

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 Lafwa Rolle Suzanne Adrien

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 Patience when you ...

**Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion.*

**Are willing to wait for things you want.*

**Set goals and persevere until they are met.*

**Do something now that will help you in the future.*

**Accept things you cannot change with humor and grace.*

**Are tolerant when mistakes are made.*

Affirmation:

I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.

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.**

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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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.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION
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Allan Harrigan, Rosebud Labadie, Leon Casey, Lucina Ferdinand, Vanessa Harrigan, Vernon Caracciolo, Lena Williams, Beverly Blyden, Julie Najawiez, Carol Hodge, Leanna Francois, Aron Joseph, Kenlon Angol, Kheana Fahie, Lornnesha Henley, Christopher Laurent, Maiké Caracciolo, Immanuel Christian, Chris Matthew.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sean & Tamika Williams - Dec. 11



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

2nd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 6, 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 6, 2020**

Mon.: Isaiah 35:1 - 10; Luke 5:17 - 26

Tue.: Genesis 3:9 - 15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12;
Luke 1:26 - 38

Wed.: Isaiah 40:25 - 31; Matthew 11:28 - 30

Thur.: Isaiah 41:13 - 20; Matthew 11:11 - 15

Fri.: Isaiah 48:17 - 19; Matthew 11:16 - 19

Sat.: Zechariah 2:14 - 17; Luke 1:26 - 38

NEXT SUNDAY:

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1 - 2a, 10 - 11

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

2nd Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11

Speaking for God, Isaiah said, "Comfort, give comfort to my people," says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end."

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8 - 14

Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1 - 8

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Advent is a season of preparation and today's readings emphasize our need to prepare for the Lord's coming. But Isaiah also gives us words of comfort and hope. The Lord's coming is a sign of God's generosity. The Second Letter of Peter tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, echoing John the Baptist's call for repentance. As we prepare the way of the Lord, let the word of God inspire us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Lornnesha Henley rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Evelina Rene rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Dec. 8, 7:00 AM: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin*
Birthday blessings for Bernadette Wells rb The Wells family.

Wed. Dec. 9, 7:00 AM: *St. Juan Diego*
Birthday blessings for Rose Labadie rb Her family.

Thurs. Dec. 10, 7:00 AM: *St. John Roberts*
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Dec. 11, 5:00 PM: *St. Damasus I*
God's guidance, protection and birthday blessings for
Jovann Alfred rb His mother.

#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 *in thanksgiving to God for favors and blessings received for Francis and Allison Callwood.* 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.

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.



The 2nd Candle (Purple) is called THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or CANDLE OF FAITH or CANDLE OF PREPARATION - The word "preparation" means to "get ready." For the Christian, it is a time to get ready to welcome our Lord and Savior.

Let us refer, once again, to the Bible as we read in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth, and all mankind will see God's salvation.' (Luke 3:4 - 6)

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: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).

Called to hear and obey the Word of God John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

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: 235

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,933.00

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

Let the Holy Spirit purify and transform your mind and heart

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

