

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 Pierre Joseph Gabrielle Baa

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, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, 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, Ophelia Bannis, Lola Warrington, Kathleen Thompson, John George, Roserita Laparol, Irene Morris, Mercedes Hodge, Joe Toussaint.

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 Commitment when you ...

- *Think before you make a promise.*
- *Keep every agreement you make.*
- *Make decisions confidently.*
- *Go the extra mile.*
- *Give 100% to everything you do.*
- *Are faithful to people you care about.*

Affirmation:

I commit to my decisions. I keep my agreements. I give my all. I am a faithful friend.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

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

Alma's
SECRETARIAL SERVICE

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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 EASTER

Lord Jesus, you have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize Your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of Your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of Your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I can view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion You showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of Your glory. In Your name I pray. Amen.

O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.

FUNERAL SERVICES/MASSES

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 10:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Service at 9:00 a.m. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Iona Vanterpool, Ruth De Mouy-Hunt, Bridget Hodge, Victoria Greenaway, Stella Saunders, Laurie Velazquez, Janine Lewis, Terrence Webbe, Bruce Bertrand, Garn Johnsobn, Cornelia Adams, Yashima Victorine, Alicia Dorval, Leah Quetel, Cameron Daley, Harry Freeman.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Garn & Alison Johnson - Apr. 26

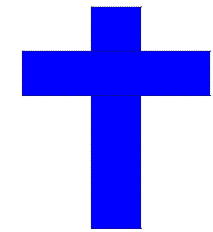


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 25, 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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Visiting Priest
Reverend Francis Aning Amoah

Visiting Deacons
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

Administrative Assistant
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Mr. Verne Callwood
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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

Monday - 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 April 25, 2021

Mon.: Acts 11:1 - 18; John 10:1 - 10
Tue.: Acts 11:19 - 26; John 10:22 - 30
Wed.: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; John 12:44 - 50
Thur.: Acts 13:13 - 25; John 13:16 - 20
Fri.: Acts 13:26 - 33; John 14:1 - 6
Sat.: Gen. 1:26 - 2:3; Matt. 13:54 - 58

NEXT SUNDAY:
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26 - 31
1 John 3:18 - 24
John 15:1 - 8



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8 - 12

Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazorean, through whom all are saved.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 - 2

Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11 - 18

Jesus is the good shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep but is willing to lay down his life for the sheep.

Two metaphors in today's readings describe Jesus. Peter, drawing upon the words of the psalmist, calls Jesus the cornerstone. He is the foundation of our Christian faith, the one who conquered death and brought salvation to the world. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. He leads and cares for his sheep, even sheep outside the fold, eventually laying down his life for them, for us. Let us reflect on how Jesus is our cornerstone and our shepherd.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



5:00 PM: God's blessings and protection for Celestine George rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Michael Charles rb His family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Julie, Elma, Amayah and K'Lynn.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Zita*
God's deliverance and healing for Holy Family parishioners.

Tues. Apr. 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Gianna Beretta Molla*
Phillip Marcellin (deceased) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Wed. Apr. 28, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort*
Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Apr. 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Catherine of Siena*
Cyrille Joseph (deceased) rb The Rene family.

Fri. Apr. 30, 5:00 PM: *St. Pius V*
Dejani Chitolie (deceased) rb The Chitolie family.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's blessings, guidance and protection for Mary Soodeen, requested by Joseph and Beulah Babulal. 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 Catholic Home Mission. Next week's second collection will go towards the Bishop's Appeal. As always we thank you for your generosity.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Appeal 2021. The appeal wants to make a difference in the Virgin Islands through Catholic education, Catholic Charities and Catholic evangelization. Please give a generous gift so that we can continue to improve on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our diocese.

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!

"It's not how much we give, its how much LOVE we put into giving."
Mother St. Theresa of Calcutta

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This 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.

CHURCH BULLETIN: Please be reminded that the church bulletin can be viewed or accessed online at www.holyfamilystt.com or via myParish app. Access the App Store, download the **MYPARISH APP**, and then put in the name of your parish (Holy Family). Please be guided accordingly.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Are you unemployed or just looking for a change in your career and are desirous of working in a most exciting and fulfilling atmosphere?

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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

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." John 10:11

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday." This is because the readings for this Sunday from all three liturgical years come from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel in which Jesus teaches clearly and repeatedly about His role of being the Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be a shepherd? More specifically, how is it that Jesus most perfectly acts as the Good Shepherd of us all?

The image of Jesus being a shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have shown Jesus as a gentle and kind man holding a sheep in His arms or on His shoulders. In part, it is this holy image that we put before our mind's eye to ponder today. This is an inviting image and one that helps us to turn to our Lord, as a child would turn to a parent in need. But though this gentle and endearing image of Jesus as a shepherd is quite inviting, there are other aspects of His role as Shepherd that should also be considered.

The Gospel quoted above gives us the heart of Jesus' definition of the most important quality of a good shepherd. He is one who "lays down his life for the sheep." He is one who is willing to suffer, out of love, for those entrusted to his care. He is one who chooses the life of the sheep over his own life. At the heart of this teaching is sacrifice. A shepherd is sacrificial. And being sacrificial is the truest and most accurate definition of love.

Though Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" Who gave His life for us all, we must also daily strive to imitate His sacrificial love for others. We must be Christ, the Good Shepherd, to others every day. And the way we do this is by looking for ways to lay our lives down for others, putting them first,

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: **325**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,423.75**

BISHOP'S APPEAL: **\$835.50**

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

overcoming every selfish tendency, and serving them with our lives. Love is not only experiencing endearing and heartwarming moments with others; first and foremost, love is about being sacrificial.

Reflect, today, upon these two images of Jesus the Good Shepherd. First, ponder the tender and gentle Lord Who welcomes you and cares for you in a holy, compassionate, and endearing way. But then turn your eyes to the Crucifixion. Our Good Shepherd did, indeed, give His life for us all. His shepherding love led Him to suffer greatly and to lay His life down so that we could be saved. Jesus was not afraid to die for us, because His love was perfect. We are the ones who matter to Him, and He was willing to do anything necessary to love us, including sacrificing His life out of love. Ponder this most holy and pure sacrificial love and strive to more fully offer this same love to all those whom you are called to love.

Jesus our Good Shepherd, I thank You profoundly for loving me to the point of sacrificing Your life on the Cross. You love me not only with the utmost tenderness and compassion but also in a sacrificial and selfless way. As I receive Your divine love, dear Lord, help me to also imitate Your love and to sacrifice my life for others. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.