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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

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Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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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, January 8

5:00 PM. - Henrique Foy Jr.: Birthday blessings, God's guidance & protection/ Mother & brothers.

SUNDAY, January 9

7:30 AM. - Austin Alexander: Healing & protection/ Victoria Fergusson.

10:00 AM. - Atlee Mawness: Good health & blessing/ Victoria Fergusson.

5:00 PM. + Melida Cétoute, Ceremy Etienne, Roman Etienne & Meliane Bineau: Repose of soul/ Kettelie Etienne.

MONDAY, January 10

7:00 AM. - Grace of protection from the pandemic.

TUESDAY, January 11

7:00 AM. + Marcos Pharoah & Bernard Pharoah: Repose of soul/ Victoria Fergusson.

WEDNESDAY, January 12

7:00 AM. + Norman Pharoah: Repose of soul/ Victoria Fergusson.

THURSDAY, January 13

7:00 AM. - Claudy Brutus II: Birthday blessings/ The entire family.

FRIDAY, January 14

7:00 AM. - Grace of protection from the pandemic.

SATURDAY, January 15

5:00 PM. - Magan René: Birthday blessings/ the René family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MONDAY:

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY:

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY:

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

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 – Dec. 31, 2021 – Jan. 2, 2022

Friday 9:00pm 86/ **Saturday** 9:00am 60/ 5:00pm 58/
Sunday 7:30am 105/ 10:00 a.m. 113/ 5:00pm 55/ **Total** 477

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6679.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$3684.00

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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

2022 Offering Envelope

Parish Information



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 from January 9th to 15th for God's continued health and blessings for Lucy JnBaptiste and family, requested by Beverly McClendon.

Sunday Youth Holy Mass

All our youths are urged to attend 10:00 a.m Holy Mass next Sunday January 16. We once again rely on parents to support this initiative by bringing their children to Holy Mass. We thank you in advance your cooperation.

Saint Joseph Workers

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

Calendars

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Saint Joseph Workers and Children of Mary for sponsoring the calendars.

Devotional Candles

Devotional candles are scheduled to be delivered this Tuesday. They will be available for sale next weekend. We thank you for your patience.

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 22, 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.

Upcoming online Virtus Training

The Diocese of Saint Thomas is hosting aa 3 hour zoom Virtus training session on Sunday January 16 from 2:00 p.m-5:00 p.m. All active ministry members are urged to attend by following the link: virtusonline.org

2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the church. If you need an offering Envelope box, please call the church office or contact a minister of hospitality .

Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the Church Office by Wednesday at noon

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 feast of "The Baptism of the Lord." Till yesterday, we celebrated an 'infant Jesus.' From today, we celebrate an 'adult Jesus.' One may wonder, and even find it difficult to understand, and may ask the question: 'Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John the Baptist in the first place?' John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and therefore, most of those coming to him were repentant sinners. But Jesus was sinless; he did not commit any sin; so, in no way did he need this baptism of John the Baptist. So, why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? Firstly, Jesus did it to show his unity and solidarity with the human race, which he came to save. In lining up for baptism by John like a sinner, Jesus set aside all exemption for himself and completely identified with the sinful humanity and became one like them. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the 'baptism' of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. He submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Secondly, he did it to sanctify the water of baptism, so that our sins are washed away and we come to a state of grace in order to follow him. This meaning of baptism in relation to forgiveness of sins is still maintained. When we are baptized, the original sin, as well as personal sins are washed away; we become free from sin and acquire the state of holiness & grace. And thirdly, to fulfill righteousness, i.e. to give a new, full & divine meaning to baptism.

Today, we celebrate the feast of "The Baptism of the Lord" by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. And in so doing, the Church invites all of us to renew our own baptismal promises and live accordingly. Blessed Sunday to you all!

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

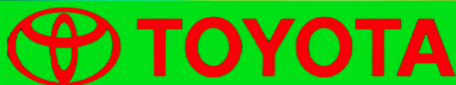
Sanctuary Flower Dedication

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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