

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: Ruth Smith                      Lafwa Rolle                      Suzanne Adrien

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, Mercedes Hodge.

**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 Gentleness when you ...*

*\*Make it safe for animals and people to be around you.*

*\*Touch carefully.*

*\*Speak with a soft voice.*

*\*Take time out when you don't feel gentle.*

*\*Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentleness. I show care for people and for everything that I touch.*

**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 Service. 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**

*Jean Dragin, Randolph Laudat, Marguerite Rene, Primrose Baron, Kathleen John, Karyn John, Miguel Rivera, Naria Johnson, Kevin Quetel, Mellissa Rangel, Ella Willie, Catherine Phelan, Makayla Rene.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Victor & Josette Baly - Sept. 22  
Davion & Christine Smith - Sept 22*

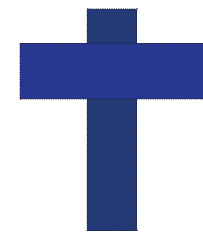


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
**Welcomes You!**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 20, 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 20, 2020**

Mon.: Eph. 4:1 - 7, 11 - 13; Matthew 9:9 - 13

Tue.: Prov. 21:1 - 6, 10 - 13; Luke 8:19 - 21

Wed.: Proverbs 30:5 - 9; Luke 9:1 - 6

Thur.: Ecclesiastes 1:2 - 11; Luke 9:7 - 9

Fri.: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 11; Luke 9:18 - 22

Sat.: Ecclesiastes 11:9 - 12:8; Luke 9:43b - 45

**NEXT SUNDAY: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25 - 28

Philippians 2:1 - 11

Matthew 21:28 - 32



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6 - 9

Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near ... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20c - 24, 27a

Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain ... I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1 - 16a

Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Jesus added, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." Today we hear the parable of the landowner who hires workers for his vineyard throughout the day, some at sunrise, come just before evening. We are those workers. We are called to follow Christ into the fields and make disciples of all nations. We may have been called at an early age, in middle age, or when we are old. But as Christians we are all called to this mission. To use the words of Paul and Isaiah, may we magnify Christ in our bodies as we call upon the Lord in our midst.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Marva Williams rb Her family.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Barbara Burton and Rayvon Myrphy rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Tyrique Stuart and Makayla Rene rb The Rene family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Sept. 22, 7:00 AM: *St. Thomas of Villanova*  
Anthony Alcendor (*deceased*) & Lennox Timothy (*deceased*)  
rb Francesca Alcendor.

Wed. Sept. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*  
Anniversary blessings for Victor and Josette Baly rb The family.

Thurs. Sept. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Thecla*  
Birthday blessings for Tajil Baptiste rb St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Fri. Sept. 25 5:00 PM: *St. Sergius*  
Anna Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson & Stridiron families.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEARAMASK #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 God's guidance and protection for Marie Renal, requested by Marie Renal.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Deacon Andrew Paul Lesko was ordained to the priesthood on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, in Washington, DC by The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Metropolitan and Archbishop of Washington, DC. We pray God's continued blessings on him. Once again, congratulations.

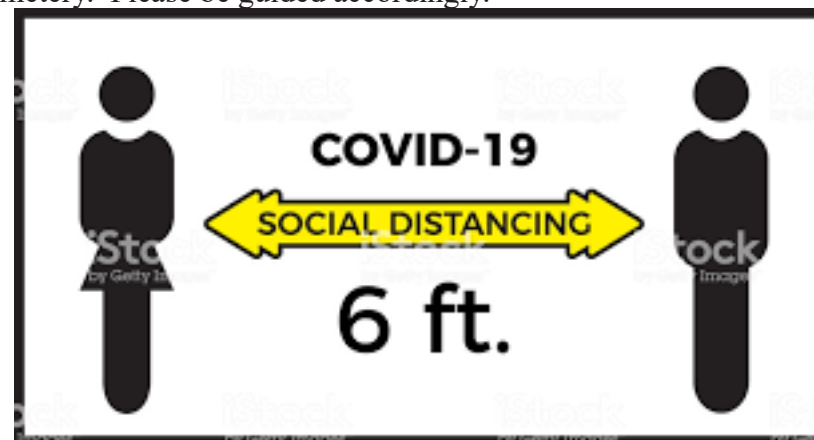
**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

#### ON LINE GIVING OR DONATION: Easy, Secure Giving

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings automated? Holy Family Church makes donating seamless by allowing your gifts to be made electronically from your bank account, debit or credit card. Please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) Thank you!

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to Verne Callwood and family on the passing of his brother **Horace Callwood, Sr.**, who died on **Friday, September 11, 2020**. The funeral service for the late **Horace Callwood, Sr.** will take place on **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**, at Holy Family church at 9:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service at 8:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Social distancing and the wearing of masks **must** be observed.

**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.



### 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 can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

#### God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a lifetime for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well.

#### Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbor as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbor for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.

### 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: **125**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,571.00**

*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

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give."*

