



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

Holy Family Catholic Church

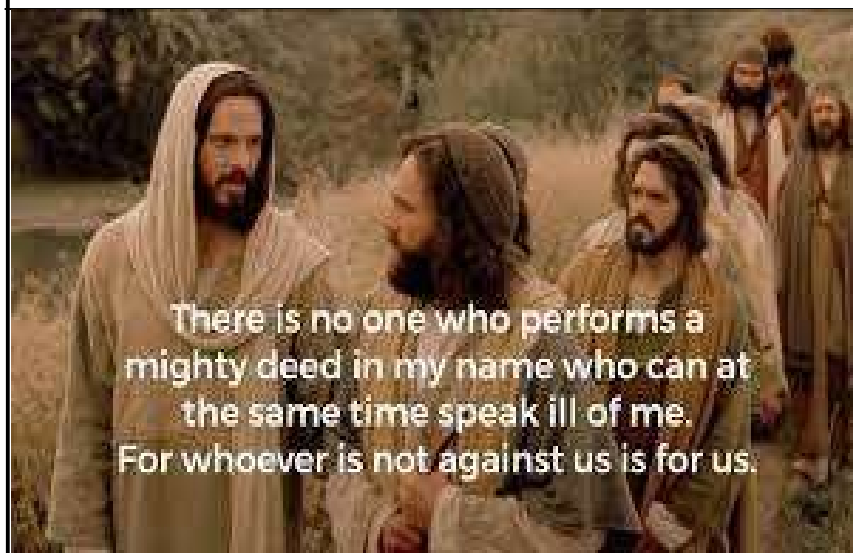
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Church**

Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Chapel

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P.O. Box 502218, St. Tomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00805



Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday.....7:00 a.m.
Saturday (**Vigil**).....5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. English
5:00 p.m. Creole/French

Devotions

Holy Hour

Wednesday following Holy Mass

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday..... 7:00 a.m.

Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday..... 7:00 a.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

PASTOR

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard Twaibu

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kerly François

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

Parish Secretary: Ms. Allison Callwood

Parish Accountant: TBD

Religious Ed. Director: Ms. M. René

Music Director: Mr. Francis Callwood

Custodian: Mr. Russell Tonge

Sacristans

Ms. Francesca Alcendor

Mr. Austin Walter

Office Hours:

Mon through Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

Faith and Scripture

We are a Roman Catholic family united in the Grace and peace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and we are a parish who believe and live the word of God as the truth that shepherds us.

Family and Service

We believe family relationship is important and vow to do all we can to champion Christian family values.

Worship and Sacrifice

We build the Kingdom of God's Love by proclaiming His Words, spreading Catholic Devotions, celebrating the Sacraments, and sharing the Eucharist; we surrender our lives to Christ as a sacrifice of praise, laying down our lives as He did.

Summary

We promise to preach what we practice and practice what we preach:

"Love God and love your neighbor as yourself."

TWENTY- SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 25

5:00 PM. + Anna Stridiron , Repose of soul/The Johnson & Stridiron families

SUNDAY, September 26

7:30 AM. - Victor & Josette Baly, Wedding Anniversary Blessings/Their family.

10:00 AM. + Hansley , Repose of soul/ His family

5:00 PM. - God's guidance and blessings.

MONDAY, September 27

7:00 AM. - Peter Lugay, Jr., Guidance & Protection/Eulalia Peters

TUESDAY, September 28

7:00 AM. +Wendy Holder, Repose of soul/Her family.

WEDNESDAY, September 29

7:00 AM. + Richard & Rose Cook, Repose of soul/Estelle Farro.

THURSDAY, September 30

7:00 AM. - Our parish community

FRIDAY, October 01

7:00 AM. - K'ante Corria , Guidance & Protection/Alma Wells.

SATURDAY, October 02

5:00 PM. +Father Raymond Xavier, Repose of soul/Children of Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Nm 11: 25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

MONDAY:

Zec 8:1-8

Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY:

Zec 8: 20-23

Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY:

Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Saint Jerome,

Lk 10:1-12

Priest and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

Bar 1:15-22

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Lk 10,13-16

Doctor of the Church

SATURDAY:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Holy Guardian Angels

Mt 18:1-5, 10

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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 Toussaint.

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 Liverpool, 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.

Geri Care Senior Residential Home: - No one.

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

MASS ATTENDANCE – September 18 & 19, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm 52/ **Sunday** 7:30am 77/ 10:00 a.m. 76/5:00pm 66/
Total 271

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,343.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$718.00

Online giving or donation can
be made through our website
at: www.holyfamilystt.com

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Renovation Fund.....October 02-03
Music Ministry.....October 09-10
Renovation FundOctober 16-17
Catholic Education.....October 23-24
Renovation FundOctober 30-31

Announcements



Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns in the Sanctuary of our church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn from September 26 to September 2nd For the repose of the soul of Philip Marcelin, requested by his wife Felicinne.

Most Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary. Parishioners are urged to attend Holy Rosary 25minutes before Weekend Holy Masses. Next Weekend Holy Rosary will be led by:

Children of Mary for the 6:00pm/Saint Joseph Workers for the 7:00am/ CCD Students for the 10:00am and Celia and Julio for the 5:00pm.

First Friday Devotion

First Friday was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring his Sacred Heart, to increase our love for him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against his love. For this reason, effective this Friday, there will be Novena Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every first Friday of the Month at 7:00am.

Parish Ministry Leaders' Homework

Fr. Boniface invites every ministry leader of our parish to: 1) make a pastoral phone call to reach out to their respective members; 2) set up a meeting; and 3) submit an update list of members in the church office sometimes before the end of October. It is only then that we will launch the enrolment campaign of parishioners in different ministries of our parish. We thank you for your cooperation.

Weekend Offerings Appeal

In view of the current financial challenge our parish is facing to meet its financial obligation, I prayerfully urge parishioners to discern ways you can do to help your church during this time by maintaining your offertory commitment. As it is now, Sunday collection is the sole revenue we rely on to meet our financial obligation. We thank you for considering this sacrificial commitment.

Registration for CCD Classes

Registration for CCD classes for the 2021-2022 Catechetical year. Registration forms are available at the rear of the Church. We are also recruiting New Volunteer Teachers & Aides for our CCD program. Please contact Marguerite Rene, the CCD Director, (340) 690-2462 or call the church office.

Parish Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of each month. Please register your children at the Church Office. Present a copy of the child(ren) birth certificate(s). A minimum of 4 classes is required.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes are held every Saturday during the school year and begin with attendance and instruction in the lower level of Columban Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the church office at (340) 775-1650.

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy.

Confession is available every day by appointment.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 775-1650 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:00 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home. Viewing in church is suspended until further notice! We encourage viewing at funeral home

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with Pastor 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all Holy Family parishioners. Registration also helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the Church Office by Wednesday at noon

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

This Gospel passage is dealing with membership in the Church. In the early church, the question arose as to what to do about those good people who were not disciples of Jesus and were not members of the Christian community. This is still a question for us today.

Saint Mark gives an answer to this question and does a balancing act. For those people who are not members of this Christian community or who do not follow Jesus, he tells us, Jesus appreciates all the good that were done by these people. He is tolerant and refuses to show any sign of rejection. He even says: "Whoever is not against us is for us." However, it is not because Jesus says so, then we are excused not to do our part as Christians and practicing Catholics. Through our baptism, we were given the grace of faith and the grace of discipleship to enjoy closeness with Him. We were given so much, therefore, much will be required of us. "To whom much is given, much will be required" (Lk12:48). Baptized Catholics shouldn't find this passage as an excuse for them for example, not to fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending Holy Mass or not getting involved in the life of the church. This isn't an excuse for laxity. Rather, an invitation to appreciate the good that is done even by those who are out of the Christian boundaries. Mahatma Gandhi is one of them.

Finally, when Jesus was talking about cutting off a hand or a foot or even tearing out an eye. He did not have a punitive mutilation in mind when he said, "if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off" nor did he wish to be taken literally. Jesus demands that we remain loyal to his call with all we have. The temptations to sin will not disappear by cutting off parts of our body, they come from the heart and that is where we have to make the right choices without compromise.

Blessed Sunday to you all!

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers:
- Readers:
- Holy Family Adult Choir:
- EMHC:
- Children of Mary:
- Charismatic Prayer Group:
- Legion of Mary:
- St. Joseph's Workers:
- Decoration & Cleaning Ministry:
- Ministry to the Sick:
- Ministry of Hospitality (Greeters/Ushers)
- Social & Event Planning

(TBD)
Allison Callwood
Francis Callwood
(TBD)
Wende Rouse
Mona Bedminster
Eubald Rene
Orville Rouse
Viola Williams
Alma Wells
Orville Rouse
Alicia Douté

Prayer during hurricane season

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all the natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of your love. May we be secure in your protection and turn our tears in to praise of your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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.

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