

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: Margarita smith Rita Brady Bermudez Carmen White



Thank you for serving !!!



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

HOSPITAL: Christine Pharoah, Stacey Bryan.

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

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 War-rington, Kathleen Thompson, John George, Roserita Laparol, Irene Morris, Mercedes Hodge.

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 Compassion when you ...

- *Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend.*
- *Imagine how they must be feeling.*
- *Take time to show that you care.*
- *Ask how they are and listen patiently.*
- *Forgive others when they make a mistake.*
- *Are helpful to a person or animal in need.*

Affirmation:

*I have compassion.
I notice when
someone is hurt
or needs my help.
I take the time to
show that I care.*

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
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.

Covid-19 Prayer

With a sad heart but with a strong faith in the Heavenly Father, today I kneel down in prayer, asking for a full recovery of those with Covid-19 and Lord I'm asking You to continue to protect & cover those who have not yet suffered the infection. Give more strength to all the frontliners who are exhausted but are not giving up.

**In Jesus mighty name....
Amen!**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Marguerite Rene, Marie Bourdeau, Esther Henderson, John Cole, Mahalia Abraham, Vinneisha Clement, Jeevan Winston, Mateo Felix, Josefina Donastorg, Francis John Baptiste, Edmond Baptiste, Cecile Stuart, Kathlerine Bartley, Victoria Fergusson, Susie Franz, Thomas Alexander, Samson Alcendor, Gilda Antoine, Hazel Titre, Scott Grell, Chad Frederick.

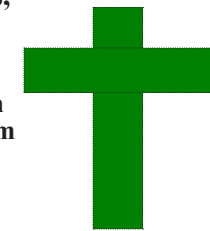


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12, 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 Blanchard

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

Visiting Deacon
Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

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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 September 12, 2021**

Mon.: 1 Timothy 2:1 - 8; Luke 7:1 - 10
Tue.: Numbers 21:4b - 9; Philippians 2:6 - 11;
John 3:13 - 17
Wed.: Hebrews 5:7 - 9; John 19:25 - 27
Thur.: 1 Timothy 4:12 - 16; Luke 7:36 - 50
Fri.: 1 Timothy 6:2c - 12; Luke 8:1 - 3
Sat.: 1 Timothy 6:13 - 16; Luke 8:4 - 15

NEXT SUNDAY:

25th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20

James 3:16 - 4:3

Mark 9:30 - 37

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4c - 9a

God comes to save us. The ears of those who are deaf will be opened, Isaiah prophesied: I gave my back to those who beat me and my face to buffets and spitting. I was not disgraced, for when the Lord is with me, how can I be ashamed?

SECOND READING: James 2:14 - 18

Faith without good works is dead and worth nothing. A person should not claim to be Christian without living like one. In vain do we profess faith without practice.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27 - 35

Jesus taught the disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and die. He went on to say that if they wish to follow him they, too, must deny themselves and take up the cross. Living the disciple's life is not easy. Isaiah is proud to serve the Lord, but it's been difficult. Facing opposition and abuse, he relies on God's help. James preaches that faith obligates us to do good, to actually act on our beliefs. Jesus tells the crowd that whoever follows him must take up his or her cross. Listening to today's readings, let us reflect on how our faith both challenges us to do more and comforts us as we act in the Lord's name.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Lorraine K. Giffit rb Her children and grandchildren.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family.

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

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. John Chrysostom*
Milue Casimir (deceased) rb The Casimir family.

Tues. Sept. 14, 7:00 AM: *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Wed. Sept. 15, 7:00 AM: *Our Lady of Sorrows*
Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Sept. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Cornelius*

Fri. Sept. 17, 5:00 PM: *St. Robert Bellarmine*
Birthday blessings for Barbara Burton rb Her children.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEARAMASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Marguerite Rene and thanksgiving to God for blessings received, requested by the Rene family.* Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week a special collection will be taken up to assist the church in Haiti following the earthquake on **Saturday, August 14, 2021.** Please make checks payable to the **Diocese of St. Thomas.** Next week's second collection will go towards **Youth Ministry.** As always we thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by *Marguerite Rene* in thanksgiving to God for another birthday. Thank you Ms. Rene for beautifying our altar and we pray God's continued blessings for many more years. Once again, thank you.

MEETINGS: On **Monday, September 13, 2021,** there will be a meeting for all employees and volunteers **at 10:30 a.m.** in Lower Columban Hall.

On **Wednesday, September 15, 2021,** Fr. Boniface Blanchard invites all our church ministries' leaders to attend a meeting scheduled for **6:00 p.m.** in Lower Columban Hall. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the deacon, and priests we extend sincere sympathy to Marie Joseph and family on the passing of her son, **Kamal Thomas,** who died on **Friday, September 3, 2021.** The funeral service of the late **Kamal Thomas** will take place on **Friday, September 24, 2021** at Holy Family Church, at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Due to COVID and the Department of Health guidelines, attendance at the funeral service is limited to immediate family members only. Please be guided accordingly.

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS: The Bishop of St. Thomas, the Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio is pleased to launch its affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) in the diocese of St. Thomas. Every Catholic woman and women's organization in every parish are invited to be a part. The mission of the NCCW is to "support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service."

With the above in mind, October is set aside as the National Council of Catholic Women Awareness Month. We will be in your Parish at your weekend masses in October 2021, to connect with you. Please contact the Chancery Office for any further information at 340-774-3166 Ext. 104.



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, **Marie Pascale Duplan** at 340-725-9220.

LITURGY AND WORD

Jesus began to teach the Apostles that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, **"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."** Mark 8:31-33

This was most likely not the reply that Peter was expecting from Jesus. Peter was struggling with fear as Jesus explained that He would be entering into much suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders of the time. Peter loved Jesus and was fearful and anxious about the thought of his Master suffering and being killed. So Peter, motivated by fear and confusion, tried to "talk some sense" into Jesus.

The result? Peter was rebuked in the presence of the other Apostles by Jesus. Jesus went so far as to say, "Get behind me, Satan." That must have hurt.

To understand this properly, we must start with the obvious conclusion that Jesus' words were words of great love. Jesus is not capable of anything other than love. Therefore, we must seek to understand how these strong words from Jesus were loving and holy.

The key to understanding this is the second thing Jesus said. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus had just revealed to the Apostles the deepest mystery of His life's mission. Namely, He just revealed that His mission was to accept unjust persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders. But in revealing this, it is also clear that He intended to bring good out of this suffering. He would not have allowed this suffering if it were not for some greater good. The hard part is that, in order to understand this great mystery of suffering, one needs a deep faith. The Apostles were being challenged to see this situation from the divine perspective. Peter was having a hard time doing so, and that is why Jesus had to challenge him so directly.

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: **243**
FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,422.50**
Renovation Fund: **\$969.00**

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

Jesus' rebuke was a rebuke of love, helping Peter break free of his fear and limited vision so as to enter into this profound mystery of Jesus' loving sacrifice.

Reflect, today, upon your own struggle with the Cross of Christ. His sufferings continue to be made present in our world through the love and sacrifices of His sons and daughters. When Christians suffer on account of their faith, we must see this from the eyes of God, not the eyes of men. We must see the divine blessings that accompany such sufferings and we must accept them in accord with the great mystery of God's plan.

Lord, I too lack the necessary faith to see the blessings that accompany Your Cross, as well as the many crosses I am given in life. Help me to be purified in my faith so that I can see Your hand at work in all things, even suffering, injustice and persecution. May I see life from Your perspective alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

