

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                      Hilda Celestine                      Dr. A Thomas

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.

**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 Reliability when you ...*

*\*Make promises you can keep.*

*\*Really care about doing what you promise.*

*\*Return things you borrow.*

*\*Plan ahead.*

*\*Do your best and finish on time.*

*\*Find another way if obstacles occur.*

**Affirmation:**

***I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best.***

**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**

*Sparrow Adrien, Rita Brady Bermudez, Gene Aubain, Merle Vanterpool, Evaline Jno-Lewis, Alicia George, Allison Callwood, Jacqueline Alexander, Sylvana St. Paul, Patrick Maynes, Aalee Hodge, Donnia Attidore Meyers, Monique Harry, Leon Casey, Jr., Jessica Dazel, John Richards, Tamra Thomas, Kiana Baron, Malik Feracho, Reynaldo Clyne.*

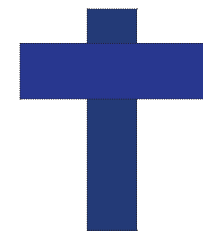


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 11, 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

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Mr. Ryan John  
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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Mr. Francis Callwood  
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Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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Mr. Russell Tonge

**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.

**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 October 11, 2020**

Mon.: Gal. 4:22 - 24, 26 - 27, 31 - 5:1; Luke 11:29 - 32  
Tue.: Galatians 5:1 - 6; Luke 11:37 - 41  
Wed.: Galatians 5:18 - 25; Luke 11:42 - 46  
Thur.: Ephesians 1:1 - 10; Luke 11:47 - 54  
Fri.: Ephesians 1:11 - 14; Luke 12:1 - 7  
Sat.: Ephesians 1:15 - 23; Luke 12:8 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5b  
Matthew 22:15 - 21

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

Isaiah prophesied, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide ... a feast of rich food and choice wines ... The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face ... The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20

Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry." When people share each other's hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1 - 14

Jesus likened God's reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God's reign, "many are invited, but few are chosen."

Last week we heard about vineyards and those who work them. Today the readings speak of feasts and those who are invited. Good news! Everyone is invited to these feasts, as which, to use St. Paul's words, "God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." As we listen to today's readings, let us bring to mind all that God has provided for us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Claudy Brutus, Sr. (*deceased*) rb His family.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Allison Callwood rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Ade Warrington rb His grandmother, Lola Warrington.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Oct. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Edward*  
Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Oct. 14, 7:00 AM: *St. Callistus I*  
God's blessings for Holy Family volunteers and their families.

Thurs. Oct. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Teresa of Jesus*  
God's deliverance for Cesley Anselm rb His mother, Isaline Anselm.

Fri. Oct. 16, 5:00 PM: *St. Hedwig*  
God's protection for Shane, Brendon, Danny, Trevor and Every rb Shane James.

#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 birthday blessings for Ruselle Henry*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020, in observation of Columbus Day. Please be guided accordingly.

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

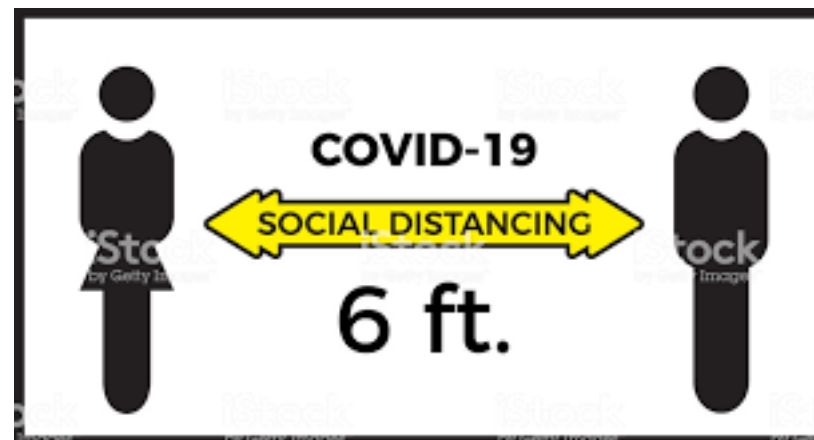
Would you find it helpful to have your offerings automated? Holy Family Church makes donating seamless by allowing your gifts to be made electronically from your bank account, debit or credit card.

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

**CONFIRMATION:** Please be informed that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred next Sunday, October 18, 2020, during the 10:00 a.m. mass here at Holy Family Church. Please be guided accordingly.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to Bernice Boynes and family on the passing of her brother *Danet Mahoney*, who died on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The funeral service for the late *Danet Mahoney*, will take place on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at Holy Family church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service at 9:00 a.m. Burial will take place at the Western Cemetery 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 are 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 a royal wedding party tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images used in the Scriptures to depict what heaven is like is the wedding celebration and royal feast given by the King for his newly-wed son and bride. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all - not simply as bystanders or guests - but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb - the Lord Jesus who offered his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and who now reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! (Revelations 22:17). The Lord Jesus invites us to be united with himself in his heavenly kingdom of peace and righteousness.

#### **Whose interests come first - God's or mine?**

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior.

#### **An invitation we cannot refuse!**

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily.

### 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: **154**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,251.00**

*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

God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility.

#### **Cheap grace or costly grace?**

Dieterich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and theologian in Germany who died for his faith under Hitler's Nazi rule, contrasted "cheap grace" and "costly grace." "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves... the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance... grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

*"Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."*

Keep praying. Don't quit.  
Miracles happen every day. So never stop believing.  
GOD can change things very quickly in your life.