

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

5:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Alma Cills Wells Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Olga McBean Lafwa Rolle Suzanne Adrien
Allison Callwood Yvonne Freeman
EUCH MIN: SOCIAL DISTANCING

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, Claudy Brutus, Ruthine & Thomas Johnson, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Edmond Baptiste.

AT HOME: 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, Roserita Laparol, Maggie Dolphin, Ophelia Bannis, Lola Warrington.

Geri Care Senior Residential Home - Austin "Babe" Monsanto
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 Flexibility when you ...

**Learn from your mistakes.*

**Are willing to change bad habits.*

**Try imaginative new ways to do things.*

**Are open to the ideas and feelings of others.*

**Can adjust when something unexpected happens.*

**Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected.*

Affirmation:

I am flexible. I keep changing for the better. I use my creativity. I welcome surprises.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS



OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Alma's
SECRETARIAL SERVICE
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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

Helen Bruney, Alma Wells, Urelca Jn Baptiste, Lydia Martin, Rebecca Ochs, Claudia Samuel, Kimberly Hunt, Velma Henry, Juanita Paul, Nyim Haynes, Felicia Felix, Keshia Hyacinth, Jahmar Quandt, Carim Burton, Michaela Phelan, Shauna Bellevue, Evamarie Rogers, Zane Denis.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Vendel & Olivia Williams - July 7
Edmond & Jeanne Baptiste - July 8*



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 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

Administrative Assistant
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

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

(340) 774-3166

Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel

4B-B Estate Bovoni
St. Thomas VI 00802

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 July 5, 2020

Mon.: Hosea 2:16, 17c - 18, 21 - 22; Matthew 9:18 - 26

Tue.: Hosea 8:4 - 7, 11 - 13; Matt. 9:32 - 38

Wed.: Hosea 10:1 - 3, 7 - 8, 12; Matthew 10:1 - 7

Thur.: Hosea 11:1 - 4, 8e - 9; Matt. 10:7 - 15

Fri.: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Matthew 10:16 - 23

Sat.: Isaiah 6:1 - 8; Matthew 10:24 - 33

NEXT SUNDAY: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10 - 11

Romans 8:18 - 23

Matthew 13:1 - 23

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9 - 10

The prophet foretold the coming of the savior and king who would proclaim peace to all the nations of the earth.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11 - 13

Paul wrote that the Spirit of God lives in all who are Christ's. They should live not according to the flesh but in God's Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25 - 30

Jesus invited the people, saying "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
The demands of discipleship are great, but with God's grace they do not become burdensome. After all, our role model, Jesus Christ, is Himself meek and humble of heart. Zechariah prophesies that he will come not on a warhorse with force and weapons, but on a beast of burden, offering peace and justice. Paul assures us that God's Spirit dwells in us. Therefore, we can sing in the psalm, "I will praise your name for ever." God will lighten our burden.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Loraine Giffit Vialet and Milton Giffit rb The Giffit family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Anthony Renal rb Marie Renal.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Everton Rene rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Maria Goretti**
Birthday blessings for Alma Cills Wells rb Allison.

Tues. July 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Roger Dickenson**
Ronny Johnson (*deceased*) and other deceased family of
Meredith Johnson rb Meredith Johnson.

Wed. July 8, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**
Deacon Roy Bruney (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. July 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Augustine Zhao Rong**
Birthday blessings for Urelca JnBaptiste rb Urelca JnBaptiste.

Fri. July 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Veronica Giuliani**
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Zane Denis, requested by his mother.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

FROM MSGR. JEROME FEUDJIO, VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS: The Most Reverend Bishop Herbert A. Bevard has assigned Fr. Neil Scantlebury as the Pastor of Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Barrenspot, Saint Croix. Father Neil has already reported to his new duties.

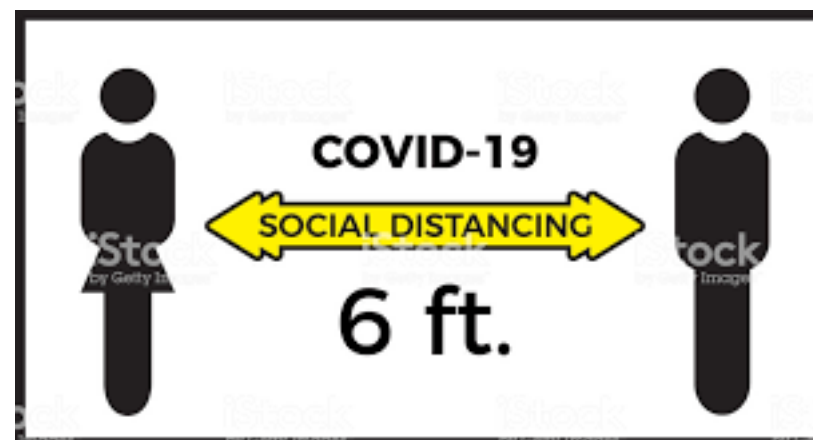
His Excellency has requested that I, Msgr. Jerome Feudjio, serve as the Administrator of the Parish during the transition, until the appointment of a new Pastor to Holy Family Catholic Church. Thus, I have accepted to carry out the additional responsibility to serve the people of this vibrant community.

I look forward to working with all the parishioners to continue the mission that Fr. Neil has devotedly carried out for the last 12 years. May our Good Lord grant us the wisdom and the graces needed to bring this task to fruition.

I wish everyone God's choicest blessings.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Please be informed that the Sacrament of First Communion will be on **Sunday, August 2, 2020** and **Sunday, September 13, 2020** for the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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!



LET US ALL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

LITURGY AND WORD

Meditation: Do you want to know the mind and heart of God? Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his followers the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about our relationship with him? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of the earth as well as heaven. He is both the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything. His authority, wisdom, and gracious care extends to every living thing, and his boundless love and goodness is directed to the welfare of each person made in his image and likeness. He is the source of all human life. That is why all fatherhood and motherhood are ultimately derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Pride - the root of sin

Jesus' prayer contrasts the "wisdom of the world" with the wisdom which comes from above - from the Father of heaven who is all wise and good. Jesus' prayer contains an implicit warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. What makes us ignorant and blind to the wisdom of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of will shut out God and his wise rule and fatherly care for our personal lives. Pride is the root of all vice and evil and the strongest influence propelling us to sin against God and to do wrong to our neighbor. Sinful pride first vanquishes the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. What is pride's flaw? It is the inordinate love of oneself at the expense of others and the exaggerated estimation of one's own knowledge, power, importance and position over others.

Simplicity and lowliness of heart

Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "little children" in the sense that they see purely and simply without any pretense or falsehood. They instinctively recognize their utter dependence and reliance on others - especially those who can teach and form them to live strong, healthy, mature lives. No one can grow in wisdom and maturity unless they are willing to be taught and formed in how to live wisely and to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood.

Simplicity of heart is closely linked with humility - the queen of virtues that forgets oneself in order to love and serve others for their sake. The humble of heart are the freest of all - emptied of vanity and self-concern they can single-mindedly focus on the welfare of others. The Lord Jesus is our model. He proclaimed to his disciples, "I am gentle and lowly of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus' "gentleness" is not weakness or powerlessness. It is "strength under control" which is at the service of good rather than evil.

Jesus humbled himself to lift us out of our misery and slavery to sin in order to raise us up to glory with him and the Father. Jesus came not to bruise the weak but to heal, to pardon and not to condemn, to restore us to abundant life by defeating sin, Satan, and death. It was love for his eternal Father and for each one of us that motivated Jesus to humble himself to death on the cross in order to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. The Lord Jesus shows us the true path of love and victory, freedom and joy, through the cross that defeated pride and hatred, greed and selfishness, guilt and condemnation.

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: **224**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,214.00

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

True humility - which is the opposite of false modesty or feeling bad about oneself - frees us to pursue what is good, right, holy, and true. Scripture tells us that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6). Only the humble in heart can receive the wisdom which comes from God and the understanding of God's perfect goodness and plan for our lives. Do you acknowledge your utter dependence on God and do you trust him with your whole heart, mind, and being?

Knowing God personally

Jesus makes a claim which no one would have dared to make - he is the perfect revelation of God because he has been with the Father before all creation and time existed. He and the Father are united in an inseparable bond of love and unity. That is why Jesus alone can truly reveal the fullness of God's mind and heart and purpose for our lives.

One of the greatest truths of God's revelation and our Christian faith is that we can know the one true and living God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing some things about God and his true nature - we can know God our Father and Creator personally because God our Father desires to be closely united with each one of us in a bond of love through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus makes it possible for each one of us to have a personal direct relationship and experiential knowledge of God as our loving and gracious Father.

Through Jesus we have access to God the Father

To see the Lord Jesus is to recognize and know the true nature of God and his personal love for us. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over every man and woman whom he has created in his image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). God the Father loved us even while we were lost in ignorance and blinded by sin and pride. He sent us his Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely gave up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (John 3:16, 1 John 2:2, 1 John 1:7). Paul the Apostle tells us that Jesus is the image of God (Colossians 1:15). He is the perfect revelation of God - a God who loves us totally, unconditionally, and without reservation. What can separate us from the love of God? Only our own stubborn pride, willfulness, and rebellious attitude towards God and his will for our lives.