

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:** Margarita Smith                      Lafwa Rolle                      Mona Bedminster

*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, 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 Dilligence when you ...*

- \*Pay careful attention to what you are doing.*
- \*Do things step by step.*
- \*Practice to the point of excellence.*
- \*Give your absolute best to whatever you do.*
- \*Work hard.*
- \*Don't give up.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I can be trusted to do a good job.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Tuesday - Friday**


**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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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**

*Lydia Rivere, Henrietta John Baptiste, Peter Nakawicz, Marilyn Henderson, Duane Burley, Crystal Winston, Jernel Paul, Richard Badeau, Neil Jno Baptiste, J'Lane Rhymer, Vincente Donastorg, Jacquoi Rhymer, Lenskerry Dorcely, Jiovann Hodge, Chayne Caracciolo*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Dave & Greselda Anderson - Jan. 11*  
*Eubald & Marguerite Rene - Jan. 15*

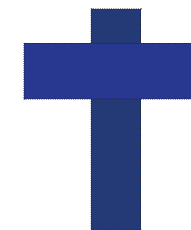


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

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

**The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 10, 2021**

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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

**Visiting Deacons**

Rev. Mr. Michael Jackson  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

**Administrative Assistant**

Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Media Ministry**

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Jeeniyah Andrew

**Sacristans**

Mr. Tajil Chitolie Baptiste  
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

**Musicians**

Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds

**Volunteers**

Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**Custodian**

Mr. Russell Tonge

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**  
**Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
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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](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 January 10, 2021**

Mon.: Hebrews 1:1 - 6; Mark 1:14 - 20  
Tue.: Hebrews 2:5 - 12; Mark 1:21 - 28  
Wed.: Hebrews 2:14 - 18; Mark 1:29 - 39  
Thur.: Hebrews 3:7 - 14; Mark 1:40 - 45  
Fri.: Hebrews 4:1 - 5, 11; Mar 2:1 - 12  
Sat.: Hebrews 4:12 - 16; Mark 2:13 - 17

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**2nd sunday in Ordinary time**

1 Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17 - 20  
John 1:35 - 42

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:1 - 11*

“All who are thirsty come to the water! ... I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.”

#### SECOND READING: *1 John 5:1 - 9*

The Spirit, the water and the blood all testify, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came through water and blood. The Spirit is truth.

#### GOSPEL READING: *Mark 1:7 - 11*

When John baptized Jesus, the sky opened and the Spirit descended like a dove. A heavenly voice said, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Isaiah proclaims the Lord’s invitation: “All you who are thirsty, come to the water.” John the Baptist invites everyone to come to the water as well, but tells them that the one who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John tells us that the Spirit testifies to the truth. Reborn in the waters of baptism and filled with the Spirit, we listen to God’s word, searching for the truth.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God’s guidance and protection for Anthony Renal  
rb His mother, Marie Renal.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: In thanksgiving to God for favors and blessings received  
rb Marie Renal.

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

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Jan. 12, 7:00 AM: *St. Marguerite Bougeoy*  
Birthday blessings for Roger Charles rb His family.

Wed. Jan. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Hilary of Poitiers*  
Birthday blessings for Denese Charles rb Her family.

Thurs. Jan. 14, 9:00 PM: *St. Macrina the Elder*  
God’s deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

Fri. Jan. 15, 5:00 PM: *St. Paul the Hermit*  
Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estell Farro.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God’s blessings, guidance and protection for Holy Family staff and volunteers.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2020 calendar year. Please note that we have not received our 2021 Offertory envelopes. Kindly be patient with us as we are being patient with them. In the mean time **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE that you will use for your 2021 tithes,** so we can capture the information for donation recording. As soon as we receive our envelopes, we will put them out. **In the meantime you can use our online facility. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.**

**ST. JOSEPH WORKERS’ MEETING:** Members of St. Joseph Workers are requested to attend your first meeting of 2021 this **Sunday, January 10, 2021,** after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly.

**THANKSGIVING/FAREWELL MASSES:** Bishop-elect Scantlebury will celebrate a thanksgiving/farewell mass at Holy Family church at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 18, 2021.** On **Wednesday, January 20, 2021,** he will celebrate mass at 12:00 noon, at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral and at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Camel, St. John. Please be guided accordingly.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to The Rene, the Hippolyte and Shillingford families on the passing of **Josephine Philbert,** who died on **Monday, January 4, 2021.** The funeral service for the late **Josephine Philbert,** will be forth coming. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**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 or debit card. Please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) Thank you!

**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:** Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John’s baptism? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3) - of which Jesus had no need. However, in this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the “baptism” of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus’ baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God’s suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father’s will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan River. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus’ humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390 AD), an early church father tells us:

“Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.”

Do you want to see your life transformed by the love and power of Jesus Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel of peace, mercy, and righteousness? Examine Jesus’ humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew us in his Holy Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be “light” and “salt” to those around us.

### 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: **282**  
NEW YEARS: 253

#### Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,988.25**  
NEW YEARS: \$2,536.00

*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

The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God’s message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

*“Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father.”*

WISHING YOU A  
BLESSED  
NEW YEAR

“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11

HAPPY  
New Year

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