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 Confirmation Students

EUCH MIN: SOCIAL DISTANCING







Affirmation:

I give my best to

the work I do. I

set noble goals. I

choose excellence

give my best to others. I dare to

in all things.

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 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 Excellence when you ...

*Give your best to whatever you do.

*Give your best to relationships.

*Set noble and realistic goals.

*Remember to plan and practice.

*Don't try to do everything.

*Develop your special gifts.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS





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 ou, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not lové 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 different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Service. Please keep our 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 cooper

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Curtis & Gemma Felix - Oct. 23



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

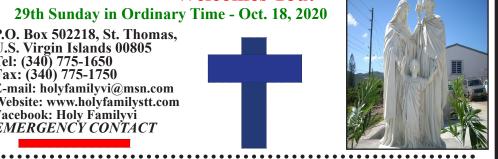
Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 18, 2020

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Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)

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 18, 2020

Mon.: Ephesians 2:1 - 10; Luke 12:13 - 21

Tue.: Ephesians 2:12 - 22; Luke 12:35 - 38

Wed.: Ephesians 3:2 - 12; Luke 12:39 - 48

Thur.: Ephesians 3:14 - 21; Luke 12:49 - 53

Fri.: Ephesians 4:1 - 6; Luke 12:54 - 59

Sat.: Ephesians 4:7 - 16; Luke 13:1 - 9

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20 -26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c - 10

Matthew 22:34 - 40

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY! FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6

The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no God besides the •Lord God of Israel.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5b

The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15 - 21

When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about •the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Two famous rulers dominate the readings today: Cyrus the Great and Tiberius Caesar. In the first reading we hear Isaiah extol Cyrus as God's anointed. *Cyrus was not even Jewish, but he liberated the Jewish people when he conquered Babylon so Isaiah considered him sent by God. În the Gospel, Jesus distinguishes God's role from Caesar's when asked by the Pharisees about paying taxes. As we listen to the work of God, let us think of what belongs to God in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Blessings and protection for Cleopha Rawlings and family rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Anne Luke (*deceased*) rb Her sister, Ann Luke.

10:00 AM: In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lasalette rb Lola Warrington.

5:00 PM: Rudner Francois (*deceased*). May he rest in peace.

Daily Masses:

Tues. Oct. 20, 7:00 AM: St. Paul of the Cross

God's help and deliverance for Trevor James rb His family.

Wed. Oct. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Hilarion

God's deliverance and justice for Shane.

Thurs. Oct. 22, 7:00 AM: *St. John Paul, II*

Blaize and Maria Alcendor (deceased) rb Francesca Alcendor.

Fri. Oct. 23, 5:00 PM: St. John of Capistrano

God's healing and deliverance for Ca'Maya and Ca'Mara James

rb Their father.

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 blessings for Godfrey Renal. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

LECTORS'SCHEDULE: Lectors are kindly asked to please pick up your quarterly schedule from its usual place. Thank you for your ministry and may God continue to bless you. Once again, thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers are in loving memory of *Karlene Brooks, deceased.* May she rest in eternal peace. Amen. The altar flowers were paid for by Dr. Gloria Callwood. Thank you for beautifying our

CONFIRMATION: Please be informed that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this Sunday, October 18, 2020, during the 10:00 a.m. mass here at Holy Family Church. Congratulations to Jadine Davis, Chirle Plaisimond, Chirlen Plaismond and Pierre Joseph, may God continue to guide and bless you and your family. Amen.

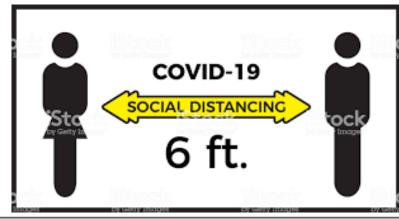
SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to Rev. Kerly François and family on the passing of his brother *Rudner Francois*, who died on *Monday, October 12*, 2020, in Haiti. The funeral service for the late Rudner François, will take place on *Thursday, October 22, 2020*, in Haiti at 9:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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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 do we owe God and our neighbor? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

Coins inscribe the owner's name and authority on them

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and nscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

We have been "stamped" with God's image and likeness This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ...male and female he created them, (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you ive to God what rightfully belongs

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: 187

Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,277.26

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

to him?

"Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave vourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in *love.* (prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109 AD)

> We all have days where we feel we can't survive. Sometimes dreams are shattered. Friendships may fall apart. Loved ones may hurt us. Finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. But, God will ALWAYS be there to guide us through even the toughest of times. Never lose FAITH. Hold onto HOPE. TRUST IN GOD ALWAYS!