

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 Melitia Etienne
LECTORS: Olga McBean Nehemie Leneus Carmen White

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, Cyril Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, 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 Forgiveness when you ...

- *Remember that everyone makes mistakes.*
- *Share your feelings without taking revenge.*
- *Stop giving uncaring people the chance to hurt you.*
- *Accept people without judgment or criticism.*
- *Take responsibility for your own mistakes.*
- *Make amends instead of punishing yourself with guilt.*

Affirmation:

I am forgiving of others and myself. I am willing to give and receive amends. I learn from my mistakes. I have the power to keep changing for the better.

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 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 You.

Dear Lord, we pray that You watch over our priests, religious and the laity. Unite and inspire us 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.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ... Pray for us
Our Lady of Cassi Hill ... Pray for us
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ... Pray for us
St. Ann ... Pray for us
St. Joseph ... Pray for us
St. Patrick ... Pray for us
Mary, Queen of the Apostles ... Pray for us.
Sts. Peter & Paul ... Pray for us

All the Saints of God ... Pray for us

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

St. Hilaire Antoine, Victor Benoit, Esther Henderson, Eva Donovan, Anthony McBean, Jeanette Magras, Edison Etienne, Yolanda Pierre, Kenrick Fagan, Vonetta Winston, Charlene Vanterpool, Jasmine Dudley, Richie Placid, Bonnie President, Britney Johnson, Kevin Hughes, Mali Moore.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Touchard Tignoua - Feb. 14

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

George & Ruth Smith - Feb. 14
Derrick & Sharon Davis - Feb. 19



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 14, 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.

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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 February 14, 2021

Mon.: Genesis 4:1 - 15, 25; Mark 8:11 - 13
Tue.: Genesis 6:5 - 8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk. 8:14 - 21
Wed.: Joel 2:12 - 18; 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 18
Thur.: Deut. 30:15 - 20; Luke 9:22 - 25
Fri.: Isaiah 58:1 - 9a; Matthew 9:14 - 15
Sat.: Isaiah 58:9b - 14; Luke 5:27 - 32

NEXT SUNDAY: 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8 - 15
1 Peter 3:18 - 22
Mark 1:12 - 15

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: *Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46*

According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1*

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God ... Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 1:40 - 45*

A leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him, and he was healed.

Both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped to hear about on Valentine's Day. In Moses' day, leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, reaches out and touches the leper. The leper is literally not separated from God at all. Not even leprosy is a barrier to Jesus' healing touch. As members of the body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through those barriers. Listening to the word of God, let us take Paul's words as a challenge: "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God's guidance for
Maria Placid Joyeaux rb Matthew Placid.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Ruthine Johnson (*deceased*) rb Her husband, Thomas Johnson.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Bonnie President rb Her family.

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

Daily Masses:

Tues. Feb. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Onesimus*
In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus rb Carolyn Peternel.

Wed. Feb. 17, 7:00 AM: *Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Feb. 18, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Elisabetta Canori-Mora*
Birthday blessings for Mark Charles rb His family.

Fri. Feb. 19, 5:00 PM: *St. Barbatus*
Birthday blessings for Doreen Silvia rb Doreen Silvia.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for deceased Ruthine Johnson, requested by her husband, Thomas Johnson.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ORDINATION OF REV. NEIL SCANTLEBURY: The Most Rev. Charles Jason Gordon, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Bridgetown, said after due consultation with key persons, including Bishop-elect Scantlebury, and His Excellency Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Apostolic Nuncio to the Antilles Episcopal Conference, it has been agreed that the ordination be postponed due to the COVID 19 situation in Barbados. A new date will be announced in due course. Please continue to pray for Bishop-elect Scantlebury as he prepares for his ordination.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed ALL day on **Monday, January 15, 2021**, in observance of Presidents Day. Please be guided accordingly.

ST. JOSEPH WORKERS' MEETING: Members of St. Joseph Workers are reminded to attend your next meeting this **Sunday, February 14, 2021**, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly.

LENT IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK: Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.** Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on **Ash Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
3. Those 14 years and older are to **abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent**
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria, **NO** Alleluia and **NO** recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.

JOB OPENING: The Diocese of St. Thomas is advertising a job position for a Physical Plant Manager. The applicant must be skilled in plumbing, electrical repairs, masonry and carpentry. Housing will be provided and salary is negotiable. Interested persons are kindly asked to contact **Rev. Msgr. Jerome Feudjio at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral at 340-774-0201 or Holy Family church at 340-775-1650.**



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: Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.

Why did Jesus touch the leper, by Origen of Alexandria (185-254 AD)

"And why did [Jesus] touch him, since the law forbade the touching of a leper? He touched him to show that 'all things

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: **284**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,603.40

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

are clean to the clean' (Titus 1:15). Because the filth that is in one person does not adhere to others, nor does external uncleanness defile the clean of heart. So he touches him in his untouchability, that he might instruct us in humility; that he might teach us that we should despise no one, or abhor them, or regard them as pitiable, because of some wound of their body or some blemish for which they might be called to render an account... So, stretching forth his hand to touch, the leprosy immediately departs. The hand of the Lord is found to have touched not a leper, but a body made clean! Let us consider here, beloved, if there be anyone here that has the taint of leprosy in his soul, or the contamination of guilt in his heart? If he has, instantly adoring God, let him say: 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.'" (excerpt from **FRAGMENTS ON MATTHEW 2.2-3**)

"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion."

