

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:** Candace Bryan                      Hildia Celestine                      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, 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 Banis, 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 Confidence when you ...*

*\*Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself.*

*\*Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you.*

*\*Discover your talents and try new things.*

*\*Learn from your mistakes.*

*\*Think positively.*

*\*Trust that all things work together for good.*

**Affirmation:**

***I am confident. I appreciate my gifts and give my best. I enjoy trying new things. I welcome new possibilities.***

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Alma's**  
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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**

*Agnes Canning, Kenneth Thomas, Alvin McBean, Teddy Feracho, Mary Francis, Marcella Toussaint, Martha Hernandez, Carmen Levia, Alma Johnson, Damian Norris, Ronald Stout, Desiree Wilkes, Leeal Turnbull, Tre Petersen, Chirlie Plaisimond, V'Keshia Adams, Abigail Bruney, Daniella Gradiste, Jayden Chesterfield, Keshawn Dorcelly, Micheal Harper, Asriel Knight.*

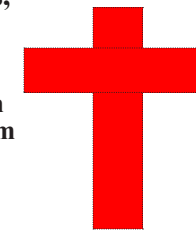


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 9, 2021**

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*Happy Mother's Day !*

**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

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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 9, 2021**

Mon.: Acts 16:11 - 15; John 15:26 - 16:4a  
Tue.: Acts 16:22 - 34; John 16:5 - 11  
Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; John 16:12 - 15  
Thur.: Acts 18:1 - 8; John 16:16 - 20  
Fri.: Acts 1:15 - 17, 20 - 26; John 15:9 - 17  
Sat.: Acts 18:23 - 28; John 16:23 - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1 - 11  
Ephesians 1:17 - 23  
Mark 16:15 - 20



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:25 - 26, 34 - 35, 44 - 48**

Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7 - 10**

John wrote, "Let us love one another, because love is of God." The person without love knows nothing of God because God is love.

**GOSPEL READING: John 15:9 - 17**

Jesus told His disciples. "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." There is no greater love than this: "to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Our readings today move us from acceptance to love. Peter points out that the Holy Spirit comes to Gentiles and Jews alike, preaching that God does not discriminate. John calls on us to love one another, for God is love. Jesus, on the night before He was put to death, tells His disciples that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others. Let us listen to these lessons of grace-filled tolerance and selfless love.

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



**5:00 PM:** Birthday blessings for Alma Johnson rb Her family.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Fr. Patrick Cashman (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

**10:00 AM:** God's blessings for the Maynard family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. May 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai**  
Thanksgiving to God for favors received rb The Eusebe family.

Tues. May 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Ignatius of Laconi**  
God's healing, deliverance and protection for Tracey Joseph  
rb Her mother.

Wed. May 12, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras**  
Rev. Hugh Stephen J O'Neill (*deceased*) rb Mountaineer Priest  
Association.

Thurs. May 13, 7:00 AM: **Our Lady of Fatima**  
In thanksgiving to God spared life rb Vanessa Harrigan.

Fri. May 14, 5:00 PM: **St. Matthias**  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessing for Eubald Rene, requested by his family.* 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 *Catholic Communication Campaign.* As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Please be an active and effective part of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic Schools and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us reach our goal today.

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

**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.

**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.

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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

**"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."**  
John 15:13

Love is very often understood as a strong feeling or emotion toward another. When someone is strongly attracted to someone or something, they "love it." But is this love? Is this love in the truest sense? Not really. Love certainly will have an emotional element to it, but it will not be based on emotions or feelings.

So what is love? Love is a choice. Specifically, as Jesus identifies in the Gospel passage above, love is a choice to "lay down one's life for one's friends."

Laying down our lives indicates a number of things. First, it shows that the nature of love is a total self gift. Laying down your life cannot be done half way. Either your life is laid down or not. This reveals that love, in order for it to be love in the truest sense, is a total commitment of 100% of your life.

This passage also reveals that love is sacrificial. Laying down your life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. This requires true sacrifice and selflessness.

We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. When we do turn our eyes and hearts toward others, we will begin to discover countless ways to lay our lives down for them. Small acts of kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, help with a chore, etc. are a few of the small ways we give of ourselves every day. Greater acts may include a heroic forgiveness, love when we do not feel like being loving, giving mercy when it appears undeserved, and going out of our way to be there for a person when we do not have time in our busy schedule.

## 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: **298**

### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,428.01**

BISHOP'S APPEAL: **\$606.00**

**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

The bottom line is that giving of ourselves until it hurts turns any small or large sacrifice we give into a blessing for them and a glorious reward for us. Living a sacrificial life is fulfilling on many levels and is ultimately what we are made for.

Reflect, today, upon how well you lay down your life for others, holding nothing back. Do not hesitate to commit yourself to this depth of love. By giving yourself completely away, you find yourself and discover the presence of our divine Lord.

**Lord, help me to put others first. Help me to love until it hurts. And in that loving sacrifice, help me to discover the love in Your own divine heart. Jesus, I trust in You.**

