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: Candace Bryan Pierre Joseph Yvonne Freeman

EUCH MIN: SOCIAL DISTANCING







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 - No one. 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 Unity when you ...

*Treat all peoples as members of one human family.

*See the gifts in differences.

*Refuse to join in when others express prejudice.

*Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions.

*Care for the earth and all living things.

*Act like a peacemaker wherever you go.

Affirmation:

I practice unity with others. The iov of one is the jov of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.

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 alwavs 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:

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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PARISH CELEBRATION **Birthdays**

Eugenie England, John Gimenez, Harold Attidore, Fenrick Rivere, Orville Rouse, Noreen Stout, Christine Pharaoh, Pauline Ottley, Ann Greaux, Anneta Heyliger, Maurice Foy, Gregory Antoine, Latoya Hazell, Russelle Jno-Lewis, Jhan Pacquette, Jacquel Dagou, Cerella Donald, Damaris Corcino, Kaila Thomas, Cianna President.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Khalid & Mahida Merchant - Nov. 3



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

ALL SAINTS' DAY - Nov. 1, 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.

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Mr. Verne Callwood Mr. Desmond Simmonds

Volunteers Ms. Jennifer Johnson Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)

Every LAST Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

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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 November 1, 2020

Mon.: Wisdom 3:1 - 9; Romans 5:5 - 11; John 6:37 - 40

Tue.: Philippians 2:5 - 11; Luke 14:15 - 24

Wed.: Philippians 2:12 18; Luke 14:25 - 33

Thur.: Philippians 3:3 - 8a; Luke 15:1 - 10

Fri.: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Luke 16:1 - 8

Sat.: Philippians 4:10 - 19; Luke 16:9 - 15

NEXT SUNDAY: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12 - 16

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

Matthew 25:1 - 13

ALL SAINTS' DAY

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2 - 4, 9 - 14

St. John had a vision that reaffirmed the belief that all who remain faithful to the Lamb of God receive fulfillment and glory after their trial.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 - 3

John exhorted his brothers and sisters, God's children in the faith, to place their hope in the light of the world and in that way to keep themselves pure.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1 - 12a

Jesus offered the Beatitudes as the charter of the heavenly reign. The poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, the peacemakers - all these receive God's love. The Gospel today presents a prescription for a saintly life. With the Beatitudes, Jesus taught His disciples how they would be blessed. As we listen to today's reading let us pray for God's grace in becoming poor in spirit, clean of heart, and hungry for righteousness, among the other prescriptions Jesus lays out for us as His disciples. May we be consoled in the knowledge that God has bestowed on us all that we need to achieve this.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: John Milton Gifft, Sr. (deceased) rb The Gifft family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Mary Ann Joseph rb The Rene family.

5:00 PM: Inalite Licsama (*dec.*); Ilaban Ismaelis (*dec.*); Razel Iler (*dec.*); Vilebon Ismaelis (*dec.*) rb Marie Romene Ismaelis.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 2, 7:00 AM: *ALL SOULS*

Deceased members of Holy Family church.

Tues. Nov. 3, 7:00 AM: St. Martin de Porres

Birthday blessings and God's guidance and protection for Pauline Ottley rb Her family.

Wed. Nov. 4, 7:00 AM: St. Charles Borromeo

Birthday blessings for Scanda Joseph

rb His mother, Valda Alexander.

Thurs. Nov. 5, 7:00 AM: St. Bertilla

Birthday blessings for Jahmila Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Fri. Nov. 6, 5:00 PM: St. Theophane Venard

God's protection, blessings and guidance for Valda Alexander and children rb Valda Alexander.

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

WELCOME BACK: We warmly welcome back Bishop Herbert Bevard to St. Thomas and we pray God's continuous healing for him. Once again, welcome back Bishop Bevard.

ALL SOULS DAY: Please note that on Monday, November 2, 2020, all souls day, mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. in remembrance of our beloved dead.

BOOK OF REMEMERANCE: November is a time for us to remember our loved ones who have died. Prayers and masses will be offered for the souls of those whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance. All the names you have written in the past years are still in the book. There is no need to write their names again. Please feel free to add the names of those who have died since November 2019.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to Trevore Monsanto and family on the passing of her father, Austin "Babe" Monsanto who died on Saturday, October 17, 2020. The funeral service of the late Austin "Babe" Monsanto will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Austin "Babe" Monsanto Marine Terminal in Sub Base. Viewing will take place on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Turnbull Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Blanche E. Thomas**, the sister of the late Bishop Emeritus Elliott G. Thomas, who died on **Tuesday**, **October 27**, **2020**. **Please keep her family in your prayers.** May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING DAY: In preparation for the Thanksgiving Day mass, on **Thursday, November 26**, we are asking parishioners to bring fruits and vegetables for the altar decoration beginning **Monday, November 23**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and no later than **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**, before 3:00 p.m. Please note also that **food for the poor** will be collected on Thanksgiving day. Thank you in anticipation for your gifts. May God reward you abundantly. Amen.

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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: Who doesn't desire the praise and respect of others? We want others to see us at our best with all of our strengths and achievements - rather than at our worst with all of our faults and shortcomings. God sees us as we truly are - sinners and beggars always in need of his mercy, help, and guidance.

Misguided zeal and pride

Jesus warned the scribes and Pharisees, the teachers and rulers of Israel, to teach and serve their people with humility and sincerity rather than with pride and self-seeking privileges and honor. They went to great lengths to draw attention to their religious status and practices. In a way they wanted to be good models of observant Jews. "See how well we observe all the ritual rules and regulations of our religion!" In their misguided zeal for religion they sought recognition and honor for themselves rather than for God. They made the practice of their faith a burden rather than a joy for the people they were supposed to serve.

True respect for God inclines us to humble ourselves and to submit to his wisdom and guidance. We cannot be taught by God unless we first learn to listen to his word and then obey his instruction.

One Father and Teacher

Was Jesus against calling anyone a rabbi, the Jewish title for a teacher of God's word (Matthew 23:7-8), or a father? The law of Moses in Scripture specifically instructed all fathers to be teachers and instructors for their children to help them understand and obey God's instructions (Deuteronomy 6:7)? Why did Jesus rebuke the scribes and Pharisees, the religious authorities of the Jewish people, in the presence of his disciples? Jesus wanted to warn both his own disciples and the religious leaders about the temptation to seek honors and titles that draw attention to ourselves in place of God and his word. Pride tempts us to put ourselves first above others.

The Scriptures give ample warning about the danger of self-seeking pride: Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18). God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:24).

True humility

Respect for God and for his ways inclines us to humility and to simplicity of heart - the willing readiness to seek the one true good who is God himself. What is the nature of true humility and why should we embrace it as essential for our lives? We can easily mistake humility as something demeaning or harmful to our sense of well-being and feeling good about ourselves. True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to all others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion

ends to focus our attention on ourselves.

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: 186

Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,777.50

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

Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves honestly, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4).

A humble person makes a realistic assessment of oneself without illusion or pretense to be something one is not. A truly humble person regards oneself neither smaller nor larger than one truly is. True humility frees us to be ourselves as God regards us and to avoid falling into despair and pride. A humble person does not want to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others. Such a person is not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure. Do you know the joy of Christ-like humility and simplicity of heart?

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to see and judge correctly, the way God sees. Humility helps us to be teachable so we can acquire true knowledge, wisdom, and an honest view of reality. It directs our energy, zeal, and will to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others willingly and selflessly, for their own sake, rather than for our own. Paul the Apostle gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and... who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). Do you want to be a servant as Jesus loved and served others? The Lord Jesus gives us his heart - the heart of a servant who seeks the good of others and puts their interests first in his care and concern for them.

"Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness."