

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                      Noreen Joseph                      Myrna Van Beverhoudt

**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 Self-Discipline when you ...*

*\*Use detachment so your emotions won't control you.*

*\*Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry.*

*\*Create routines that bring peace and order to your day.*

*\*Practice moderation.*

*\*Do what is expected without anyone watching over you.*

*\*Do things on time.*

**Affirmation:**

***I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.***

**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 SERVICE**

**Funeral Service 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**

*Mercedes Hodge, Catherina Alexander, Jane Ann Casey, Michelle Stout, Carla Batiste, Ives Jean-Louis, Kelvin Smith, Twanna Lloyd, Leslie Mann, Lee McLoyd Walcott, Jr., Stacey Clarke, Tadisha Cuffy, Chenelo Pickering, Ade Warrington, Giovanni Bellevue, Jaleel Rivera, Kaleel Rivera, Donnalyn Joseph, Mekhi Clement, Chaz Eugene.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Peter & Julie Najawicz - Oct. 9*

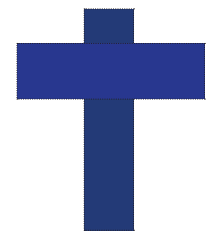


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 4, 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***

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**

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 October 4, 2020***

Mon.: Galatians 1:6 - 12; Luke 10:25 - 37

Tue.: Galatians 1:13 - 24; Luke 10:38 - 42

Wed.: Gal. 2:1 - 2, 7 - 14; Luke 11:1 - 4

Thur.: Galatians 3:1 - 5; Luke 11:5 - 13

Fri.: Galatians 3:7 - 14; Luke 11:15 - 26

Sat.: Galatians 3:22 - 29; Luke 11:27 - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20

Matthew 22:1 - 14



## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1 - 7

Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6 - 9

Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition ... the God of peace will be with you." With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33 - 43

Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

The selections from both Isaiah and Matthew feature vineyards in poor shape. In Isaiah's case, the vineyard is prepared diligently, but ends up being overrun by wild grapes. In Matthew, Jesus tells a parable whose landowner's representatives. Who then will produce good fruit for the kingdom? Paul encourages the Philippians to do some by continuing to do what they have learned from him. Let us learn from scripture how we can produce good fruit.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Bezzo Abraham (*deceased*) rb Her daughter, Valda Alexander.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Ade Warrington  
rb The Warrington family.

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

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Oct. 6, 7:00 AM: *St. Bruno*  
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Oct. 7, 7:00 AM: *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Birthday blessings for Mercedes Hodge rb The Gifft family.

Thurs. Oct. 8, 7:00 AM: *St. Simeon*  
Birthday blessings for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivera rb The family.

Fri. Oct. 9, 5:00 PM: *St. Denis and Companions*  
Anna Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

#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 Jaleel and Kaleel Rivera*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**THANK YOU:** Msgr. Jerome would like to thank all those who called, prayed, texted, gave gifts or wished him happy anniversary and happy birthday. May God reward you abundantly. Once again thank you.

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

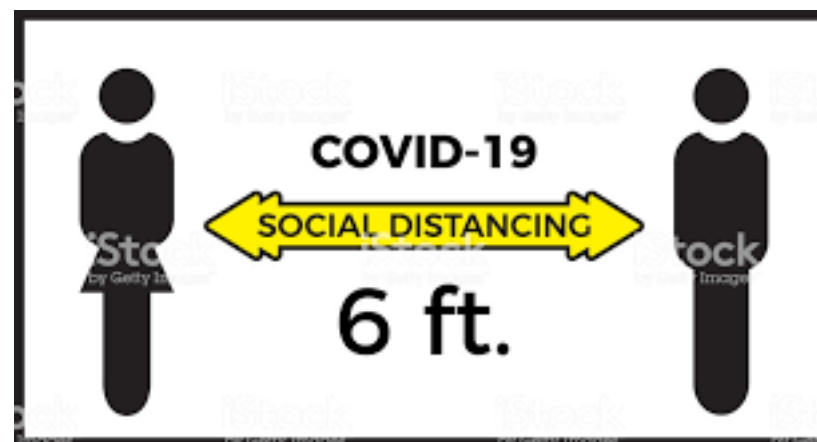
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Please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) Thank you!

**CONFIRMATION:** Please be informed that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on **Sunday, October 18, 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:** 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 are 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:** What is the message of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent.

#### The Lord's vineyard in the house of his people

Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

#### Gift of the kingdom

Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts his gifts and grace (unmerited favor and blessing) to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Corinthians 15:58).

### 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: **175**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,642.00**

*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

We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?

"Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

*O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century) "*

God Never  
Sends You Into  
A Situation Alone.  
God Goes Before You.  
He Stands Beside You.  
He Walks Behind You.  
Whatever Situation  
You Have Right Now,  
Be Confident, God Is  
With You! Amen