

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: Candace Bryan Noreen Joseph Yvonne Freeman

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 Determination when you ...

- *Believe that what you are doing is important.*
- *Set goals for yourself.*
- *Stay focused without being distracted.*
- *Keep going even if it gets difficult.*
- *Ask for help when you need it.*
- *Finish what you started.*

Affirmation:

***I am determined.
I set goals and
keep going until
I achieve them. I
get things done. I
stay focused on my
purpose.***

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

*Patricia Grell, Julian Labadie,
Velma Abramsen, Horace Wallace,
Riviere Casimir, Kent Meyers,
Josian Dyer, Henrique Foy,
Roland Harrigan, Nicole Ferrari,
Catherine Birmingham,
Elroy Pickering Jr., Micarla Matthew,
Clyde de Jn Charles, Christlene Vanel,
Jaleen Bedminster.*

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARY

*Rev. Fr. Kerly Francois - Jan. 4
Rev. Fr. Boniface Twaibu - Jan. 4*

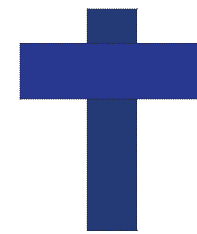


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

The Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 3, 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

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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 3, 2021**

Mon.: 1 John 3:22 - 4:6;
Matthew 4:12 -17, 23 - 25
Tue.: 1 John 4:7 - 10; Mark 6:34 - 44
Wed.: 1 John 4:11 - 18; Mark 6:45 - 52
Thur.: 1 John 4:19 - 5:4; Luke 4:14 - 22
Fri.: 1 John 5:5 - 13; Luke 5:12 - 16
Sat.: 1 John 5:14 - 21; John 3:22 - 30

**NEXT SUNDAY:
Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 55:1 - 11
1 John 5:1 - 9
Mark 1:7 - 11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1 - 6

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1 - 12

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage. Every Epiphany we hear the endless extent of God's goodness. Isaiah tells of the light shining forth from Jerusalem attracting peoples from near and far, from land and sea. The psalmist sings of eternal justice and peace leading all nations to adore the Lord. Paul teaches the Ephesians that they, and all Gentiles, are members of the same body of Christ. Matthew writes of the magi from afar being drawn to the newborn king by the light from above. Let us look for that revelatory light that draws us more fully to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God's guidance for Benoit Fregist
rb His mother, Josephine Merrifield.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Josephine Merrifield rb
Josephine Merrifield.

Birthday blessings for Patsy Grell rb Patsy Grell.

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

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Jan. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. John Neumann**
Birthday blessings for Candace Charles rb Her family.

Wed. Jan. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Andre Bessette**
Birthday blessings for Marie Anthony rb Yvonne Freeman.

Thurs. Jan. 7, 9:00 PM: **St. Raymond of Penafort**
God's healing for Kaisha Toussaint rb The Toussaint family.

Fri. Jan. 8, 5:00 PM: **St. Andrew Corsini**
God's guidance and healing for Pamela Toussaint rb
Pamela Toussaint.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's guidance and protection for Alicia Doute and family.* 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, please consider setting up a recurring gift by visiting our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.**

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**, in observance of Three Kings Day. Please be guided accordingly.

ST. JOSEPH WORKERS' MEETING: Members of St. Joseph Workers are requested to attend your first meeting of 2021 next **Sunday, January 10, 2021**, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. 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!



CONGRATULATIONS: The Holy Father, Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Neil Sebastian Scantlebury, to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Bridgetown, Barbados, making him the first Barbadian to be ordained a Catholic bishop. This announcement was made on **Monday, December 28, 2020**, at noon, Vatican City time. The date set for Episcopal ordination is **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**, at St. Patrick's RC Cathedral, Bridgetown, Barbados. **March 17 is St. Patrick's Feast Day.** Please keep Bishop-elect Scantlebury in your prayers as he makes this transition.

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: If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407), in his homily on this passage from Matthew 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [*The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3*]

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

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: **229**
CHRISTMAS: 252

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,515.25
CHRISTMAS: \$3,765.00

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 of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."