



**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."

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 25

9:00 AM. - Holy Family parishioners: God's blessings.

5:00 PM. - Holy Family parishioners: God's blessings.

SUNDAY, December 26

7:30 AM. - John & Luciani: Birthday blessings & blessings received/
The Louis family.

10:00 AM. - Elaine René Buncome & Brianna Grant: Birthday
blessings/ The René family.

5:00 PM. - Marie Romene Ismaelis: Thanksgiving for graces and
mercies received/ Marie Ismaelis.

MONDAY, December 27

7:00 AM. - Maria & Andel Joyeau: Wedding anniversary, God's
blessing and protection/ Dad, Matthew Placide.

TUESDAY, December 28

7:00 AM. + Martina Lewis: Repose of soul/ The family.

WEDNESDAY, December 29

7:00 AM. + Christine Pharoah: Repose of soul/ Lola Warrington.

THURSDAY, December 30

7:00 AM. - Holy Father Pope Francis.

FRIDAY, December 31

8:00 PM. - Holy Hour of Adoration.

9:00 PM. - Old Year's Night Holy Mass of Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, January 1

9:00 AM. - Marie Romene Ismaelis: Thanksgiving for graces and
mercies received/ Marie Ismaelis.

5:00 PM. - New Year's and Haitian Independence Thanksgiving Holy
Mass

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

*Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY:

St. John, Apostle and evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a & 2-8

TUESDAY:

Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY:

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

THURSDAY:

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

FRIDAY:

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

SATURDAY:

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, the Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

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 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, 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 18 & 19, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm 41/ **Sunday** 7:30am 87/ 10:00 a.m. 99/ 5:00pm 54/
Total 281

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4086.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1131.00

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 December 26th to January 1st for God's continued blessings for Beverly McClendon.

Christmas Season Holy Mass Schedule:

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

Saint Joseph Workers

Saint Joseph Workers are reminded of the first meeting on Sunday January 9 at Upper Columban Hall. Breakfast will be prepared by Group #1.

2022 Offering envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the church. Numbers has been reassigned, please make sure you check the name on the box.

Sacristans' Meeting

All sacristans are required to attend an important meeting on Tuesday December 28 at 6:30 pm.

Church Office Hours

Church Office will be closed tomorrow Monday December 27.

Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule

Parishioners involved in the liturgical ministries in our parish. That is: Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Song Leaders and Ushers, are urged to pay close attention to the liturgical master Schedule. The aim of this master schedule is to provide harmony and to avoid conflict of assignment of individuals especially those who are active in more than one ministry. January's Liturgical Master Schedule will be available for pick up on Old Year's Night. Please feel free to request an electronic copy of the Liturgical Master Schedule by email. The church's email is provided on the bulletin.

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,

On this Feast of the Holy Family we are invited to reflect on the importance of family in our live. Created in the image of a God who is Love-in-Community (Trinity), the meaning of our lives is to be found in relationships. Our identity as human beings is inseparable from that network of relationships we call 'family' – not just the family into which we are born and in which we grow up, but the wider family of God's children.

In the gospel we have Luke's dramatic account of the finding of the boy, Jesus, in the Temple. At one level, it is a very human story that resonates with parents whose children go missing. Jesus is now a boy of twelve and his parents, Mary and Joseph, take him with them to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Passover. When the feast is over, Mary and Joseph, along with their 'caravan', set out on the return journey to Nazareth. Only after a day's journey do they realize that Jesus is missing. And, after three days of searching everywhere they find him 'in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions'.

On finding him, Mary, clearly distressed, speaks very sternly to her son: 'Why have you done this to us; see how worried your father and I have been, looking for you'. Jesus' enigmatic reply can only have deepened their anguish: 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' The story ends with Jesus returning to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and living under their authority. Here is surely a lesson here is how tensions in a family can be resolved through listening, reflecting and accepting things we may never fully understand about a wife or husband or 'our' children

Blessed Patronal Feast of Holy Family to you!

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES&REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: Claudelle Mathurin, Nehemie Leneus, Austin Walters
- Readers: Susanne Adrien & Hilda Celestine
- Holy Family Adult Choir: Francis Callwood
- Children of Mary: Wende Rouse
- Charismatic Prayer Group: Mona Bedminster
- Legion of Mary: Eubald René
- St. Joseph's Workers: Orville Rouse
- Cleaning Ministry: Viola Williams
- Ministry to the Sick: Alma Wells
- Ministry of Hospitality: Orville Rouse & Viola Williams
- Social & Event Planning: Alicia Douté
- Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Alma Wells
- Decoration Ministry: Angele Lundy & Myrleine Thomas

Sanctuary Flower Dedication

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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