

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 Melita Etienne

LECTORS: Ruth Smith Noreen Joseph Ursula Prosper

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, Caryl 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 Joyfulness when you ...

**Look inside for happiness.*

**Enjoy whatever you are doing.*

**Feel good about doing what is right.*

**Find creative ways to enjoy your time.*

**Have a good sense of humor.*

**Feel an inner peace even when things are tough.*

Affirmation:

I am thankful for the joy I feel inside. I enjoy my work and my play. I appreciate the gifts this day holds for me.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

**HOLIDAY MASS TIMES
CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT**

CAROLS - 8:00 P.M.

MASS - 9:00 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 A.M.**

OLD YEAR'S NIGHT

HOLY HOUR - 8:00 P.M.

MASS - 9:00 P.M.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 A.M.**

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If you don't have a secretary, but need one. If you have a secretary, but need extra help.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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



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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

June Gloria Gift, Carol Victorine, Shirlin Browne, Moses Birmingham, Julia Frederick, Barbara Sonny, Brenda Lyn Leonard, Donovan Isaac, Jo-Anne Winston, Tevin Peters, Sherian Francis, Kernizean Casey, Tomy Romero-Sea, Ty'Ron Wills, Jah'Hil Victorine, Dominik Burman, D'Moi Industrious, Nicholas Stevenson, Morris Lionel.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Rolland & Alicia George - Dec. 17
Julian & Rosebud Labadie - Dec. 18
Moses & Kishma Birmingham - Dec. 18*

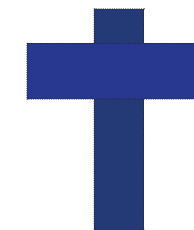


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

3rd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 13, 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 December 13, 2020**

Mon.: Num. 24:2-7, 15-17; Matt. 21:23 - 27

Tue.: Zep. 3:1-2, 9 - 13; Matthew 21:28 - 32

Wed.: Isaiah 45:6c - 8, 18, 21c - 25;
Luke 7:18b-23

Thur.: Genesis 49:2, 8 - 10; Matthew 1:1 - 17

Fri.: Jeremiah 23:5 - 8; Matthew 1:18 - 25

Sat.: Judges 13:2 - 7, 24 - 25a; Luke 1:5 - 25

**NEXT SUNDAY:
4th Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1 - 5, 8b - 12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25 - 27

Luke 1:26 - 38

3rd Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1 - 2a, 10 - 11

The spirit of the Lord God enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

GOSPEL READING: John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord." We are visited by three messengers today. The first is Isaiah, with a message of hope and joy, "a year of favor ... a day of vindication." Next comes Paul, with a message for the Thessalonians that we can take to heart as well, advising us how to live while we wait for Christ's return. Finally we hear from Jesus' messenger, John the Baptist, who came to testify to the Messiah. Let us heed their message as we prepare for Christ's coming.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for June Gloria Giffit rb Her daughter and granddaughter, Armecia and Nikoya.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Tevin Peters rb His family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Chris Rene and Amalia Davis rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Dec. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Mary di Rosa*
Hilaire Alfred (*deceased*); Victoria & Edward Thomas (*deceased*)
Millie Henderson (*deceased*) rb The Alfred family.

Wed. Dec. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Adelaide*
Birthday blessings for Milue Casimir rb Milue Casimir.

Thurs. Dec. 17, 7:00 AM: *St. Olympias*
God's guidance and protection for Kathleen, Theresa and
Luke O'Halloran rb Their parents.

Fri. Dec. 18, 5:00 PM: *Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno*
Birthday blessings for Dominik Burman rb Yvonne Freeman.

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, protection and guidance for Jennifer Johnson and family.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to all who came out to clean the church for the Christmas season. We take this opportunity also to thank especially the various groups who cleaned our church every weekend. May God reward you and your family abundantly. Once again, thank you.

PENANCE SERVICE (CONFESSION): Holy Family church will have penance service on **Tuesday, December 22, 2020**, from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

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

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. Retirees and 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.



The 3rd CANDLE (Pink) is called THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and said them, '... I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.' (Luke 2:10). The Third Sunday of Advent is called "**Gaudete Sunday**" or **SUNDAY OF JOY.**

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 know the favor of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favor by the Lord (Leviticus 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favors he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Isaiah 61). The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Isaiah 61:1-2).

John humbly recognized that his calling came from God and not from man

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (see Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15)? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

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: **229**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,738.00**

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

Do you point others to Jesus Christ - the one true Lord and Savior of the world? John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Savior of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?

"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony."

