

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: Ruth Smith Hilda Celestine 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, Cyril 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 Purposefulness when you ...

- *Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish.*
- *Know why you are doing it.*
- *Focus on the goal.*
- *Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted.*
- *Do things one at a time and finish what you start.*
- *Persevere until you get the right results.*

Affirmation:

*I am purposeful.
I am clear about
what I am doing
and why. I stay
focused on my
goals. I know I
can accomplish
great things.*

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**
**Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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

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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

Jennifer I. Johnson, Sheba Adrien, Mark Ochs, Michael Casimir, Signorah Baron, Nina Byran, Rona Maynard, Wordsworth Auguiste, Rodrick George, Nicholas Browne, Aaliyah Esprit, Clayton McCleary.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rene & Esther Henderson - Jan. 19

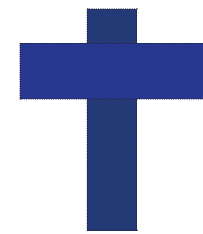


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 17, 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

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Jadine Davis
Jonathan Davis
Jeeniyah Andrew

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

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Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

Custodian
Mr. Russell Tonge

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
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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 January 17, 2021**

Mon.: Hebrews 5:1 - 10; Mark 2:18 - 22
Tue.: Hebrews 6:10 - 20; Mark 2:23 - 28
Wed.: Hebrews 7:1 - 3, 15 - 17; Mark 3:1 - 6
Thur.: Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6; Mark 3:7 - 12
Fri.: Hebrews 8:6 - 13; Mark 3:13 - 19
Sat.: Hebrews 9:2 - 3, 11 - 14; Mark 3:20 - 21

**NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31
Mark 1:14 - 20

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19

Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He heard the Lord and followed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17 - 20

Paul told his friends that their bodies are "members of Christ ... a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." He said, "You are not your own ... Glorify God in your body."

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35 - 42

Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, "We found the Messiah" (the Christ). Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).

God calls Samuel in the middle of the night in today's first reading. Samuel is confused, but eventually he responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." John's disciples are listening when he points to Jesus and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." They follow Jesus at once. Let us listen to God's word, ponder how we ourselves are called, and recommit ourselves to following the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Jennifer I Johnson rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Anniversary blessings for Rene and Esther Henderson rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Vanessa Harrigan rb The Harrigan family.

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Jan. 19, 7:00 AM: *St. Paula*
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Jan. 20, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Fabian & Sebastian*
God's guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Yvonne Brutus rb Yvonne Brutus.

Thurs. Jan. 21, 7:00 AM: *St. Agnes*
Thanksgiving to God for Allison Callwood rb Viola and Bobby.

Fri. Jan. 22, 5:00 PM: *St. Vincent of Saragossa*
God's continued guidance and protection for Tajil Baptiste.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessing for Jennifer I. Johnson, requested by her family.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Jennifer Johnson in thanksgiving to God for another birthday. Thank you for beautifying our altar and we pray God's continued blessings for many more years. Once again, thank you.

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.**

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, January 18, 2021,** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. 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. this **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. Carmel, 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 Jane Ann and Osborne Casey, Victor Benoit, Primrose Baron and Caryl LeBlanc and their families on the passing of their brother and cousin, **Theodore Casey,** who died on **Saturday, January 2, 2021, in Dominica.** The funeral mass for the late **Theodore Casey,** took place on **Friday, January 8, 2021,** in Dominica. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and the Deacons, Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio extends sincere sympathy to Cummings (Chico) Shillingford and the Rene family on the passing of **Josephine Philbert,** who died on **Monday, January 4, 2021.** The funeral mass for the late **Josephine Philbert,** will take place on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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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 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: Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What do you seek?"

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means Anointed One and Messiah). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

"Come and see"

"Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

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: **263**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,273.00**

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

When we find something of great value it's natural to want to share the good news of our discovery with our family, friends, and neighbors. When Andrew met Jesus and discovered that he was truly the Messiah, he immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news. Andrew brought his brother to meet Jesus so he could "come and see" for himself. When Jesus saw Simon approaching he immediately reached out to Simon in the same way he had done for Andrew earlier. Jesus looked at Simon and revealed that he knew who Simon was and where he came from even before Simon had set his eyes on Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name which signified that God had a personal call and mission for him. Jesus gave Simon the name "Cephas" which is the Aramaic word for "rock." Cephas is translated as Peter (Petros in Greek and Petrus in Latin) which also literally means "rock."

To call someone a "rock" was one of the greatest compliments in the ancient world. The rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was - the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will in all things."