

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: Olga McBean Noreen Joseph Ursula Prosper



Thank you for serving !!!



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 Ban-nis, 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 Courage when you ...

****Stay strong even when you are afraid.***

****Are willing to try new things.***

****Admit mistakes and learn from them.***

****Make amends when you do something wrong.***

****Do what is right for you even when it is hard.***

****Ask for help when you need it.***

Affirmation:

I have courage. I listen to my heart. I face my fears and am willing to try new things. I have the courage to do the right thing.

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 TO ST. JOSEPH.

(from Patris Corde)

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in
you Mary placed her trust; with you
Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a
father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.**

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**

Alinda Sebastian, Antonio Vanterpool, Cory Bryan, Lia Fabian, Francis Sampson, Survanna Isidore, David Willie, Janette Feracho, Veronica Joseph, Maynor Eusebe, Candice Gimenez, Steven Stevenson, Silia Erilis, Monroe Sanderson, Janet Peters, Shanda Caracciolo, Kettelie Etienne, Myrtha Duverney, Eustella Raymond, Samera Alcendor, Olivia Najawicz, V'Shol Emmanuel, Eli Santiago, Shavciu Alexander, Kashaan Mark, Ariel Angol.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Timothy & Louvaine Jno Baptiste - May 4

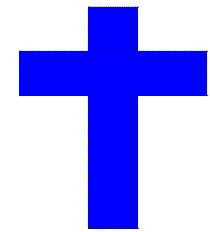


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 2, 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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**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 May 2, 2021**

Mon.: 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 8; John 14:6 - 14

Tue.: Acts 14:19 - 28; John 14:27 - 31a

Wed.: Acts 15:1 - 6; John 15:1 - 8

Thur.: Acts 15:7 - 21; John 15:9 - 11

Fri.: Acts 15:22 - 31; John 15:12 - 17

Sat.: Acts 16:1 - 10; John 15:18 - 21

NEXT SUNDAY:
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25 - 26, 34 - 35, 44 - 48

1 John 4:7 - 10

John 15:9 - 17



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 9:26 - 31

Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18 - 24

“Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1 - 8

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” Everyone else “will be thrown out like a branch and wither.”

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say that He is the vine and His disciples are the branches. He tells them that those who remain on the vine will bear much fruit. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early church, trying to destroy the blossoming vine. But in today’s first reading, after his conversion and baptism, Saul - now Paul - boldly preaches in the Lord’s name. We also hear John assure us that if we keep God’s commandments we will remain in the Lord, remain on the vine, bearing fruit.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Rashemah Stridiron rb The Johnson and Stridiron familes.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God’s healing for Cassia Ludat rb Tajil Baptiste.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Gerald Henry rb His wife and children.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 3, 7:00 AM: ***Sts. Philip and James - Apostles***
Leon Bryan (*deceased*) rb Joel Bryan and family.

Tues. May 4, 7:00 AM: ***Blessed Ceferino Gimenez Malla***
Birthday blessings for Melchesideka Bruney rb His mother, Valda.

Wed. May 5, 7:00 AM: ***St. Mary Mazzarello.***
Theophilus Joseph (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

Thurs. May 6, 7:00 AM: ***Blessed Francois de Montmorency Laval***
Gene Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. May 7, 5:00 PM: ***Blessed Rose Venerini***
Rev. Dominic Mammarella (*deceased*) rb Mountaineer Priest Association.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for belated birthday blessings for Celine Huggins and Alicia Powell, requested by Pauline.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Mission Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$370.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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: There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal 2021. We need your help to reach our goal. Please support our Catholic schools, the Bethlehem Houses on St. Thomas and St. Croix, our soup kitchens on all three islands and the evangelization efforts which promote the mission of the local church.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Victor Benoit and Pamela Charles in thanksgiving to God and celebration of another birthday. Thank you for beautifying our altar and we pray God’s continued blessings for many more in good health. Once again, thank you.

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? Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands seeks to employ an Administrative Assistant with some accounting experience. We offer: retirement plan, health insurance, paid vacations. Call 340-777-8518 for further information or email ccusvi@outlook.com

ALLELUIA!

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

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

What a great little reminder... “Without me you can do nothing.”

At first, hearing this may hurt. It may hurt our pride, and we may react to this idea negatively. Is it really true? Can we really do nothing without God? Obviously the answer to that is “Yes.” Jesus does not lie. We can do nothing without God in our lives.

In fact, if God were to forget us for one moment, we would cease to exist. Even our very existence depends upon God continuing to will that we exist. And as for doing good, making a difference, having a productive life, etc., we can do nothing good without God’s grace.

Though this may be hard to hear at first, we should ponder it regularly. And if we do ponder it and embrace this truth, two things will happen in our souls. First, we will grow in humility. Humility is the most important virtue in which we can grow. It’s been referred to as “the mother of all virtues.” This is because from this virtue, all other virtues flow. Humility means we realize that God is everything and that we need Him with a 100% need. This humble truth will enable us to seek God in all things and to invite Him deeply into every part of our lives.

A second thing that will happen in our souls when we realize that we can do nothing without God is that we will grow in gratitude. As we see that God is everything AND we begin to see that He provides us with constant grace in our lives, our only appropriate response will be “Thank you!” We will be grateful to God for everything because we will realize that everything that is good is a gift from Him.

Reflect, today, upon these truths of humility and gratitude and allow them to sink in. As you do, allow these virtues to grow to greater fruition in your 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: **289**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,538.25

Catholic Home Mission: **\$370.00**

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

Lord, I do believe that I can do nothing without You. Help me to believe this with an even greater conviction and, as I do, help me to grow in humility and gratitude. Jesus, I trust in You.

*Good Morning
Always*

Assume nothing

Expect little,

Do more

Demand less

Laugh often

Smile alot,

Think of God

Pray always,

Have A Wonderful Day

