

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      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, 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 Courtesy when you ...*

*\*Remember your manners.*

*\*Treat elders, parents, teachers, and children politely.*

*\*Think about how your actions affect others.*

*\*Eat, speak and move graciously.*

*\*Make requests instead of demands.*

*\*Greet people with a smile.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am courteous. I speak and act in a mannerly way. I show others that I value and respect them.*

**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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Sales Associate

**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**

**Roy Stout, Margaret Francis, Vendel Williams, Leroy Eugene, Daline Dambreville, Fitz St. Rose, Glenroy Hodge, Jhante LeBlanc, Donovan Isaac.**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**Leroy & Marahgaye Eugene - Feb. 22**  
**Ramona & Wordsworth Auguste - Feb. 24**

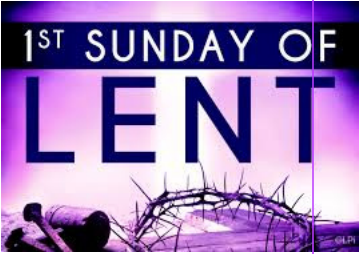


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**1st Sunday of Lent - Feb. 21, 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

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

**Administrative Assistant**  
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Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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

**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**Custodian**  
Mr. Russell Tonge

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4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**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 7:00 AM**  
**Holy Hour - 6PM - 7PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021**

**Mon.:** 1 Peter 5:1 - 4; Matthew 16:13 - 19  
**Tue.:** Isaiah 55:10 - 11; Matthew 6:7 - 15  
**Wed.:** Jonah 3:1 - 10; Luke 11:29 - 32  
**Thur.:** Esther C:12, 14 - 16, 23 - 25; Matthew 7:7 - 12  
**Fri.:** Ezekiel 18:21 - 28; Matthew 5:20 - 26  
**Sat.:** Deut. 26:16 - 19; Matthew 5:43 - 48

**NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 22:1 - 2, 9a, 10 - 13, 15 - 18**  
**Romans 8:31b - 34**  
**Mark 9:2 - 10**

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: *Genesis 9:8 - 15*

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth. To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

#### SECOND READING: *1 Peter 3:18 - 22*

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

#### GOSPEL READING: *Mark 1:12 - 15*

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Our readings today revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, with all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family were all of humanity. The first letter of Peter identifies baptism as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: In Thanksgiving to God for his blessing and healing for  
Joel Clement Giffit.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Victor Benoit rb Victor Benoit.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Elvina Rene, Caitlin Roberts, and  
Kathleen Rene Grant rb The Rene family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Tues. Feb. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Polycarp*  
God's continued blessings and guidance for Evelina Rene.

Wed. Feb. 24, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Josefa Naval Girbes*  
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Feb. 25, 7:00 AM: *St. Caesarius of Nazianzen*  
Birthday blessings for Joel Giffit rb The Giffit family.

Fri. Feb. 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Porphyry*  
Birthday blessings for Richie Placid rb Matthew Placid.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Victor Benoit*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE:** Please be informed that every Friday of Lent mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and the Stations of the Cross will be at 5:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** All previous altar servers and interested new members are kindly asked to attend a meeting on **Saturday, March 6, 2021**, at 12:00 noon in the church. Please be guided accordingly.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Next weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

**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**.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our website: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) and select **online giving**. Holy Family offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone, using "**GIVE PLUS**" mobile App. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

#### LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 5:00 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.



### 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

Today's Gospel from Mark presents us with a short version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew and Luke give many more details, such as Jesus' threefold temptation from Satan. But Mark simply states the fact that Jesus was driven into the desert for forty days and was tempted.

What's interesting to note is that it was "The Spirit" Who drove Jesus into the desert. Jesus did not go there against His will; He went there freely in accord with the will of the Father and by the direction of the Holy Spirit. Why would the Spirit drive Jesus into the desert for this time of fasting, prayer and temptation?

First of all, this time of temptation took place immediately after Jesus was baptized by John. And though Jesus Himself did not spiritually need that baptism, these two series of events teach us much. The truth is that when we choose to follow Christ and live out our baptism, we receive a new strength to fight evil. The grace is there. As a new creation in Christ, you have all the grace you need to conquer the evil one, sin and temptation. Jesus, therefore, set for us an example in order to teach us this truth. He was baptized and then was driven into the desert to face the evil one so as to tell us that we also can conquer him and his evil lies.

As Jesus was in the desert enduring these temptations, "the angels ministered to him." The same is true with us. Our Lord does not leave us alone in the midst of our daily temptations. Rather, He always sends us His angels to minister to us and to help us defeat this vile enemy.

What is your greatest temptation in life? Perhaps you struggle with a habit of sin that you fail at time and time again. Perhaps it's a temptation of the flesh, or a struggle with anger, self-righteousness, dishonesty or something else. Whatever your temptation may be, know that you have all you need to overcome it on account of the grace given to you by your Baptism, strengthened by your Confirmation and regularly fed by your participation in the Most Holy Eucharist.

## 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: **329**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,868.75**

*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

Reflect, today, upon whatever your temptations may be. See the Person of Christ facing those temptations with you and in you. Know that His strength is given to you if you but trust Him with unwavering confidence.

*My tempted Lord, You allowed Yourself to endure the humiliation of being tempted by Satan himself. You did so to show me and all Your children that we can overcome our own temptations through You and by Your strength. Help me, dear Lord, to daily turn to You with my struggles so that You will be victorious in me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

