

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

**LECTORS:** Candace Bryan                      Pierre Joseph Lafwa Rolle                      Felicita Richards Carmen White

**EUCH MIN:**                      **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

*Thank you for serving !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:** No One  
**OFF ISLAND:** Bertina Lestrade, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Thomas Johnson, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Edmond Baptiste, Milue Casimir.

**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, Maggie Dolphin, Ophelia Bannis, Lola Warrington, Kathleen Thompson, John George, Roserita Laparol, Irene Morris.

**Ger 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 Compassion when you ...*

*\*Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend.*

*\*Imagine how they must be feeling.*

*\*Take time to show that you care.*

*\*Ask how they are and listen patiently.*

*\*Forgive others when they make a mistake*

*\*Are helpful to a person or animal in need.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have compassion.  
I notice when  
someone is hurt  
or needs my help.  
I take the time to  
show that I care.*

**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 SERVICES**

**Funeral Services 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 weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

*Josefina Donastorg, Francis John Baptiste, Edmond Baptiste, Cecile Stuart, Katherine Bartley, Urdley Smith, Susie Franz, Yvonne Freeman, Pierre Bedminster, Hazel Titre, Scott Grell, Chad Frederick, Genio Etienne, Otto Etienne, Stephanie Hodge, Khito Brown, Rodney Badeau, Kenan Ottley, Eva St. Helen, Kim Smith, Michael Jackson, Cadim Sabin, Caroline Phelan, Gersha Eusebe, Terrence George, Angella Rangel.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Thomas & Veronica Casimir - Sept. 19*

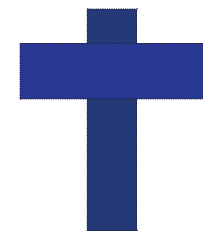


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 13, 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. Evans Doway  
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

**Maintenance**

Mr. Russell Tonge

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel**

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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](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM Creole Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM  
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass, followed by Adoration after the mass for one hour.  
Friday: Mass 5:00 PM  
Holy Hour - 6PM - 7PM

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

**Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020**

Mon.: Num. 21:4b - 9; Phil. 2:6 - 11; John 3:13 - 17  
Tue.: Hebrews 5:7 - 9; John 19:25 - 27  
Wed.: 1 Cor. 12:31 - 13:13; Luke 7:31 - 35  
Thur.: 1 Cor. 15:1 - 11; Luke 7:36 - 50  
Fri.: 1 Cor. 15:12 - 20; Luke 8:1 - 3  
Sat.: 1 Corinthians 15:35 - 37, 42 - 49; Luke 8:4 - 15

**NEXT SUNDAY: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:6 - 9  
Philippians 1:20c - 24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1 - 16a

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7**

Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of others.

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:7 - 9**

We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21 - 35**

In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials: Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him. "How often must I forgive?" Peter asks Jesus, "As many as seven times?" Jesus shocks Peter with His response, but explains it by telling him a parable that dramatically illustrates the importance of forgiveness. Sirach too teaches us a lesson contrasting vengeance and forgiveness. "We are the Lord's" Paul reminds us, so as we listen to today's readings let us hear what the Lord is calling us to do.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** God's healing and deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** God's blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Cleopha Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

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

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Sept. 15, 7:00 AM: **Our Lady of Sorrows**  
God's guidance and protection for Francesca Alcendor.

Wed. Sept. 16, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**  
Fr. Raymond Karier (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Sept. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Robert Bellarmine**  
Lorna Grieg (*deceased*) rb Her children and grandchildren.

Fri. Sept. 18, 5:00 PM: **St. Joseph of Cupertino**  
Birthday blessings for Yvonne Freeman rb Yvonne Freeman.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS AT ALL TIMES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS STILL IN EFFECT.**

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

**PLEASE PRAY:** Parishioners are kindly asked to please keep Bishop Herbert Bevard in prayers and may God grant him the graces for a full recovery, the peace of His presence and the comfort of His love. Amen.  
All personal cards of get well wishes and prayers to Bishop Bevard can be sent to the following address:

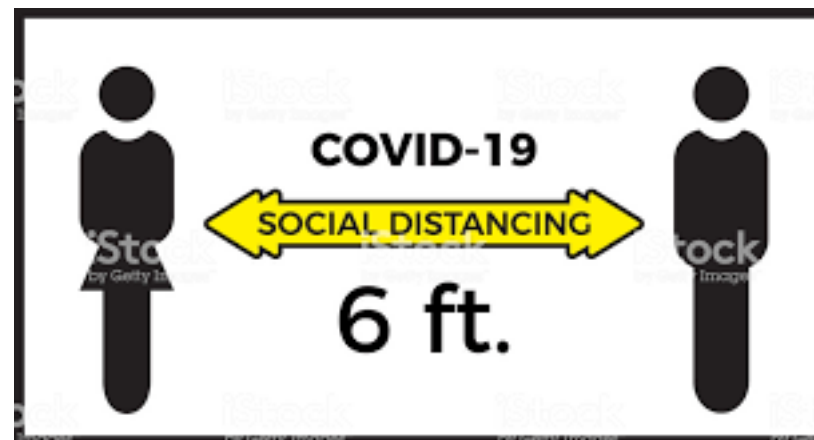
The Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard  
1801 Grace Street  
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Please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) Thank you!

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES:** Please be reminded 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 and understanding.

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** To continue to adhere to the guidelines issued by the CDC and the Department of Health, and with that in mind, we must emphasize that our Funeral Services are for Registered Active parishioners only and is limited to **fifty (50)** persons. We would, however, assist any family with the burial at the cemetery. Please be guided accordingly.

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** We are seeking young interested volunteers to join the Media Ministry please contact Mr. Francis Callwood at 340-998-6403.



### 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:** Does mercy overlook justice? Justice demands that everyone be given their due. So when is it right to show mercy and pardon to those who have acted unjustly or wrongly? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that.

**No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon**  
Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money - millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province - more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however, bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

#### **Jesus paid our ransom to set us free from the debt of sin**

No offense our neighbor can do to us can compare with our own personal debt to God for offending him! We have been forgiven an enormous debt we could not repay on our own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely and willingly gave up his life for our sake to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Paul the Apostle states, "you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and that price was Jesus' death on the cross. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross, Jesus not only brought forgiveness and pardon for our offenses, but release from our captivity to Satan and bondage to sin.

#### **Set free from futile thinking and sinful living**

The Lord Jesus sets us free from a futile mind and way of living in sin and spiritual darkness. "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers ...with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18). Christ "gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). Iniquity describes the futile ways of wrong thinking, sinful attitudes and wrong behavior, and disregarding or treating God's commandments lightly. We have been forgiven an enormous debt which we could never possibly repay. We owe God a debt of gratitude for the mercy and grace he has given us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

### 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: **55**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$1,543.00**

**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

#### **Forgiving others is a sacred duty**

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13).

#### **Mercy seasons justice and perfects it**

Mercy is the flip-side of God's justice. Without mercy justice is cold, calculating, and even cruel. Mercyseasons justice assalt seasons meat and gives it flavor. Mercy follows justice and perfects it. Justice demands that the wrong be addressed. To show mercy without addressing the wrong and to pardon the unrepentant is not true mercy but license. C.S. Lewis, a 20th century Christian author wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety." If we want mercy shown to us we must be ready to forgive others from the heart as God has forgiven us. Do you hold any grudge or resentment towards anyone? Ask the Lord to purify your heart that you may show mercy and loving-kindness to all - and especially to those who cause you grief and ill-will.

**"Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused me injury or grief."**