

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:** Candace Bryan                      Pierre Joseph                      CCD Students



*Thank you for serving !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:**

**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 Gentleness when you ...*

- \*Make it safe for animals and people to be around you.
- \*Touch carefully.
- \*Speak with a soft voice.
- \*Take time out when you don't feel gentle.
- \*Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside.

**Affirmation:**

*I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentle-ness. I show care for people and for everything that I touch.*

**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 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.**

**Covid-19 Prayer**

With a sad heart but with a strong faith in the Heavenly Father, to-day 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**

Jean Dragin, Lucie Lewis, Urdley Smith, Primrose Baron, Cynthia Charles, Pierre Bedminster, Kathleen John, Karyn John, Miguel Rivera, Genio Etienne, Nadia Johnson, Kevin Quetel, Manoucheka Henry, Ella Willie, Catherine Phelan, Melissa Piton, Makayla Rene, Quanesha Charles.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Davion & Christine Smith - Sept. 22

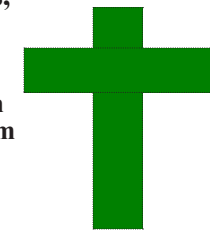


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19, 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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Pierre Joseph  
Jadine Davis  
Jonathan Davis  
Jeeniyah Andrew  
Shanique Stout

**Sacristans**  
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

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint  
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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 - Friday: 7:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the  
7:00 AM Mass, followed by  
Adoration after the mass for one hour.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**Readings for the Week  
of September 19, 2021**

- Mon.: Ezra 1:1 - 16; Luke 6:16 - 18
- Tue.: Eph. 4:1 - 7, 11-13; Matt. 9:9 - 13
- Wed.: Ezra 9:5 - 9; Luke 9:1 - 6
- Thur.: Haggai 1:1 - 8; Luke 9:7 - 9
- Fri.: Haggai 2:1 - 9; Luke 9:18 - 22
- Sat.: Zech. 2:5 - 9, 14 - 15a; Luke 9:43b - 45

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
26th, Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Numbers 11:25 - 29  
James 5:1 - 6  
Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20**

The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."

**SECOND READING: James 3:16 - 4:3**

Wars and conflicts arise because of envy; "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30 - 37**

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is to be handed over ... If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the ... servant of all."

Today's readings can be quite unpleasant. Envious instigators plot revenge against a righteous soul. James explains that greed and envy are at the root of conflict between people. Jesus again warns his disciples that soon he will be handed over to men intent on killing him. But there is a loving Christian response to all this. Listening to today's readings, note the difference selflessness can make.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** Christalia Wellington (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Birthday blessings for Tajil Chitolie Baptiste rb His family.

**10:00 AM:** Birthday blessings for Tyrique Stuart and Makayla Rene rb The Rene family.

**5:00 PM:** Rudy Jeanne (**d**), Frantz Stepha (**d**) & Gerald Pitan (**d**) rb Edline Piton.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 20, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang*  
Birthday blessings for Jean Dragin rb Jean Dragin.

Tues. Sept. 21, 7:00 AM: *St. Matthew - Feast*  
In honor of Our Lady of Lasalette rb Lola Warrington.

Wed. Sept. 22, 7:00 AM: *St. Thomas of Villanova*  
Leon Bryan (*deceased*) rb Joel Bryan and family.

Thurs. Sept. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*  
Birthday blessings for Melissa Piton rb Her mother,  
Edline Piton.

Fri. Sept. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Thecla*  
God's blessings for Holy Family parishioners.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Tajil Chitolie Baptiste and thanksgiving to God for blessings received.* Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week collection was taken up for *Youth Ministry* Next week's second collection will go towards *St. Vincent de Paul Society.* As always we thank you for your generosity.

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

**THANK YOU:** Fr. Boniface along with Fr. Kerly express their gratitude to all those who attended a series of meetings last week. We thank you for your time and urging you to pray for the renewal of our parish in both word and deed.

**MEETING:** Fr. Boniface invite members of the ministries listed below to attend a very important meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The ministries are: Cantors, Readers, Ushers, Sacristan and our organist. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend. We thank you in anticipation.

**MASS CHANGE:** Having listened to those attending weekday Holy Mass and having discussed with Fr. Kerly, please be advised, effective this **Friday, September 24, 2021**, the Friday evening mass will now be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. every Friday morning. Please be guided accordingly.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the deacon, and priests we extend sincere sympathy to Leon Bryan and family on the passing of his daughter, Stacy Bryan, who died on **Thursday, September 9, 2021.** The funeral service of the late Stacy Bryan will take place on **Thursday, September 23, 2021** at Holy Family 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.

**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 funeral services is limited to immediate family members only. Please be guided accordingly.

**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.

### 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

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*" Mark 9:36-37

What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus illustrate an important point? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness.

A child is one who is poor, dependent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of his/her own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So it is with us in our relationship with God.

We are not considered great by being independent, powerful, well respected, successful, etc. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It's a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready and willing to reach out to those in need among you. Who are they? What is their need? Do you seek them out and offer love and support? Doing this is what will make you truly great in the eyes of God.

*Lord, may I seek You in the poor, the brokenhearted, the sinner and all those in need. Please fill my heart with compassion and concern for others. Jesus, I trust in You.*



### 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: **209**  
FIRST COLLECTION: **\$2,910.00**  
Haitian Relief: **\$923.00**

*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

