



Saint Thomas  
Diocese

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family  
Church



Second Sunday of Advent

## 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."

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2021**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, December 4

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

#### SUNDAY, December 5

**7:30 AM.** - Lornnesha Henley: Birthday blessings/ Her family.

**10:00 AM.** - Evelina René: Birthday blessings/ The René family.

**5:00 PM.** + Marie Carmel Larochela & Cecile Moreau: Repose of soul/ Dominic Blaise

#### MONDAY, December 6

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

#### TUESDAY, December 7

**7:00 AM.** - For parishioners

#### WEDNESDAY, December 8

**7:00 AM.** + Lister Warrington: Repose of soul/ Lola Warrington.

#### THURSDAY, December 9

**7:00 AM.** - Vallery Thomas & family: God's guidance and protection/ Vallery Thomas.

#### FRIDAY, December 10

**7:00 AM.** - Bernadette Wells: Birthday blessings/ Wells family.

#### SATURDAY, December 11

**5:00 PM.** + Frances Matthew: Birthday blessings/ Her husband Matthew.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY:

Bar 5:1-9  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

#### MONDAY:

Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

#### TUESDAY:

*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

#### WEDNESDAY:

*Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

#### THURSDAY:

Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

#### FRIDAY:

Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

#### SATURDAY:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### 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, 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 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 27 & 28, 2021

**Saturday** 5:00pm 34/ **Sunday** 7:30am 94/ 10:00 a.m. 83/ 5:00pm 54/  
Total 265

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3032.25

SECOND COLLECTION: \$784.00

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 5<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup> for Birthday Blessings God's guidance & protection for Tevin Peters requested by his mother.

## Holy Season of Advent

As we are preparing for the coming and the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we urge parishioners to attend Holy Mass in time, that is early enough 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.: Vilcia Charles

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.: Urelca Jn Baptiste

10:00 a.m.: Claudia Winston

5:00 p.m.: Antony Le Grand

## Parish Advent Penitential Service

Our Parish Penitential Service will be held on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Let us fill in the valley of our sins with the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Penance. Fr. John Mark and Fr. Serapio will join us to hear confessions.

Fr. Boniface and Fr. Kerly will join Fr. Antony to hear Confessions at Our Lady of Mont Carmel on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Altar Servers' Rite of Installation

The Rite of Installation for new Altar Servers will be held on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note, parents will be part of the Rite of Installation.

## Lectors Meeting

All lectors: existing members and newly enrolled are required to attend an important meeting on Monday December 13 at 6:00 p. m. in the Church! Kindly contact the Church Office, if you are unable to attend.

## Prayer Group

Holy Family Prayer Group is pleased to announce that weekly Monday night prayer meeting will resume from Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Come and be blessed and feel the presence of God in his Spirit working within you! Come and give praise to God and seek his healing for yourself, your loved ones and for the entire world through prayer and intercession.

## Resignation

Russel Tonge resigned from his position as custodian following his vacation leave. We thank him for his service at Holy Family and wish him all the best in his future project.

**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,

We are in the Holy Season of Advent and today is the Second Sunday. The Gospel Reading of today presents St. John the Baptist as our model for Advent preparation. "Prepare the way of the Lord" is a common usage during the Advent season. It is an invitation to get ready to welcome the Lord. In the Gospel Reading of today from St. Luke, St. John the Baptist tells how this is to be done by echoing the First Reading from the prophet Baruch - valleys are to be filled in, mountains and hills laid low, winding ways straightened and rough roads made smooth. The paths in our lives are full of roadblocks - valleys, hills and crooked curves that block the path of our relationship with God.

1) Valleys to be filled are sins that create a hollow in our life as Christians. They point to broken relationships caused by lying, gossip, and lack of prayer that eat up from within and create a gulf between us and God. 2) Mountains and hills to be made low refer to the selfish ambitious tendencies which do not give place to God. Sins of pride, arrogance, hatred and search for power that make the path to relationship with God and humanity very hilly and difficult. 3) Winding roads and rough ways are the sins that disfigure our Christian personality. Such as drunkenness, drug addiction, stealing, cheating and unfaithfulness in marriage that tarnish our dignity as sons and daughters of God!

Do not wait until it is too late, he is coming. Our Parish Advent Penitential Service is scheduled on Thursday 17 at 6:00 p.m. Please come and to lower those hills, fill in those valleys and straighten those snaky ways that keep us aloof from one another and from God!

Have a Blessed 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday!

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| <b>HOLY FAMILY<br/>MINISTRIES&amp;REPRESENTATIVES</b> |                  |
| •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.

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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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