

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                      Lafwah Rolle                      Yvonne Freeman



*Thank you for serving !!!*



*Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .*

**HOSPITAL:** Christine Pharoah.

**OFF ISLAND:** Bertina Lestrade, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Cyril Eugene, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, Deacon Peter Laurencin.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, 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 Detachment when you ...*

*\*Don't get swept away by strong feelings.*

*\*Take time out before doing something you will regret.*

*\*Step back and look at your feelings.*

*\*Act instead of react.*

*\*Let go of things you cannot control.*

*\*Choose to do what is right.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am detached.  
I am aware of  
my feelings and  
choose my actions  
with detachment.  
I do what is right  
for me. I choose  
to be my best self  
no matter what  
happens.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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**PRAYER FOR  
HURRICANE  
SEASON**

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**HURRICANE SEASON**  
June 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>

**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**

*Wende Rouse, Errol Grell, Samuel Ottley, Olivia Gumbs, Balvin Browne, Beverly St. Thomas, Charlene Dick, Shirley Pacquette, Michelle Cadet, Synthie Telemaque, Myrleine Thomas, Steven Mayers, Daphne Mayers, Tesha Tyson, Chandra Williams, Alex Bruney, Christine Smith, Mica Jackson, Shawn Williams, Jada Plummer, Jaden Plummer, Jayde Roumou, Cailey McCleary, Gabrielle Baa.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Kevin & Tiffanie Quetel - Aug. 15  
Ronald & Michelle Stout - Aug. 19*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - August 15, 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.**

**Pastor**  
Reverend Boniface Twaibu

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Visiting Deacon**  
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Mr. Desmond Simmonds

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Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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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 August 15, 2021**

Mon.: Judges 2:11 - 19; Matthew 19:16 - 22  
Tue.: Judges 6:11- 24a; Matthew 19:23 - 30  
Wed.: Judges 9:6 - 15; Matthew 20:1 - 16  
Thur.: Judges 11:29 - 39a; Matthew 22:1 - 14  
Fri.: Ruth 1:1,3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matt. 22:34-40  
Sat.: Ruth 2:1 - 3, 8 - 11; 4:13 - 17;  
Matthew. 23:1 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Joshua 24:1 - 2a, 15 - 17, 18b**  
**Ephesians 5:21 - 32**  
**John 6:60 - 69**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!**  
**FIRST READING: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1 - 6a, 10ab**

A great sign appeared in the sky: a woman clothed with the sun. She was with child and after she gave birth, a dragon stood ready to devour the child, but the child was taken to safety in heaven, and God protected the woman.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 27**

Christ is risen from the dead, the "firstfruits" of those who have died. All who belong to Christ also will rise. Christ hands over the reign to God.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39 - 56**

Mary went to Zechariah's house to visit with Elizabeth. The baby in Elizabeth's womb "leaped." Mary gave praise to the Lord for all God's marvelous deeds of justice and love.

When the angel Gabriel visited the young virgin Mary with the momentous, shocking news that she would be the mother of God's son, she responded faithfully, "May it be done to me according to your word."

When a woman spontaneously praised his mother, Jesus told the crowd, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." As we listen to God's word today, let us consider how we assent to God's will and incorporate God's word in our lives.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** Birthday blessings for Anthony Stridiron rb The Stridiron and Johnson families.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Phillip Marcellin (*deceased*) rb His wife, Felicinne Marcellin.

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

**5:00 PM:** God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Stephen of Hungary*  
Birthday blessings for Duane, Devin and Claudeja  
rb Yvonne Brutus.

Tues. Aug. 17, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Joan Delanoue*  
God's continued guidance and protection for Nicholas JnCharles  
rb His mother, Eulalia Peters.

Wed. Aug. 18, 7:00 AM: *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*  
Idelta Abraham (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Aug. 19, 7:00 AM: *St. John Eudes*  
Anniversary blessings for Samuel and Pauline Ottley.

Fri. Aug. 20, 5:00 PM: *St. Bernard*  
Birthday blessings for Jeanyiah Andrew rb Her mother.



#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's blessings for Carmen White and son, Maurice, requested by Beverly McClendon. Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

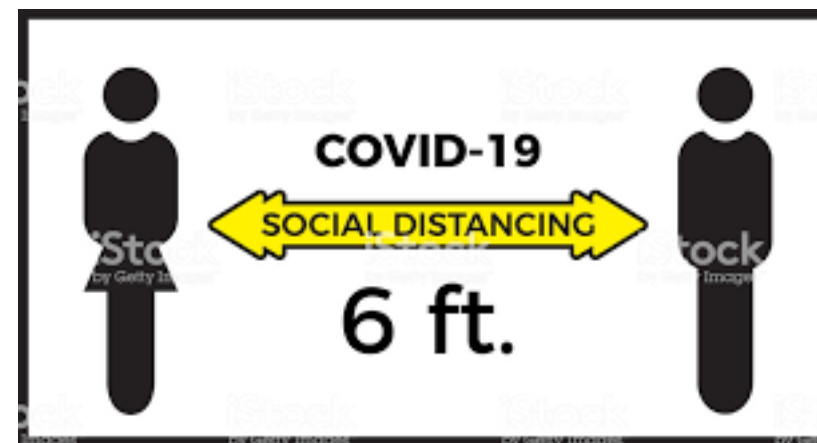
**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the Youth Ministry. Next week's second collection will go towards Catholic Education. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Glendia B. Caines in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her 60plus birthday and her mom's 101st heavenly birthday. Thank you Ms. Caines for beautifying our altar and we pray God's continued blessings for many more years. Once again, thank you.

**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.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the deacon, and priests we extends sincere sympathy to Jennifer Johnson and family on the passing of her sister, Vera S. Brady, who died on **Monday, July 26, 2021**. The funeral of the late Vera S. Brady will take place on **Sunday, August 22, 2021** at Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church, at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**COVID- DELTA PROTOCOL:** Following the recent press release of the Governor of the US Virgin Islands concerning houses of worship Covid-19 protocols, please take note of the recommendations that all protocols on restrictions must be observed, to ensure that sanitization, face covering, monitoring of body temperature and social distancing are strictly implemented in all the facilities and all the churches of the diocese.



### 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

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name." Luke 1:46-49*

Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today's celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "... we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary's Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no

## 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: **229**  
**Last Weekend's collections**  
**FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,562.75**  
Catholic Education: **\$593.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$9,415.00, 9% of the diocese's goal. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution.**

## LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

power over one who was without sin.

The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her Magnificat, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

**Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.**