



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

Holy Family Catholic Church

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Church**



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. Evans Doway

Parish Secretary: Ms. Carmen A. White

Parish Account: Ms. Penrose Gardiner

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. Viola Williams

Mr. Julio Compere Mr. Austin Walters

Office Hours:

Mon through Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 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."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 27

5:00 PM. + Richard & Rose Cook: Repose of soul/ Estelle Farro.

SUNDAY, November 28

7:30 AM. - Thanksgiving for favors and blessings received/ Francis & Allison Callwood.

10:00 AM. - Julian, Keith-Anne & Khai Keith: Birthday Blessings

5:00 PM. + Joseph Poular & Erismene Dorena: Repose of soul/ Dominic Blaise.

MONDAY, November 29

7:00 AM. - Yvonne Brutus: Birthday blessings/ The family.

TUESDAY, November 1

7:00 AM. + Rev. William Blake: Repose of soul/ Mountaineer Priests Association.

WEDNESDAY, December 1

7:00 AM. - Lorraine Cranston: Birthday blessings/ Maureen Petersen.

THURSDAY, December 2

7:00 AM. + Lorna Greig: Repose of soul/ Russell Greig Jr. & family.

FRIDAY, December 3

7:00 AM. - Marian Francois, Birthday Blessings.

SATURDAY, December 4

5:00 PM. + Lelas Forde Giff: Repose of soul/ Giff, Forde & Violet families.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Jer 33:14-16
1Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MONDAY:

Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY:

Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

WEDNESDAY:

Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY:

Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY:

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

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, Joe Toussaint, Mercedes Hodge.

Geri Care Senior Residential Home:

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE –November 20 & 21, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm 42/ **Sunday** 7:30am 68/ 10:00 a.m. 145/ 5:00pm 71/
Total 326

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$2388.36

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1401.00

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Renovation Fund December 04-05
Retirement Fund December 11-12
Christmas Flowers December 18-19
Music Ministry December 25-26

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 November 28^h to December 4th for God's blessings for Mona Bedminster and family.

Holy Season of Advent

As we are preparing for the advent and the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we urge parishioners to attend Holy Mass in time and to engage in silent meditation and personal prayer before Holy Mass. Personal prayer promotes and improves our participation in the liturgy. Kindly, let us refrain ourselves from socializing before Holy Mass. We thank you for your consideration.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Saturday: 5:00 a.m.: Olga McBean

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.: Briget Toussaint

10:00 a.m.: Yvonne Freeman

5:00 p.m.: Angele Lundy

Parish Advent Penitential Service

Our Parish Penitential Service will be held on Friday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. Let us fill in the valley of our sins with the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Penance.

2021-2022 CCD Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education Program strives to provide a solid foundation in our faith. Our religious education meets once a week on Saturday 9:00am. Registration for this catechetical year will close this Saturday. Applications for both Infant Baptism and CCD programs are available at the rear of the Church or in the Church Office. All CCD students will report for class this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers Training in Progress

Altar servers training Session with Fr. Boniface will take place this Saturday, December 4th. The Rite of Installation for new Altar Servers will be held on Sunday, December 12th. Reminder, we are asking parents who are keeping Altar Server's Albs to please return them in the Sacristy or in the Church Office anytime during Office Hours. We thank you for your cooperation.

Ministry of the Word: Sign up

Registration for new members is in progress. Please consider joining this ministry by signing up your name on the sheet provided on the desk at the rear of the Church. Existing lectors do not need to sign up again.

Altar of Sacrifice

Our Altar of Sacrifice will be removed temporarily from the sanctuary for refurbishing. In addition, our sanctuary will be robed with a few new and refurbished liturgical and sacred apparels to enhance the sacredness and the dignity of this sacred space of our church.

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

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: (TBD)
- Readers: (TBD)
- 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
- Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Alma Wells



Sanctuary Flower Dedication

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.

My Dear Parishioners,

First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year of the church. The next four weeks are filled with anticipation. What are we anticipating? For many, the answer could be a party, Christmas bonus or vacation leave, and a gift we have wanted from a special person. How about you? As Christians, our anticipation for Christmas calls for preparation.

For this reason, Advent is a time of wonderful blessing and renewal. It requires our own personal investment. We have to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare our hearts anew for the coming of our Savior. Incarnation is not a once-off event that happened many years ago. It is an on-going evolution going on within the heart of every Christian. Generally we understand this to be his coming on the Last Day and his coming at Christmas, which recalls his historical birth 2021 years ago. However, Luke reminds us of another coming which we tend to forget, namely, his daily coming in the ordinary events and people in our lives. Luke's emphasis is that we should be vigilant to recognize and welcome the Lord who comes to us without warning every day in people, places and events we least expect. If we are preparing for the Lord's coming by looking up to the sky, Luke today invites us to look out, to look into the story of our daily lives and recognize the Lord who comes to us in ways we least expect. It involves waking up, tuning in, and it is deeply personal. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxiety of daily life, and that catch you by surprise like a trap". (Lk 21:34).

Blessed 1st Advent Sunday to you!

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