



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
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

### 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."

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 19, 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, December 18**

**5:00 PM.** - Dominic Burman: Birthday blessings/ Grandma & Poppop Freeman.

**SUNDAY, December 19**

**7:30 AM.** + Richard & Rose Cook: Repose of soul/ Estelle Farro.

**10:00 AM.** + Calyx Stedman: Repose of soul/ The René family.

**5:00 PM.** + Berlamy Etienne, Gabriel Etienne, Nenél Hypolite, Elmond Labady & Rolner Desir: Repose of souls/ Kettelie Etienne.

**MONDAY, December 20**

**7:00 AM.** + Claudia Samuel: Repose of soul.

**TUESDAY, December 21**

**7:00 AM.** - Altar Servers

**WEDNESDAY, December 22**

**7:00 AM.** + Lorraine Giffit Violet: Repose of soul/ The Giffit & Violet families.

**THURSDAY, December 23**

**7:00 AM.** - Lectors

**FRIDAY, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE**

**9:00 PM.** - For Parishioners

**SATURDAY, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9:00AM.** - For Parishioners

**5:00 PM.** - For Parishioners

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

**MONDAY:**

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

**TUESDAY:**

Sg 2:8-14

Lk 1:39-45

**WEDNESDAY:**

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

**THURSDAY:**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

**FRIDAY MORNING:**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79

**SATURDAY:**

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

### 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.

**AT HOME:** Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, 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 Warrington, Kathleen Thompson, John George, 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 –December 4 & 5, 2021

**Saturday** 5:00pm 41/ **Sunday** 7:30am 97/ 10:00 a.m. 77/ 5:00pm 63/  
Total 278

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3491.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1049.00

Online giving or donation can  
be made through our website  
at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://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 December 19<sup>th</sup> to December 25<sup>th</sup> for continued health & blessings for Sonia Herbert requested by Beverly McClendon.

## **Christmas Season Holy Mass Schedule:**

### **December 24: Christmas Eve**

- ❖ 8:00 p.m.: Christmas Carols
- ❖ 9:00 p.m.: Mid Night Christmas Holy Mass

### **December 25: Christmas Day**

- ❖ 9:00 a.m.: Christmas day Holy Mass
- ❖ 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Holy Mass in Creole

### **December 26: Patronal Feast Day: Feast of Holy Family**

- ❖ 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.: English Holy Mass
- ❖ 10:00 p.m.: Creole Holy Mass

### **December 31: Old Year Eve**

- ❖ 8:00 p.m.: Holy Hour of Adoration
- ❖ 9:00 p.m.: Old Year's Night Holy Mass of Thanksgiving

### **January 1: New Year Day and Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

- ❖ 9:00 a.m.: New Year's Day Holy Mass
- ❖ 5:00 p.m.: New Year's and Haitian Independence Thanksgiving Holy Mass

## **Parish Activities and Covid 19 Protocols' Update**

### **> Columban Hall**

No need to seek Department of health's Permit if you have less than 200 guests attending the event.

### **> Holy Mass**

No temperature check at the church doors.

Effective Christmas Midnight Holy Mass, there will be two lectors assigned to proclaim the Word of God at Holy Mass.

### **> Funeral Service**

Viewing in church and Rite of Committal at the cemetery resume on December 23<sup>rd</sup>'s Funeral Service.

Please note, beside personal effort to mitigate the spread of the virus, social distancing and mask wearing are still required during each church activity.

## **Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule**

Leaders of the following liturgical ministries: Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Song Leaders and Ushers are required to submit their respective schedules of assignment of members for the month of January to the church office via email no later than this Wednesday December 22. We thank you for your cooperation.

## **New Leaders for Lectors**

Our gratitude goes to Susanne Adrien and Hilda Celestine for accepting to be the leaders this very important ministry. Existing members will renew their vows and new members will be commissioned on Sunday of the Word of God on January 23. All new members are required to be trained before proclaiming the Word of God from the Ambo.

**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 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The birth of Jesus is now imminent. In a few days' time we will be celebrating the memory of that great event. Throughout Advent, we have heard of God's promise to send a Savior into the world; today, we catch a glimpse of how that is to be accomplished. Today's Liturgy prepares us for the Christmas celebration. Each of the three readings takes up a different aspect of this great mystery to help us in our personal preparation. The past two Sundays have centered on the figure of John the Baptist. In the Gospel Reading of today, the Church gives us the figure of Our Lady to imitate: Mary was the one who first welcomed Christ at the first Christmas and she can help us welcome Him now. St. Luke's account of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, underlines the mystery of Christ in our midst. The meeting of the two expectant mothers is also the meeting of their sons. John leaps with joy in the womb of Elizabeth, and thus acknowledges the presence of the one who was prophesied. As soon as Mary enters into the presence of Elizabeth, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and praises Mary for her faith and trust in God: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth recognized the presence of God, -the Messiah- in Mary, the living Ark of God. Let us ask the grace to recognize the presence of the Lord through people we meet and more importantly in the Eucharist. Lastly, Mary, in her absolute humility said: "Be it done to me as you say." These words are very easy to say when everything is going our way; but they are not so easy to say when things are not going our way, when in fact what is happening to us is the opposite of what we want to happen. During this time of Advent, let us follow Mary in her absolute humility and extraordinary faith. Blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent to you!

## HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: Claudelle Mathurin, Nehemie Leneus, Austin Walters
- Lectors: Susanne Adrien & Hilda Celestine
- Holy Family Adult Choir: Francis Callwood (TBD)
- EMHC: Wende Rouse
- Children of Mary: Mona Bedminster
- Charismatic Prayer Group: Eubald Rene
- Legion of Mary: Orville Rouse
- St. Joseph's Workers: Viola Williams
- Cleaning Ministry: Alma Wells
- Ministry to the Sick: Orville Rouse
- Ministry of Hospitality (Greeters/Ushers): Alicia Doute
- Social & Event Planning: Alma Wells
- Saint Vincent De Paul Society

### Sanctuary Flower Dedication

This weekend's Sanctuary Flower is for the 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary blessings for Adriana & Riviere Casimir

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Hurricane Season

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise and thank you for your protection during the hurricane season. We ask you again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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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