

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                      Melita Etienne  
**LECTORS:** Olga McBean                      Pierre Joseph                      CCD STUDENTS



*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 Loyalty when you ...*

*\*Stand up for people and ideas you believe in.*

*\*Choose your friends wisely.*

*\*Are a faithful friend through good times and bad.*

*\*Don't allow loyalty to lead you into trouble.*

*\*Don't let others come between you and your friends.*

*\*Are loyal to yourself.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am loyal to the people and ideas I care about. I stand by my friends and loved ones. I keep my commitments.*

**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 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**

*Olga McBean, Newman Francis, Eubald Rene, Carmen White, Cornel Williams, Derrick Fontaine, Wellington Eusebe, Athenia Smith, Ernest Ross, Kemon Henry, Kerlon Sablon, Keane Sablon, Abedale Samuel, Eve Marie Francois, Anne Pierre, Terrence Webbe.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Kenneth & Lauren Thomas - May 22*

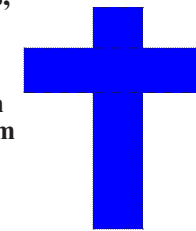


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - May 16, 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**  
Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Visiting Priest**  
Reverend Francis Aning Amoah

**Visiting Deacons**  
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Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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

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**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**

**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 16, 2021**

Mon.: Acts 19:1 - 8; John 16:29 - 33  
Tue.: Acts 20:17 - 27; John 17:1 - 11a  
Wed.: Acts 20:28 - 38; John 17:11b - 19  
Thur.: Acts 22:30; 23:6 - 11; John 17:20 - 26  
Fri.: Acts 25:13b - 21; John 21:15 - 19  
Sat.: Acts 28:16 - 20, 30 - 31; John 21:20 - 25

**NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1 - 11  
1 Corinthians 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13  
John 20:19 - 23





# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:1 - 11**

The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17 - 23**

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:15 - 20**

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

One way that we can tell that today is a day of transition is that today's Gospel consists of the very end of Mark's Gospel and today's first reading is the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. It is also a moment of transition for Jesus, from his time here on earth in bodily form to eternity in heaven in glory at the right hand of the Father. Finally, it is a time of transition for the disciples, told to go into the world and witness to the gospel. As disciples of the Lord ourselves, let us listen for His call in today's scriptures.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** Birthday blessings for Alvin, Olga and Tori rb Olga McBean.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** God's continued blessings for the members of St. Joseph Workers.

**10:00 AM:** Birthday blessings for Eubald Rene rb The Rene family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. May 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Paschal Baylon**  
Birthday blessing, guidance and protection for Agnes Canning rb Her family.

Tues. May 18, 7:00 AM: **St. John I**  
Advance birthday blessings for Chenniah Brown rb Her mother, grandmother and the entire family circle.

Wed. May 19, 7:00 AM: **St. Celestine V**  
Iver Vessup (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. May 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Bernardine of Siena**  
Birthday blessings for Terrence Webb, Jr. rb His family.

Fri. May 21, 5:00 PM: **St. Christopher Magallanes**  
Rev. John Kemper (deceased) rb Mountaineer Priests Assoc.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for birthday blessings for Kenneth Thomas and anniversary blessings for Kenneth and Lauren Thomas. Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** We are still trying to reach our goal with this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our schools, Catholic Charities and our evangelization efforts need your support!

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 Olga McBean and Eubald Renè 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.

**ST. JOSEPH WORKERS:** The consecration of St. Joseph the Worker will be on **Thursday, May 20, 2021**, at Holy Family church at 7:00 p.m. A talk on the occasion will be given by sister Ayana Griffith from Trinidad along with Fr. Anthony Abraham. All are invited. Please wear your mask.

**ORDINATION:** Bishop-elect Neil Scantlebury is scheduled to be ordained on **Friday, June 11, 2021**, in Bridgetown, Barbados. There will be a commemorative booklet. We are soliciting ads and patrons for the booklet. If you would like to purchase an ad or need a patron list, please contact **Ms. Alicia Doute** or the church office. The cut off date for submission of Ads and patron lists is **Wednesday, June 2, 2021**. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this matter, please contact **Ms. Glendia Caines** at 340-643-0810 or please call the church office.

**CHURCH BULLETIN:** Please be reminded that the church bulletin can be viewed or accessed online at [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://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.

# 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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15-16

We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from the Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising, and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God, and today we honor that one definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace, and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

## 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: **358**

### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,365.64**

BISHOP'S APPEAL: **\$863.75**

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

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to not only share in this glorious moment of the Ascension of Jesus but also your calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life. Reflect upon Jesus, Who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching friends, family and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ's mission to "go into the whole world" to gather the scattered people into the one fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.

*My ascended Lord, all things throughout history were but a preparation for the moment when You drew fallen humanity into Heaven to be with Your Father forever. Help me to always heed Your holy words, so that I, too, will share in Your Ascension. Use me, dear Lord, to also go forth and to draw many others to You so that the Kingdom will be filled with all those whom You have called. Jesus, I trust in You.*