

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: Margarita Smith                      Nehemie Leneus                      Young Vincentians

EUCH MIN:                      **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

*Thank you for sewing !!!*



*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** - No one.  
**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 Cooperation when you ...*

- \*Work well with others.*
- \*Offer your help and ideas freely.*
- \*Disagree peacefully and respectfully.*
- \*Follow the rules.*
- \*Ask for help when you need it.*
- \*Develop your special gifts.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am cooperative.  
I respect the rules.  
I work and play well with others. I keep myself and others safe.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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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**

*Windel William, Dolores Valazquez, Gerard Castor, Mildred Turbe, Juilette Commodore, Taudies Philip, Vanessa Greenaway Tracy Piper, Alexandra Bradshaw, Connal Alfred, Sonia Alfred, Chantele Casimir, Derreck Fontaine, Sandy Bellot, Kirwin George, Phil Mellow, Kiana Quetel, Caia Treherne.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*George & Muriella Clarke - Oct. 25  
Samson & Marilene Lionel - Oct. 26*

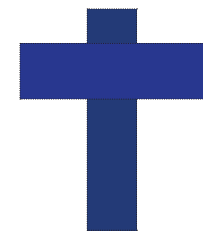


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 25, 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

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Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristans**

Mr. Ryan John  
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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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**

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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 25, 2020**

Mon.: Ephesians 4:32 - 5:8; Luke 13:10 - 17  
Tue.: Ephesians 5:21 - 33; Luke 13:18 - 21  
Wed.: Ephesians 2:19 - 22; Luke 6:12 - 16  
Thur.: Ephesians 6:10 - 20; Luke 13:31 - 35  
Fri.: Philippians 1:1 - 11; Luke 14:1 - 6  
Sat.: Philippians 1:18b - 26; Luke 14:1, 7 - 11

**NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS - SOLEMNITY**

Revelation 7:2 - 4, 9 - 14  
1 John 3:1 - 3  
Matthew 5:1 - 12a



## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20 - 26

The faithful and gracious Lord said, "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan ... If you take your neighbor's cloak ... return it to him before sunset. If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c - 10

Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: "You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all believers ... the word of the Lord has sounded forth."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34 - 40

In response to a question from some Pharisees who wanted to trip him up, Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your god, with all your heart ... soul ... and mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These are the two great commandments.

In today's first reading, God commands the Chosen People to act fairly and compassionately to their neighbor and warns them of the consequences if they do not. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees that love of God and love of neighbor take precedence over every other commandment. Let us pray for the grace to treat our neighbor as we treat ourselves so that we can be like the Thessalonians, whom St. Paul calls "a model for all the believers."

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Phillip St. Luce and Maria Bukle  
rb mother and grandmother, Francesca Alcendor.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Undoer of Knots  
rb Lola Warrington.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for Louis and Maynard families  
and birthday blessings for Marie Rose Verneuil.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Oct. 27, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Contardo Ferrini**  
Birthday blessings for Juliette Commodore rb Her family.

Birthday blessings for Sonia Alfred rb Her family.

Wed. Oct. 28, 7:00 AM: **St. Jude - Feast**  
Maria Rene (*deceased*) and Everad Joseph (*deceased*)  
rb The Rene family.

Thurs. Oct. 29, 7:00 AM: **St. Narcissus**  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Oct. 30, 5:00 PM: **Blessed Angelo of Acrida**  
God's divine healing and deliverance for Michael Charles.

#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 blessings and guidance for Anthony 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.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This 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.

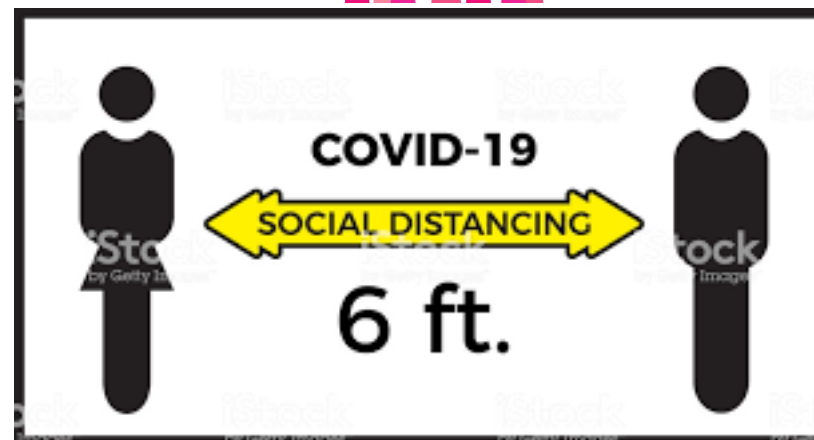
#### ON LINE GIVING OR DONATION: Easy, Secure Giving

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!

**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 **one hundred (100)** 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 purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

#### God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

#### God puts us first in his thoughts

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise.

#### The nature of love - giving to others for their sake

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centered and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbor - it is loving and serving self rather than God and neighbor. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and righteousness (moral goodness).

#### How God loves us

God loves us wholly, completely, and perfectly for our sake - there is no limit, no holding back, no compromising on his part. His love is not subject to changing moods or circumstances.

### 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: **220**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,933.50**

**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

When God gives, he gives generously, abundantly, freely, and without setting conditions to the gift of his love. His love does not waver, but is firm, consistent, and constant. He loves us in our weakness - in our fallen and sinful condition. That is why the Father sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from slavery to sin and its disordered cravings, desires, passions, and addictions. God the Father always seeks us out to draw us to his throne of mercy and help. God the Father corrects and disciplines us in love to free us from the error of our wrong ways of thinking and choosing what is harmful and evil rather than choosing what is good and wholesome for us. Do you freely accept God's love and do you willingly choose to obey his commandments? **We do not earn God's love - it is freely given** How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbor and willing lay down our life for their sake? Paul the Apostle tells us that "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### Love grows with faith and hope

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Paul the Apostle writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh [sinful inclinations], but through love be servants of one another" (Galatians 5:1,13). Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?