



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

Holy Family Catholic Church

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Chapel

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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: Ms. M. Bedminster

Religious Ed. Director: Ms. M. René

Music Director: Mr. Francis Callwood

Custodian: Mr. Russell Tonge

Sacristans

Ms. Francesca Alcendor Ms. Silia Erilis

Ms. Beulah Babulal Ms. Edeline Piton

Mr. Julio Compere 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- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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OCTOBER 03, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 02

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

SUNDAY, October 03

7:30 AM. + Octavia Joseph, 9th death anniversary/ Husband,
Victor Joseph, & daughter, Alana Joseph.

10:00 AM. Eustace Rene, Birthday blessings/ The Rene family.

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

MONDAY, October 04

7:00 AM. + Gene Farro, Repose of soul/ Estelle Farro

TUESDAY, October 05

7:00 AM. + Thomas Anderson, Repose of the soul

WEDNESDAY, October 06

7:00 AM. - Mercedes Hodge, Birthday blessings/ The Giftt & Martin Families.

THURSDAY, October 07

7:00 AM. - Jaleel & Kaleel Rivira, Birthday blessings/ Their family.

FRIDAY, October 08

7:00 AM. + Ted Bast, Repose of Soul/ Betty Bast

SATURDAY, October 09

5:00 PM. + Christalia Wellington, Repose of Soul/The Children of Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Gn 2: 18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10: 2-16

MONDAY:

Jon 1:1-2:1-2,11

St. Francis of Assisi

Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY:

Jon 3: 1-10

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY:

Jon 4: 1-11

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

Mal 3:13-20b

Our Lady of the Rosary

Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

St. Simeon

Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY:

Joel 4:12-21

St. John Leonardi

Luke 11:27-28

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 25 & 26, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm 52/ **Sunday** 7:30am 80/ 10:00 a.m. 131/5:00pm 57/
Total 320

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,027.75

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,134.80

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 October 3rd, to October 9th, birthday blessings for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivira

Reminders

• Most Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary. Parishioners are urged to attend Holy Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Holy Masses. When was the last time you picked up your Rosary and pray? Next weekend Holy Rosary will be led by:

Legion of Mary for the 6:00pm/Charismatic Prayer Group for the 7:30am/ CCD Students for the 10:00am and Angele and Docile for the 5:00pm.

• 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 sometime before the end of October. It is only then that we will launch the enrollment 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.

Holy Communion Stations

The reception of Holy Communion is one of the most profound moments of the liturgy following the Eucharistic Prayer. We are prayerfully discerning adequate ways to join the Communion line and to worthily distribute Holy Communion without compromising the safety and care for those who are unable to join Communion line.

There will be only two communion stations at the center aisle. Communion lines will start with side aisles' last pews. Please note, the last pews on both sides of center aisle will be reserved for those who will receive Holy Communion from their pews. I kindly urge parishioners to follow the instructions from the ministers of hospitality in this matter. I thank you!

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

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.

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel, the Pharisees point out that that the Mosaic law allows an Israelite man to divorce his wife. There was verse in the Book of Deuteronomy that when a man finds in his wife 'something indecent,' he writes out a bill of divorce, hands it to her and dismisses her from his house (24:1). It is like throwing garbage into the garbage can. How about if the wife finds something indecent in her husband, can she also write a bill of divorce and hand it to her husband.

Jesus' reply underlines two important points: 1) Jesus treats the woman as a person. Some earlier Jewish tradition regarded the woman more or less as property of the man to be disposed of at will. In fact, here for the first time in Jewish literature we hear not just of the man divorcing the woman but also of the woman taking the initiative to divorce the man (verse 12). Jesus treats the woman as a legal person of equal standing with the man; and 2) Jesus is interested in teaching not legal statements but moral principles. For, they asked him whether divorce was permissible, his reply was that the mind of God is for husband and wife never to divorce. The asked him about what was lawful, he told them what was best for them. They asked him about a legal position and he told them the divine provision. They asked what was possible and he told them what the ideal was. They asked what they could do or not do and he told them they should always aim at. They asked about what was lawful and he taught them what was best for them.

In our world today, where the Sacrament of Marriage is in crisis, it is important for us Christians to understand and uphold what Jesus taught about marriage, even if we might fall short of the ideal in our own personal lives! **Blessed Sunday to you all!**

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES&REPRESENTATIVES	
•Altar Servers:	(TBD)
•Readers:	Allison Callwood
•Holy Family Adult Choir:	Francis Callwood
•EMHC:	(TBD)
•Children of Mary:	Wende Rouse
•Charismatic Prayer Group:	Mona Bedminster
•Legion of Mary:	Eubald Rene
•St. Joseph's Workers:	Orville Rouse
•Decoration & Cleaning Ministry:	Viola Williams
•Ministry to the Sick:	Alma Wells
•Ministry of Hospitality(Greeters/Ushers)	Orville Rouse
•Social & Event Planning	Alicia Douté



Sanctuary Flower Dedication

This weekend the Sanctuary Flower dedication is for birthday blessings for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivira.

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.

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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