      Pierre Joseph                      Young Vincentian  
                    Nehemie Leneus                      Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN:                      **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

*Thank you for sewing !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:** Patricia Joseph.  
**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, Edmond Baptiste, Roserita Laparol, Milue Casimir.

**AT HOME:** Claudy Brutus, Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, 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, Maggie Dolphin, Ophelia Bannis, Lola Warrington, Kathleen Thompson.

**Geri Care Senior Residential Home** - Austin "Babe" Monsanto  
**EBENEZER HOME:** Cleota Hill.



*And all the sick and suffering in our community!*

*Please call the office to add or remove names from this list. Thank you.*

**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 Assertiveness when you ...*

*\*Share your own ideas and feelings.*

*\*Tactfully tell others what you really think.*

*\*Don't allow others to lead you into trouble.*

*\*Avoid being aggressive or passive.*

*\*Ask for what you want and need.*

*\*Expect respect at all times.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am assertive. I freely express my own ideas. I think for myself and do what I feel is right. I am my own leader.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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*If you don't have a secretary, but need one. • If you have a secretary, but need extra help.*

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**HURRICANE PRAYER**

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:**

**O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.**

**FUNERAL MASSES**

**Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church** are held on the designated day at 9:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on Wednesdays and on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

*Joseph Commodore, Joan Alfred, Elric Vanterpool, Sarina McBean, Charles Joseph, Denise Thomas, Verne JonBaptiste, Delvin Hodge, Jerome Vanterpool, K'antae Correa, Mickelle Matthew, Donnalee Isaac, Gregory Scarbriel, Marahgaye Eugene, Sherica Alfred.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Connal & Sonia Alfred - July 30  
St. Hilaire & Mary Antoine - July 31*

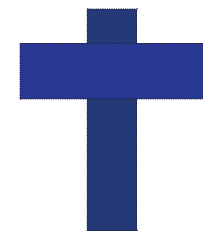


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 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.**

**Administrator**

Reverend Msgr. Jerome Feudjio

**Associate Pastor**

Reverend Kerly François

**Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristans**

Mr. Ryan John  
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

**Musicians**

Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds

**Volunteers**

Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**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  
Friday: Holy Hour 6PM - 7PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

**Readings for the Week of July 26, 2020**

Mon.: Jer. 13:1 - 11; Matthew 13:31 - 35  
Tue.: Jer. 14:17 - 22; Matthew 13:36 - 43  
Wed.: Jer. 15:10, 16 - 21; John 11:19 - 27  
Thur.: Jeremiah 18: 1 - 6; Matthew 13:47 - 53  
Fri.: Jeremiah 26:1 - 9; Matthew 13:54 - 58  
Sat.: Jer. 26:11 - 16, 24; Matthew 14:1 - 12

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel**

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**Masses:**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)  
and  
Every **LAST Thursday**  
at 5:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:1 - 3  
Romans 8:35, 37 - 39  
Matthew 14:13 - 21

**Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com**

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7 - 12

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:28 - 30

All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ's love.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44 - 52

Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old. Today we encounter a number of people whom fortune smiles upon. Solomon, heir to David's throne, is visited by God, who promises him whatever he wishes. In the Gospel, a random person discovers buried treasure and a merchant searching for fine pearls finds a pearl of great price. How do these people respond? How would we respond? Let us listen to God's word and contemplate our true fortune, our true treasure.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** Eugene Forde and his deceased children rb The Forde and Giff families.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** God's guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

    Birthday blessings for Agnes and Satish Louis.

**10:00 AM:** Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. July 27, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Titus Brandsma**  
    Birthday blessings for Felix Renal rb Marie Renal.

Tues. July 28, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Mary Magdalen Martinengo**  
    Erea Frett Christopher (*deceased*) rb GB Caines and family.

Wed. July 29, 7:00 AM: **St. Martha**  
    Renée Doute (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. July 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Peter Chrysologus**  
    Birthday blessing for Joseph Commodore rb His wife.

Fri. July 31, 7:00 AM: **St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
    Urlic Charles (*deceased*) rb His family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings and God's protection for Felix Renal, requested by Marie Renal.* 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.

**DEATH OF DEACON NORBERT XAVIER:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Deacon Norbert Xavier*, who passed away on **Thursday, July 16, 2020.** Deacon Xavier served at St. Ann's Church, Kingshill, St. Croix. The funeral mass will take place on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020** at St. Ann's Church at 10:00 a.m. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** This **Tuesday, July 28, 2020**, there will be a meeting with the First Communion students along with their parents or guardians at 5:30 p.m., to prepare for the reception of First Communion. On **Friday July 31, 2020**, parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Holy Hour Adoration from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions for the children will be on **Saturday, August 1, 2020**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed with final rehearsal after confessions. On **Sunday, August 2, 2020**, First Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children and guardians should be in Church by 9:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS AT ALL TIMES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS STILL IN EFFECT.**

**ADORATION:** There is adoration on **Fridays, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

**MASS CHANGES:** Beginning **August 3, 2020**, there will be **NO MONDAY weekday masses** at Holy Family church. Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.** However, on **Wednesdays, Holy Hour (1hour) with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 7:00 a.m. mass.** On **Fridays** mass will be celebrated at **5:00 p.m.** followed with **Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** Please be guided accordingly.

**CASSI HILL:** In lieu of our annual Cassi Hill procession and in observance of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Sunday, August 16, 2020**, devotion will take place after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly. Our Lady of Cassi Hill, pray for us.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please be informed that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on **Sunday, September 13, 2020.** In the meantime, put your trust in the Lord and step out in faith to take your children to Mass and continue your instructions at home. Thank you and God bless!

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** In compliance with the Government's guidelines and the Department of Health, we must emphasize that funeral services here at Holy Family are for registered active parishioners only and their immediate family. We would, however, assist any family with the burial at the cemetery. Please be guided accordingly and thank you for your understanding.

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is committed to protecting children from all harm. If you have knowledge of any member of the clergy or other church worker who may have abused a minor, please contact the diocesan child protection coordinator, **Callista Julien** at 340-772-4214.

### LITURGY AND WORD

**Meditation:** What do you treasure the most and how do you keep it from being lost or stolen? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Matthew 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17) as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

Obtaining the greatest possible treasure The pearl of great price also tells us a similar lesson. Pearls in the ancient world came to represent the supremely valuable. Jesus remarked that one should not cast pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6). Why would a merchant sell everything for a peerless pearl? No doubt because he was attracted to what he thought was the greatest treasure he could possess. Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across hidden treasure or finding the one pearl of great price.

When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things - our friends, job, our "style of life," what we do with our free time. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek for. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty (Job 22:22-23). Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart?

#### **God draws us into his kingdom**

What can a story of a dragnet and a great catch of fish tell us about God's kingdom? The two most common ways of fishing in Jesus' time was with a casting-net (or hand-net) which was thrown from the shore and the drag-net or trawl which was let down or cast into the waters from a boat. As the boat moved through the waters the drag-net was drawn into the shape of a great cone which indiscriminately took in all kinds of fish and flotsam and jetsam swept in its path. It usually took several men to haul such a net to shore.

What is Jesus' point here? Just as a drag-net catches every kind of fish in the sea, so the church acts as God's instrument for gathering in all who will come. Just as the drag-net does not or cannot discriminate, so the church does not discriminate between the

### 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: **186**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,339.00**

**Thank you for your weekly contribution. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you for your generosity.**

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

good and the bad, the useless and the useful. God's kingdom is open to all who will accept and believe. But there will come a time of separation, at the close of the age, when the angels will send the good and the bad to their respective destinations. Our task is to gather in all who will come. God, in the end, will give the good (those who accept and follow Christ) and the bad (those who refuse Christ) the reward they deserve. God offers the treasure of his kingdom to all who believe in Christ. Do you hunger for God and for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy?

#### **Training for God's kingdom**

When Jesus had finished speaking about his parables, he turned to his disciples and asked them, "Have you understood all this?" (Matthew 13:52). Jesus asks us the same question. If we want to understand the meaning and significance of the parables for our daily lives, then we must reflect and think through what the Lord is saying to us through his instruction. The Holy Spirit is our guide and teacher who helps us to grow in understanding of God's word in the Scriptures.

#### **Importance of reading and studying God's word**

What is the point of Jesus' parable about a "scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 13:52)? Scribes were specially devoted to the study and practice of God's word entrusted to Moses (the first five books of the Bible) and in instructing others in how to live according to it. In the Old Testament Ezra was called "the ready scribe of the law of the God of heaven" (Book of Ezra 7:6,21). He received this title because he "had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:10). Ezra's heart was set on the kingdom of heaven because he revered God's word and he taught others through example and instruction to love and obey God's word.