



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

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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

SUNDAY, January 2

7:30 AM. - Victoria Fergusson: Blessings & protection/ Victoria Fergusson.

10:00 AM. - Dwayne René, Brianna Grant & Emily Turner: Birthday blessings.

5:00 PM. + Berlami Etienne, Gabriel Etienne, Nènèl Hypolite, Madame Elmond Labady & Rolner Desir: Repose of soul/ Kettelia Etienne.

MONDAY, January 3

7:00 AM. - For the Dasari Family: For the grace of protection

TUESDAY, January 4

7:00 AM. - For Fr. John Fewel, Fr. Kerly Francois & Fr. Boniface Blanchard: In thanksgiving for their 8th anniversary of priestly ordination.

WEDNESDAY, January 5

7:00 AM. + Teresa Henry: Repose of soul/ The René family.
+ Patsy Doway: Repose of soul/ Lola Warrington.

THURSDAY, January 6

7:00 AM. - Marie Freeman Anthony: Birthday blessings/ The home circle.

FRIDAY, January 7

7:00 AM. - Henrique Foy Jr.: Birthday blessings/ His mother.

SATURDAY, January 8

5:00 PM. - For CCD Students

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

MONDAY:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY:

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22

FRIDAY:

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY:

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

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 24 – 26, 2021

Friday 9:00pm 114/ **Saturday** 9:00am 86/ 5:00pm 69/
Sunday 7:30am 90/ 10:00 a.m. 73/ 5:00pm 65/ **Total** 497

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7638.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1219.00

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Envelope system January 01
Restoration & Diaconate January 02
Monthly School Support ... January 08-09
Property Insurance January 15-16
Capital Improvements January 22-23

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 January 2nd to January 8th for God's continued health and strength for the good Samaritans to bring Beverly McClendon to Mass.

Blessing of Homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Blessing of homes is a tradition of popular piety in relation with the Solemnity of Epiphany. A traditional way of doing this is to use a blessed chalk to write the home's entrance, 20+C+M+B+22. The letters C, M, B have meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ Bless the House". The "+" sign represents the cross and 2022 is the year. Then offer the following prayer:

"Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live and visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen".

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.

Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule

Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule is ready for pick up at the rear of the church. Please feel free to request an electronic copy of the Liturgical Master Schedule via email. The church's email is provided on the bulletin. The schedule is also posted on our website. Please contact your leader when you are unable to attend your scheduled assignment.

8th Anniversary of Priesthood

Please keep Fr. John Fewel, Fr. Kerly Francois and Fr. Boniface Blanchard in your prayers as they celebrate their 8th anniversary of priesthood this Tuesday, January 4.

CCD Program

Parents with children who are currently in second grade or older who have not received First Holy Communion are urged to have registered before classes resume on January 15, 2022. This will allow the students to begin instruction and preparation for Holy Communion in 2023. Please Note, the preparation for the Sacrament is a two year program.

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 now available. However, 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, we solemnly celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Epiphany of the Lord is the manifestation of the Christ child to the entire world. "Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'" The Magi represent the non-Jewish world. They represent us. Their arrival on the scene shows, as it were, that the Savior born in Bethlehem comes not just for one people, but for all peoples, all races - of all times and places. And we joyfully proclaim, "Lord, all the nations will adore you."

This gospel is full of many lessons for us to learn. However, I wanted to highlight 3 lessons: First, the three kings came to offer Christ genuine worship as the King of kings. Therefore, our worship must be sincere and from our hearts like that of the three wise kings. It must not be like the proposed worship of Herod, which was false. Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Let us ask ourselves today, what do I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The only gift we must offer God for his goodness to us is ourselves, the gift of a good life, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace to our families and world. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings did to Jesus. Third, we must learn from the wise kings that we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by Herod. Trusting that God will not mislead or misguide us, we must continue to look out for his star and light in our lives and along the part of our journey to eternity.

Blessed Epiphany Sunday 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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