

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 Dr. A. Thomas

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.

Geri 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 Tolerance when you ...

- *Build unity with others who are different from you.
- *Are free of prejudice.
- *Make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness.
- *Don't complain about things that cannot be changed.
- *Change yourself instead of trying to change others.
- *Accept people the way they are, faults and all.

Affirmation:

I am tolerant. I appreciate differences. I overlook people's faults. I accept with good grace the things I cannot change.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS



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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.**

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Yvonne Brutus, Olivia Williams, Angela Poyotte, Showana Bellevue, Norma Gimenez, Marilene Lionel, Stacey Steele, Sharon Davis, Tamica Pierre, Tiffanie Quetel, Christopher Scott, Kymani Dolphin, Dominick Hodge, Josiah Jules.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Casey & Julie Smith - Nov. 30

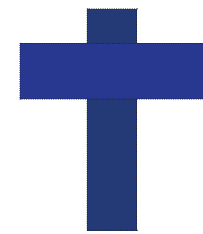


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

1st Sunday of Advent - Nov. 29, 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 **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 November 29, 2020

Mon.: Romans 10: 9 - 18; Matthew 4: 18 - 22
Tue.: Isaiah 11:1 - 10; Luke 10:21 - 24
Wed.: Isaiah 25:6 - 10a; Matthew 15:29 - 37
Thur.: Isaiah 26:1 - 6; Matthew 7:21, 24 - 27
Fri.: Isaiah 29:17 - 24; Matthew 9:27 - 31
Sat.: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6 - 8

NEXT SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11
2 Peter 3:8 - 14
Mark 1:1 - 8

1st Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY! FIRST READING: *Isaiah 63:16b - 17, 19b; 64:2 - 7*

Isaiah prophesied, "All our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves ... We are the clay and you are the potter: we are the work of your hands."

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9*

Paul wrote, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 13:33 - 37*

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come ... Watch, therefore" whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow, or sunrise. "Watch!"

Today's readings remind us that waiting for the Lord is not a passive exercise. Isaiah prays that God "might meet us doing right," rejecting our sinful ways. Jesus warns His disciples that they must keep watch, because like servants not knowing when the lord of the house will return, we don't want to be asleep when we should be ready to receive Him. Paul assures the Corinthians that they "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as they wait. Let the word of God inspire us to prepare our hearts for His arrival.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's protection and deliverance for Francesca Alcendor
rb Francesca Alcendor.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Ruthine Johnson (*deceased*) rb Felicinne Marcellin.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

Birthday blessings for Julian Louis.

5:00 PM: God's continued guidance for the Haitian Community.

Daily Masses:

Tues. Dec. 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Edmund Campion*
Birthday blessings for Lorraine Cranston rb Maureen Petersen.

Wed. Dec. 2, 7:00 AM: *St. Bibiana*
Derrell Smith (*deceased*) rb Alicia Doute.

Thurs. Dec. 3, 7:00 AM: *St. Francis Xavier*
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Dec. 4, 5:00 PM: *St. John of Damascus*
Birthday blessings and God's protection for Francesca Alcendor
rb Her children and grandchildren.

#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 Lornnesha Henley, requested by her family.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$387.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who brought fruits and vegetables for the altar decoration for the Thanksgiving Mass. We pray God's continued blessings for you and your family. Once again, thank you and may God reward you abundantly. Amen.

ADVENT SEASON: The Advent Season is here. 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again, the church is kindly asking for donations for poinsettias for decoration during the Holiday Season. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING: *Saturday, December 12, 2020* has been set aside for the cleaning of our church for the Christmas season from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please come out in full numbers and let us give our church a good cleaning to welcome baby Jesus. "Many hands make light work." Thank you in advance.

CHURCH DECORATION: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on *Monday, December 21, 2020* from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ALL groups within the church are asked to come and lend a hand. "Many hands make light work." Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 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.

LET US ALL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

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 you do when someone you love very dearly and miss very much has been gone a very long time but promises to return soon? Do you ignore their absence, or do you anticipate their return and send them messages to let them know how much you long to be with them again? Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household brings this point home.

Parable of the watchful servants waiting for the master's return

Wealthy landowners often left their estates in the hands of their trustworthy servants and stewards. This gave them freedom to travel, trade, and expand their business ventures. They expected loyalty and hard work from their servants and rewarded them accordingly. Dutiful servants would eagerly anticipate their master's return by keeping the house and estate in good order. Jesus doesn't tell us in his parable whether the servants were ready to receive the unexpected return of their master. Were these servants excited or anxious about their master's return? The watchful servants, no doubt, looked forward to the future because they knew their master would be pleased and would reward them for their vigilance and hard work. Disaster and reprisal, however, awaited those who were unprepared because of carelessness or laziness.

Watching with hopeful expectation and vigilance for Christ's return

When we expect some very important event to happen, we often wait for it with excited anticipation. The Lord Jesus expects us to watch in great anticipation for the most important event of all - his return in glory at the end of this present age! The Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of the Lord when he shall judge between the nations and decide for many peoples (Isaiah 2:5).

The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begin with the first coming of Christ (when the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us - John 1:14) and it culminates in Christ's second coming on the Day of Judgment and vindication for his people. Jesus spoke of his return in glory at the close of the ages as an indisputable fact and predetermined act which he will perform as the Judge and Ruler of all peoples, nations, and individuals who ever lived on the earth.

"May your kingdom come!"

While the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is for certain, the time of his appearance is not yet disclosed. The Lord's day of visitation and judgment will come swiftly and unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! The Lord invites us to pray for the coming of his kingdom into our present lives and future as well. Jesus taught his disciples to pray - "may your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Do you earnestly pray for the coming of God's kingdom - both now and at the end of the world?

The Lord will reward those who wait for him

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God will surely reward those who wait for his visitation: "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Isaiah 64:4). Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, has entrusted us with his gifts and graces (his abundant favors and

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: **\$3,123.25**

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

and blessings). He expects us to make good use of the gifts and resources he gives us for his glory and for the benefit of helping and blessing others as well. He does not want us to use the present time we have here on earth in idleness or wasted living. He has work for us to do - loving, honoring, and serving him and loving, honoring, and serving our families, neighbors, and communities as well.

How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch for Christ, but to watch with Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation - he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

"Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you come again."

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ADVENT TIME
KEEP CALM
AND
PRAY
INCESSANTLY