

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: Margarita Smith Rita Brady Bermudez Gabrielle Baa



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 Caring when you ...

**Show care for others, yourself and the earth.*

**Look at people and listen closely.*

**Handle things carefully.*

**Are gentle with people and things placed in your care.*

**Treat your body with respect.*

**Work with enthusiasm and excellence.*

Affirmation:

I care for others and myself. I pay loving attention. I give my best to every job.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesdays - Fridays

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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Sales Associate

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 1st - November 30th

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

Irene Morris, Donna Edney, Jennifer Frederick, Lesley Honaraie, Anita Aubain, Paula Charles, Stephen Steele, Jorestal Johnson, Joseph Philbert, Jr., Julio Angel Adams, Mervin Clemond, Toya Seales, Rohan Johnson, Dacladas Jacquet, Akeem Liburd, Gerald deFreitas, Jamarley Andrew, Dariea Monrose, Celestial Dazel, Quanna Charles, Renasha Benjamin, Cayden Morris, Nekyle Alfred, Vashanti Francis.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Alvin & Olga McBean - Aug. 27



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 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
Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

Administrative Assistant
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Jadine Davis
Jonathan Davis
Jeeniyah Andrew
Shanique Stout

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Mr. Tajil Chitolie Baptiste
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

Custodian
Mr. Russell Tonge

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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 22, 2021

Mon.: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5, 8b - 10; Matthew 23:13 - 22

Tue.: Revelation 21:9b - 14; John 1:45 - 51

Wed.: 1 Thes. 2:9 - 13; Matthew 23:27 - 32

Thur.: 1 Thes. 3:7 - 13; Matthew 24:42 - 51

Fri.: 1 Thes. 4:1 - 8; Matthew 25:1 - 13

Sat.: 1 Thes. 4:9 - 11; Matthew. 25:14 - 30

NEXT SUNDAY:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2, 6 - 8
James 1:17 - 18, 21b - 22, 27
Mark 7:1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1 - 2a, 15 - 17, 18b

Joshua told the Israelites they were to decide who they would serve: the Amorite gods or the Lord who brought them out of Egypt. They agreed to “serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21 - 32

Paul likened the love of a husband and wife to the love Christ has for the church. As Christ loves the church, so should husbands and wives love each other.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:60 - 69

Jesus’ disciples were puzzled by his words. Jesus reminded them, “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.” Simon Peter responded, “You have the words of eternal life.”

Today’s readings emphasize the need to make a commitment. The tribes of Israel are asked to commit themselves to the god that they choose to serve. Paul speaks about spouses’ commitments to their partners as a parallel to the relationship between Christ and the church. Jesus asks the Twelve if they will commit to continue to follow him. As we listen to God’s word, let us consider how we would answer each challenge and pray that our commitment to our faith be strengthened.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God’s guidance and protection for Judge Allan John Baptiste rb His parents.

10:00 AM: God’s guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Rose of Lima*
Leon Bryan (*deceased*) rb Joel Bryan and family.

Tues. Aug. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Bartholomew*
God’s guidance and St. Michael’s protection for Keith,
Michael, Jason and Frank rb Their mother.

Wed. Aug. 25, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz*
Benny Hobson (*deceased*) rb The children of Mary.

Thurs. Aug. 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Teresa of Jesus Jornet Ibars*
Birthday blessings for Irene Morris rb The Delgado family.

Fri. Aug. 27, 5:00 PM: *St. Monica*
Birthday blessings for Josette St. John rb Her daughter.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for anniversary blessings for Alvin and Olga McBean requested by their family.* Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

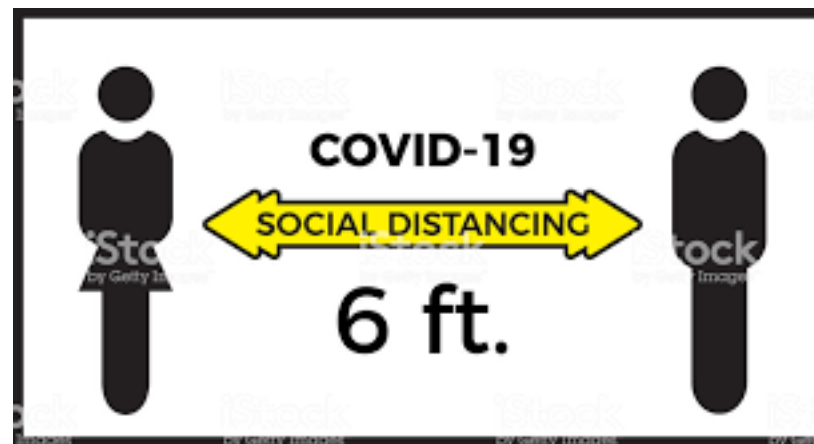
SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the *Catholic Education.* Next week’s second collection will go towards *Music Ministry.* As always we thank you for your generosity.

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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the deacon, and priests we extend 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 this *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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: All students for Confirmation 2 class along with parents are invited to attend a meeting on *Saturday, August 28, 2021* at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Please bring along your summer package of assignments along with other requirements needed in preparation for Confirmation. Information regarding meetings for other students will be forthcoming.

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

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “*Do you also want to leave?*” *Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”* John 6:66–69

As a result of what? As a result of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist “many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had given, but for some it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:53). He goes on to say, “For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55).

From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught.

The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather, Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe.

Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. “Master, to whom shall we go?” In other words, Peter was saying, “Lord, even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected,

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: **104**
Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: **\$1,939.00**
Youth Ministry: **\$476.00**

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

be misunderstood...you are the best option.” Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best “option” to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular or unpopular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground.

Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all, and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You.