

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:** Olga McBean                      Hilda Celestine                      Young Vincentians  
**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 Perseverance when you ...*

- \*Choose your commitments wisely.*
- \*Set goals and stick with them until completed.*
- \*Pace yourself, and take one step at a time.*
- \*Don't let doubts or tests blow you off course.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have perseverance. I finish what I start. I keep steady in what I choose to do. I am loyal and committed.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**HOLIDAY MASS TIMES**

**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**

*Marguerite Henderson, Sarah Jones, Joseph Toussaint, Roberto Monsanto, Eric Blake, Jr., Roy Stout, Aaron Clarke, Misterlyne Satine, Jai Jones, Atherleah Bruno, Darryl Hendrickson, Dylan Hendrickson, Dale Hendrickson, Edmond Benjamin, Vincia St. Jean.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Atherley & Loraine Bruno - Dec. 27*  
*Windel & Heidrun William - Dec. 29*

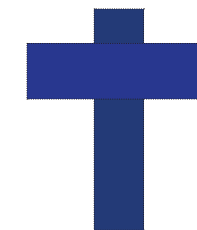


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
**Welcomes You!**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Dec. 27, 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. Michael Jackson  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood

**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**Custodian**  
Mr. Russell Tonge

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel**

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St. Thomas VI 00802

**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](http://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 27, 2020**

Mon.: 1 John 1:5 - 2:2; Matthew 2:13 - 18  
Tue.: 1 John 2:3 - 11; Luke 2:22 - 35  
Wed.: 1 John 2:12 - 17; Luke 2:36 - 40  
Thur.: 1 John 2:18 - 21; John 1:1 - 18  
Fri.: Numbers 6:22 - 27; Galatians 4:4 - 7; Luke 2:16 - 21  
Sat.: 1 John 2:22 - 28; John 1:19 - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1 - 6  
Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6  
Matthew 2:1 - 12

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1 - 6; 21:1 - 3

Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8, 11 - 12, 17 - 19

The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are "as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore." Abraham's faith was tested.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22 - 40

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

Today's readings relate values all families should treasure. The selection from Sirach speaks of the way we ought to treat each other, closing with a moving portrayal of an adult child and elderly parent. Paul lists the qualities we should manifest in our families, especially love. Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in order to present him to God. As we listen to today's readings, let us see our own families in the words we hear.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** God's continued blessings for Ciaran and Marilou O'Halloran

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** God's guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

Birthdays blessings for John Verneuil.

**10:00 AM:** Birthdays blessings for Elaine Rene and Brianna Grant  
rb The Rene family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Dec. 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Thomas Becket*  
God's guidance and blessings for Orville Rouse rb Viola & Paula.

Wed. Dec. 30, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Vicente Vilar David*  
God's guidance and blessings for Wende Rouse rb Viola & Alicia.

Thurs. Dec. 31, 9:00 PM: *St. Sylvester 1*  
Anniversary blessings for Verna & Vernon Williams  
rb Viola John Williams.

Fri. Jan. 1, 9:00 AM: *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
Theresa Henry (deceased) rb The Rene family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's blessings for Holy Family parishioners. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**CHURCH DECORATION:** Thank you to all who came out to clean the church, made contribution to the purchase of Christmas flowers and those who decorated the church for the Christmas. May God bless you and your family. Once again thank you.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This 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.

**OLD YEAR'S/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:** Please note that the masses for **OLD YEAR'S NIGHT MASS** will be at **9:00 P.M.** **HOLY HOUR WILL PRECEDE THE MASS AT 8:00 P.M.** **NEW YEAR'S DAY** mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.**

**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS:** On behalf of Fr. Kerly Francois, the deacons and their wives, the staff and volunteers of Holy Family Church, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio wishes to extend New Year's wishes to all. May God continue to bless you and your family. Once again, Happy New Year to you and your family.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed on **Friday, January 1, 2021**, ALL DAY and will reopen on **Monday, January 3, 2021**. Please be guided accordingly.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Volunteers are needed to assist with online instructions for our children. We hope to resume and implement this in the New Year. Listen to the voice of the Lord. If you feel He is calling you to do this, please call the Church office or Mrs. René at 340-690-2462 to sign up. Your reward will be great in heaven!



### 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 was it like for those who encountered the only begotten Son of God in human form? John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, wrote his Gospel as an eye-witness of the Word of God who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1,14), and who died and rose for our salvation. John was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like the other disciples, he was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, Why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)?

**The Lord Jesus came to set us free from sin and death and give us everlasting life**

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have dis-proven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life.

**Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father and the Savior who died and rose for us**

John in his first epistle testifies: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the word of life which existed "from the beginning" (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "Word of Life" is Jesus the Word Incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian churches for all ages to come. One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage.

### 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: **253**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,035.25**

**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

The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Jesus Christ and to know him personally as our Savior and Lord.

**"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power that sets us free to love and serve you now and forever in your everlasting kingdom."**

