### 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 Noreen Joseph Young Vincentian

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 Understanding when you ...

\*Concentrate and pay close attention.

\*Reflect on the meaning of things.

\*See the whole picture.

\*Resist distractions.

\*Put yourself in other people's shoes.

### **Affirmation:**

I have an understanding mind. I see truth about things. I have an understanding heart. I have empathy for other people's feelings.

\*Forgive others and yourself when you make mistakes.

### 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**

Austin Winston, Alicia Doute, Alleyne Thomas, Julia Dubois, Frances Frederick, Lincoln Jules, Rae Rouse, Leana Dagou, Ronald Stout, Jn Friznel Bellevue, Andria Henry, Lisa Plaskett, Valerie Stridiron, Darwin Porter, Carol Casimir, Sophia Burton, Albert Richards, Michelle Porter, David Sullivan, Jose Santiago, Nadisha John-Lewis, Justin LaPlace, Corrah Edwards.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Keith & Paquita Steele - Nov. 26 Joe & Susie Franz - Nov. 26 Cornel & Lena Williams - Nov. 28



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

# Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

Jesus Christ the King - Nov. 22, 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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Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)

and Every <u>LAST Thursday</u> 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 November 22, 2020

Mon.: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1 - 4

Tue.: Revelation 14:14 - 19; Luke 21:5 - 11

Wed.: Revelation 15:1 - 4; Luke 21:12 - 19

Thur.: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20 - 28

Fri.: Rev. 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29 - 33

Sat.: Revelation 22:1 - 7; Luke 21:34 - 36

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

1st Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63:16b - 17, 19b; 64:2 - 7

1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9

Mark 13:33 - 37

### **JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

### <u>INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!</u> *FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17*

The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock... I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31 - 46

As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least ... you did for me."

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year the readings concern the end of time and Christ's role as king and judge. Before Jesus spoke to his disciples about separating sheep from goats, Ezekiel prophesied about the sheep God tends and then judges. Paul explained how at the end of time all will be brought to life and death will be destroyed. Finally, we hear Matthew's account of the Last Judgment. As we listen, let us ask ourselves if we can see the face of Jesus in those in need and pray for the grace to respond.

# MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

5:00 PM: God's help, guidance, protection and release of stress for Lincoln Registe rb Lincoln Registe.

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Sophia and India Burton rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Ermine Rene Roberts, Catherine Faustin rb The Rene family.

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

### **Daily Masses:**

Tues. Nov. 24, 7:00 AM: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb Viola and Bernadette.

Wed. Nov. 25, 7:00 AM: *St. Catherine of Alexandria*Birthday blessings for Alicia Doute rb Viola and Bobby.

Thurs. Nov. 26, 9:00 AM: *THANKSGIVING DAY*Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Nov. 27, 5:00 PM: *St. John Berchmans*God's deliverance for Byron Benoit rb His father, Victor Benoit.



### **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 Sophia and Indira Burton, requested by their family. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

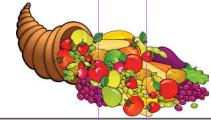
**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**: Please be reminded that the blue and red globes are provided for you to place your candles. If the globes are all filled, please put them at the bottom of the stands and refrain from putting your candles elsewhere. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

**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 this **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.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Please note that on **Thursday, November 26, 2020**. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on **Thursday and Friday**, **November 26 and 27, 2020**, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Please be guided accordingly and happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

**ADVENT SEASON:** The Advent Season will begin next, **Sunday, November 29 2020**. Please note that during the Advent Season there will be **NO FLOWERS** in the church and **NO COMMUNION HYMN**. Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.



### 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: Do you allow the love of Christ, who is your Lord and King, to rule in your heart? Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) said, "Essentially, there are two kinds of people, because there are two kinds of love. One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the othe endeavors to equal Him." Jesus came not only to fulfill the law of righteousness (Leviticus 19), but to transform it through his unconditional love and mercy towards us.

The Lord Jesus proved his love for us by offering up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His death brings freedom and life for us - freedom from fear, selfishness, and greed - and new abundant life in the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:5). Do you allow God's love to purify your heart and transform your mind to think, act, and love others as the Lord Jesus has taught through word and example?

## The lesson of separating goats and sheep at the end of the day

esus' description of the "Son of Man," a Messianic title which points to the coming of God's anointed Ruler and Judge over the earth (John 5:26-29, Daniel 7:13ff), and his parable about the separation of goats and sheep must have startled his audience. What does the separation of goats and sheep have to do with the Day of God's Judgement over the earth? In arid dry lands such as Palestine, goats and sheep often grazed ogether during the day because green pasture was sparse. At nightfall, when the shepherd brought the heep and goats to their place of rest, he separated them into two groups. Goats by temperament are aggressive, domineering, restless, and territorial. They butt heads with their horns whenever they think someone is intruding on their space.

Goats came to symbolize evil and the expression "scape-goat" become a common expression for someone bearing blame or guilt for others. (See Leviticus 26:20-22 for a description of the ritual expulsion of a sin-bearing goat on the Day of Atonement.) Jesus took our guilt and sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross. He payed the price to set us free from sin and death. Our choice is either to follow and obey him as our Lord and Savior or to be our own master and go our own separate way apart from God's way of truth and righteousness (moral goodness).

We cannot remain neutral or indifferent to the commands of Christ. If we do not repent of our wrongdoing (our sins and offenses against God and neighbor) and obey the Gospel we cannot be disciples of the Lord Jesus nor inherit his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Separation of the good from the bad is inevitable because one way leads to sin, rebellion, and death and the other way leads to purification, peace, and everlasting life with God.

Love of God frees us from inordinate love of self
The parable of the goats and sheep has a similar
endpoint as the parable of the rich man who
refused to give any help to the poor man Lazarus
who begged daily at the rich man's doorstep (Luke

### 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: 247

Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,303,23

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

16:19-31). Although Lazarus was poor and lacked what he needed, he nonetheless put his hope in God and the promise of everlasting life in God's kingdom. The rich man was a lover of wealth rather than a lover of God and neighbor. When Lazarus died he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom to receive his reward in heaven. When the rich man died his fortunes were reversed and he was cast into the unquenchable fires of hell to receive his just desserts. The parable emphasizes the great chasm and wall of separation between the former rich man held now bound as a poor and miserable prisoner in hell and Lazarus clothed in royal garments feasting at God's banquet table in the kingdom of heaven.

The day of God's righteous judgment will disclose which kind of love we chose in this present life - a holy unselfish love directed to God and to the welfare of our neighbor or a disordered and selfish love that puts oneself above God and the good of our neighbor.

# On the day of judgment Jesus will ask "whom did you love?"

When the Lord Jesus comes again as Judge and Ruler over all, he will call each one of us to stand before his seat of judgment to answer the question - who did you love and put first in this life? Inordinate love of self crowds out love of God and love of neighbor. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ and follow his way of love and righteousness will not be disappointed. They will receive the just reward - life and peace with God in his everlasting kingdom.

If we entrust our lives to the Lord Jesus today, and allow his Holy Spirit to purify our hearts and minds, then he will give us the grace, strength, and freedom to walk and live each day in the power of his merciful love and goodness. Let us entrust our lives into the hands of the merciful Savior who gave his life for us. And let us ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle in us the fire of his merciful love and compassion for all.

"Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life.
May your love rule in my heart that I may only
think, act, and speak with charity and good will for
all."