

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 Felicita Richards



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 Honor when you ...

- *Guide your life by your virtues.*
- *Can be trusted to keep your promises.*
- *Avoid doing things that make you feel ashamed.*
- *Respect the rules you want to live by.*
- *Do what you believe is right no matter what.*
- *Set a good example for others.*

Affirmation:

I am honorable. I keep my agreements and treat others with respect. I care about doing the right thing.

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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PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS

Heavenly Father,

We give You praise for Your divine guidance. Turn to us, we pray, in our time of need. Look graciously on Your Church in the Virgin Islands. We are grateful to You for Your goodness to us since the creation of our Diocese. Over the years, You shepherded us through dedicated Pastors.

They help us grow in unity. They strengthened our spiritual life through the Gospel and Eucharist. Now, more than ever, we come to You in praise and thanksgiving as we pray for vocations and seek leaders inspired by You.

As we thank You for blessing us with priests, we look ahead and pray that You turn Your ear to us during this time of expectations. Among our many and various needs, we pray that You grant us a bishop that will continue to shepherd us in ways pleasing to Your designs. We long for a bishop that will love Your people and continue to minister to all the souls entrusted to his care.

Dear Lord, we pray that You watch over our priests, religious and the laity. Unite and inspire them to work together in order to advance the work of Evangelization in our territory.

We join our voices with the psalmist and say: **"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord."** (Ps. 118:26). Yes Lord, may Your blessings dwell upon Your choice and empower him for his new mission.

May Your will be done, Father, in the Virgin Islands and let all Your people praise Your holy name, now and forever. Amen.

**Mary, Queen of the Apostles ... Pray for us.
Our Lady of Cassi Hill ... Pray for us
All the Saints of God ... Pray for us**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Jose Velazquez, Emanuel Jn- Baptiste, Cleo Hamilton, Celestina Lapena, Juliana Charles, Monique George, Derrick Auguste, Khalid Merchant, Gerard Castor, Jr., Janila Thomas, Andre Smith, Evelina Rene, Akeem Joseph, Renisha Clyne, Jah'Sheem Graham, Monet Petersen, Cedric Heyliger.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Riviere & Adriana Casimir - Dec. 21
Urdley & Margarita Smith - Dec. 23**

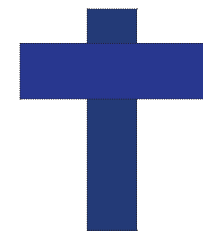


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

4th Sunday of Advent - Dec. 20, 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

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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

Custodian

Mr. Russell Tonge

**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**

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 20, 2020**

Mon.: Songs 2:8 - 14; Luke 1:39 - 45

Tue.: 1 Samuel 1:24 - 28; Luke 1:46 - 56

Wed.: Malachi 3:1 - 4, 23 - 24; Luke 1:57 - 66

Thur.: 2 Samuel 7:1 - 5, 8b - 12, 14a, 16;
Luke 1:67 - 79

Fri.: Isaiah 52:7 - 10; Heb. 1:1 - 6; Jn. 1:1 - 18

Sat.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matt. 10:17 - 22

NEXT SUNDAY:

Feast of the Holy Family

Genesis 15:1 - 6; 21:1 - 3

Hebrews 11:8, 11 - 12, 17 - 19

Luke 2:22 - 40

4th Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!
FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1 - 5, 8b - 12, 14a, 16

With help from the prophet Nathan, King David decided to build a house for the Lord to dwell in. "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25 - 27

According to Paul, the gospel reveals the mystery hidden for long ages but now, at God's command, is made manifest in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26 - 38

The angel addressed Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." When Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," she became a model for all.

As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of our Lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during earlier eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. St. Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd helped prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Lelas Giffit (*deceased*) rb The Giffit family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Claudy Brutus, Sr. (*deceased*) rb His family.

10:00 AM: Calyx Steadman (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Dec. 22, 7:00 AM: **St. Marguerite d'Youville**
Birthday blessings for Ce'Mitchea Brown rb Her entire family.

Wed. Dec. 23, 7:00 AM: **St. John of Kanty**
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Dec. 24, 9:00 PM: **St. Peter Nolasco**
Birthday blessings for Marie Renal rb Marie Renal.

Fri. Dec. 25, 9:00 AM: **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
Birthday blessings for Khalid Merchant rb His mother and brother.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's guidance and protection for Marie Renal*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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.

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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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. Once again, thank you.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: On behalf of Fr. Kerly Francois, the staff and volunteers of Holy Family Church, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio wishes to extend Christmas wishes to all. May God continue to bless you and your family and may the Christ child bring you into a deeper relationship with Him. Once again, Merry Christmas to you and your family.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Please note that the masses for **CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT** will be at **9:00 P.M.** and on **CHRISTMAS DAY** mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.** **CAROLS WILL BE SUNG BEFORE THE MASSES.**

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Friday, December 25, 2020**, and **Saturday, December 26, 2020, ALL DAY.** The church office will reopen on **Monday, December 28, 2020.** Please be guided accordingly.



The 4th Candle (Purple) is called THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE - The angels announced the good news of a Savior and peace on earth to people of good will.

".. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10b - 11). "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life ...God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16 - 17)

LITURGY AND WORD

Meditation: Does the proclamation of the Gospel message fill you with joy and hope? When the Lord comes to redeem his people he fills us with his Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and hope in the promises of God. When God made a covenant with David as King over Israel he made a promise to David and to his descendants that David's dynasty would endure forever through the coming of the Messiah King (2 Samuel 7:16). This King would establish an everlasting kingdom of peace and security for his people. We often think of peace as the absence of trouble. The peace which the Messiah brings cancels the debt of sin and restores our broken relationship with God our heavenly Father.

The new era of salvation begins with the conception and birth of Jesus

We see the fulfillment of God's unfolding plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah King. The new era of salvation begins with the miraculous conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God (Luke 1:28). This child will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King," and his name shall be called "Jesus" (Luke 1:31-32), which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The angel repeats to Mary, the daughter of the house of David, the promise made to King David: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:32-33).

Mary is a true hearer of the Word of God

How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust.

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: **234**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,595.00**

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

Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."

God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure!

God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Do you believe in God's promises and do you yield to his grace?

"Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant grace, mercy, and forgiveness through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to live a grace-filled life as Mary did by believing in your promises and by giving you my unqualified 'yes' to your will and plan for my life."