

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                      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 Honesty when you ...*

*\*Say what you mean and mean what you say.*

*\*Make promises you can keep.*

*\*Tell the truth tactfully.*

*\*Admit your mistakes.*

*\*Refuse to lie, cheat or steal.*

*\*Are true to yourself and do what you know is right.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:**  
**HOLY THURSDAY:**  
7:00 p.m. Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY:**  
2:00 p.m. Station of the Cross;  
3:00 p.m. Service

**HOLY SATURDAY:**  
7:00 p.m. Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY:**  
7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.  
Creole mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Please be guided accordingly.**

**Alma's**  
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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**

*Caroline Pickering, Pamela Charles, Jennifer Pacquette, Janeth Ross, Gabrielle George, Krene Shillingford, Fritznold Bredy, Gail Steele, Collette Van Beverhoudt, Rousselande Augustin, Kristel Cabo, Sheldon Benjamin, Keithford Francis, Evan Fahie.*

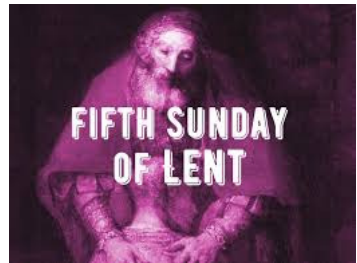


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

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

**5th Sunday of Lent - Mar. 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

**Visiting Deacons**  
Rev. Mr. Michael Jackson  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

**Administrative Assistant**  
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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  
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](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 7:00 AM  
Holy Hour - 6PM - 7PM

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

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

Mon.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1 - 11  
Tue.: Numbers 21:4 - 9; John 8:21 - 30  
Wed.: Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31 - 42  
Thur.: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb. 10:4 - 10; Luke 1:26 - 38  
Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10 - 13; John 10:31 - 42  
Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21 - 28; John 11:45 - 56

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

Isaiah 50:4 - 7  
Philippians 2:6 - 11  
Mark 14:1 - 15:47



## 5th Sunday of Lent

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31 - 34**

God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel .... I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people ... I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7 - 9**

When Jesus was in the flesh, He prayed constantly to God. Through His prayer and obedience, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

**GOSPEL READING: John 12:20 - 33**

Jesus told His followers: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat ... And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."  
Jeremiah set the tone for today's readings when he writes that the Lord promises a new covenant. The old covenant was external: the Chosen People were led by the hand. But the new covenant is internal written upon our hearts. As Christians, we believe that the new covenant is fulfilled in God's Son, who came into our hearts at baptism, who animates our lives, and who can be found in those we meet. Can we be like a grain of wheat, alive in the Lord, producing much fruit?

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

5:00 PM: Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Pamela Charles rb Her family.

10:00 AM: God's protection for Jamila Descartes rb Jamila Descartes.

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

### Daily Masses:

Tues. Mar. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Tribio de Mogrovejo*  
God's continuous healing and guidance for Tracey Joseph  
rb Her mother.

Wed. Mar. 24, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Diego*  
Richard and Rose Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Mar. 25, 7:00 AM: *The Annunciation of the Lord*  
Deacon Austin Medina (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Fri. Mar. 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Margaret Clitherow*  
God's guidance and protection for Bishop-elect Jerome Feudjio.

**#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Pamela Charles, requested by Pamela Charles.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Bishop's Appeal.* Next week's second collection will go towards the *Bishop's Appeal.* As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** The annual Bishop's Appeal supports three soup kitchens with our diocese. Every day hungry men and women are fed by your charity. By your generous contributions to the Bishop's Appeal, the work continues the ministry of Jesus. We ask you to please take home the brochure and pray about what sacrificial gift you can give to this worthwhile cause.

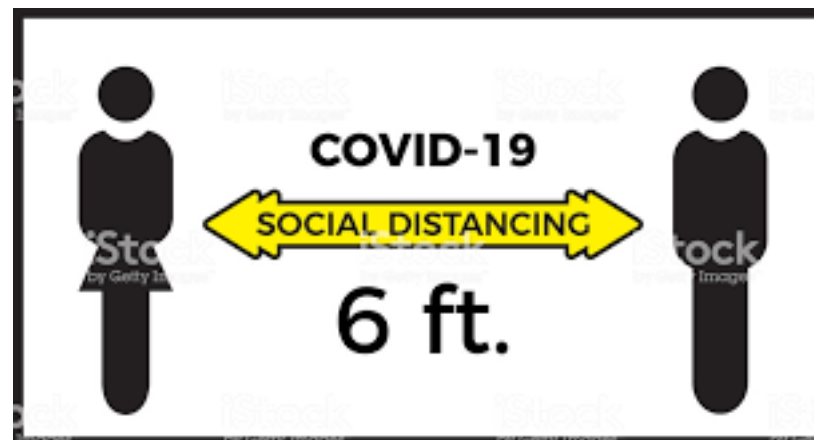
For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "**Diocese of St. Thomas.**" Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

**"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto Me."**

**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.

**ORDINATION:** Bishop-elect Jerome Feudjio is scheduled to be ordained on April 17, 2021. There will be a commemorative booklet. We are soliciting ads and patrons for the booklet. If you would like to purchase an ad or patron, forms are available from committee members. **Patrons are \$20; \$50; \$100; \$250; \$500; and \$1,000.** For more information, please call the church office.

**LOURDES IN A DAY:** The Order of Malta is inviting the parish sick to the 3rd annual "*Lourdes in a Day*" event on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Father Ortiz-Santiago. There will be Holy Water from Lourdes to all, confessions and lunch.



### 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

Death does not necessarily sound all that inviting to most people. So, how should we look at death?

First of all, death, literally speaking, is a passing from this world to the next. When our time comes in accord with the will of God, we should welcome it and anticipate our full immersion into the life of God.

But this Scripture passage speaks of death on another level. We should see ourselves represented by the grain of wheat that achieves its potential only by falling to the ground and dying. In that natural act, it is planted in the fertile soil and grows, producing an abundance of good fruit.

How should we see ourselves represented in this natural action? We do so by embracing death to self so that we can be planted in the fertile soil of the grace of God and produce an abundance of good fruit.

Dying to oneself means that we let go of all selfishness in life. First, all intentional acts of selfishness must be let go, but then even unintended selfishness must be let go. What is "unintended selfishness"?

Unintended selfishness is a way of referring to everything in life that you hold on to and cling to simply because you want it for yourself. This could include even good things such as a loving relationship. It's not that we should do away with good things in life, such as loving relationships; rather, we must not cling to anything, even good things, for selfish motives. Love, when it is authentic love inspired by God, always is detached and selfless, looking only toward the good of the other. This is the purest death to self that we can live. When this level of love is lived, that of complete selfless detachment, God enters into our lives and into each particular situation of our lives, bringing forth an abundance of good fruit. This is a gift that is more powerful than anything we can do on our own, because it is the fruit of a total death to self, transformed by God into new life.

## 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: **279**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,569.00**

**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

Reflect, today, upon your calling to die. First, reflect upon the literal death from this world that you will one day experience. Do not fear that moment; rather, see it as a glorious transition into the fullness of life. Second, look for ways that you can die to yourself, here and now. Identify practical and concrete ways that God is calling you to this form of death. Know that in this act, glorious gifts of new life await.

**Lord, I give myself to You and Your holy will in a total and sacrificial way. I choose to die to self so that You can bring forth new life from this act of selfless surrender. Take me, dear Lord, and do with me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.**

