

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 Hilda Celestine Ursula Prosper



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, 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, Stacey Bryan.

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 Kindness when you ...

**Give tender attention to those who need help.*

**Do thoughtful things to give others happiness.*

**Practice habits that help the environment.*

**Resist the temptation to be cruel.*

**Accept people who are different.*

Affirmation:

I am kind. I show compassion to others. I have the courage to show I care.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM

to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

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.

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

Makil Bedminister, Gloria Rhuland, Noreen Joseph, Adriana Casimir, Atherley Bruno, Lomis Paul, Ian Forde, Dolitha Theophin, Elena Giberga, Ebonique Esprit, Sabinia Francis, Neil Attidore, Cliven Edwards, Nahomie Bor, Xavier Fabian, Richy Bellevue, Shanice Bellot, Jn Kervin Bellevue, Christine Birmingham.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
John & Norma Gimenez - Sept. 10



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

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 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
Mrs. **Allison Callwood**

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Francis Callwood - Advisor
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
Catholic Chapel
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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 5, 2021

Mon.: Colossians 1:24 - 2:3; Luke 6:6 - 11
Tue.: Colossians 2:6 - 15; Luke 6:12 - 19
Wed.: Micah 5:1 - 4a; Matt. 1:1 - 16, 18 - 23
Thur.: Colossians 3:12 - 17; Luke 6:27 - 38
Fri.: 1 Tim. 1:1 - 2, 12 - 14; Luke 6:39 - 42
Sat.: 1 Timothy 1:15 - 17; Luke 6:43 - 49

NEXT SUNDAY:

24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c - 9a
James 2:14 - 18
Mark 8:27 - 35

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

God comes to save us. The ears of those who are deaf will be opened, and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

SECOND READING: James 2:1 - 5

Treat everyone as equal before the Lord, rich and poor alike. Did not God choose the poor to inherit the Kingdom?

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:31 - 37

A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Jesus who healed him. Jesus ordered the crowds to tell no one, but they went about proclaiming the Lord's wonders.

Our God is a transformative God, bringing life to the wasteland and giving hope to people who appeared to be abandoned. Isaiah, the prophet and poet, spoke to a society that equated deficiency with sinfulness, prophesying that God would transform the deaf, the blind, the disabled, and the mute. Jesus does just that in the Gospel. In between, James call us to change the way we judge strangers we encounter. Listening to today's readings, note the transformations we witness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Fr. Jerome Moody (*deceased*) rb the Children of Mary.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Noreen Joseph and thanksgiving to God for His blessings rb Noreen Joseph.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 6, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Bertrand of Garrigues*
Birthday blessings for Jaylyn Cross rb The Cross, the Doute and Smith families.

Tues. Sept. 7, 7:00 AM: *Blessed John Duckett & Ralph Corby*
God's blessings and healing for Zephaniah Jean Jacque.

Wed. Sept. 8, 7:00 AM: *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast*
Violet Holder (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Sept. 9, 7:00 AM: *St. Peter Claver*
God's deliverance, healing, guidance and protection for Lincoln Registe and family rb Lincoln Registe.

Fri. Sept. 10, 5:00 PM: *St. Nicholas of Tolentino*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome our new pastor Fr. Boniface Twaibu. May God continue to bless and inspire him and give him wisdom as he leads the parishioners at Holy Family Church. Once again welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *the Renovation Fund.* Next 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. As always we thank you for your generosity.

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

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on *Monday, September 6, 2021,* in observance of Labor Day. Please be guided accordingly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All classes will resume on *Saturday, September 11, 2021* at 9:00 a.m. All returning students should have ready for their teacher, the completed summer package of assignments. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK.** Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church or the church office.

MONTH OF THE BIBLE: The month of September is the Month of the Bible. There will be an Enthronement Service on *Sunday, September 12, 2021.* Please make every effort to meet the Lord in the Bible and do it with your entire family. All the churches in the Diocese will be promoting the reading or study of the Bible during the month of September. The month of September was chosen in honor of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. His feast day is September 30.

With September being "The Month of the Bible", Bishop Feudjio requests that the congregations be encouraged to bring their Bibles to Church on Sunday September 12, (Saturday September 11 for the Saturday evening congregations) to be blessed by the priest. If anyone does not have a Bible or may need a new Bible, one can be purchased at the Gift Shop.



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

"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" Mark 7:34b

These are powerful words. Why are they powerful? They are powerful because they are more than words. They are words that actually accomplish what they say. These words are spoken by Jesus after the deaf man is brought to Him with the request for healing. By saying the command "Be opened!", the deaf man's ears are opened and his speech impediment is removed.

When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this story, but it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, these words of Jesus must be spoken to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us. We must let Him say those words to us. "Ephphatha!—Be opened!"

What is it that you are not hearing properly? What is it God has been saying to you for a long time that you refuse to hear? What is it you have allowed yourself to become deaf to? Let our Lord open the "ears" of your heart so that you can hear all that He wishes to say to you. Once that happens, Jesus will also help you speak His words of truth and love.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to hearing the voice of God. We all struggle at times with listening, and we especially may struggle listening to God. Spend some time alone with our Lord and let Him heal you so that you can hear and understand all that He is saying to 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: **222**
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,372.00**
Youth Ministry: **\$590.00**

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

Lord, I do not always listen to You. Please speak Your words of healing to me so that I can hear You more clearly. In hearing You, may I listen to all that You have to say. Jesus, I trust in You.

