



Saint Thomas Diocese

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Parish Council & Finance Committee Members' Installation

## 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 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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## FEBRUARY 20, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, February 19**

**5:00 PM.** - Grace Mason: Birthday blessings/ Grace Mason.

**SUNDAY, February 20**

**7:30 AM.** - Victor Benoit: Birthday blessings/ Victor Benoit.

**10:00 AM.** - Gersha Eusebe: Guidance & protection/ The family.

**5:00 PM.** - Edline Piton: In thanksgiving.

**MONDAY, February 21**

**7:00 AM.** + Richard & Rose Cook: Repose of souls/ Patricia Farro Ptucha.

**TUESDAY, February 22**

**7:00 AM.** + Gene & Estelle Farro : Repose of souls/ Patricia Farro Ptucha.

**WEDNESDAY, February 23**

**7:00 AM.** - Gersha Eusebe: Guidance & protection/ The family.

**THURSDAY, February 24**

**7:00 AM.** - Richie Placide: God's birthday blessings & protection/ His dad, Matthew Placide.

**FRIDAY, February 25**

**7:00 AM.** - Fleur Richard: Birthday blessings/ His Mother.

**SATURDAY, February 26**

**5:00 PM.** + Agnes Jno-Baptiste, Thomas Desir, Damley Norville & Englebert Joseph: Repose of souls/ The René family.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38

**MONDAY:** Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

**TUESDAY:** 1 Pt 5:1-4

*Feast of the Chair of* Mt 16:13-19

*Saint Peter, Apostle*

**WEDNESDAY:** Jas 4:13-17

*Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr* Mk 9:38-40

**THURSDAY:** Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

**FRIDAY:** Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

**SATURDAY:** Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

### *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, 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 – February 12 & 13, 2022**  
**Saturday** 5:00pm 57/ **Sunday** 7:30am 99/ 10:00am 95/  
 5:00pm 52/ **Total** 303

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Restoration Fund.....February 05-06  
 Bishop Appeal.....February 12-13  
 Property Insurance .....February 19-20  
 Capital Improvements ....February 27-28

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections  
 FIRST COLLECTION: \$4273.72  
 SECOND COLLECTION: \$2152.00

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# 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 February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup> for birthday blessings for Armecia Martin, requested by the family.



## **Liturgical Master Schedule for March**

Leaders of liturgical ministries: Sacristans, Lectors, Cantors, Media, Ushers and Altar Servers are requested to submit their respective schedule for March to the Church Office via email before be this Wednesday, February 23. We thank you for your cooperation.

## **Parish Council & Ministry Leaders Combined Meeting**

Parish Council members and ministry leaders are invited to attend a meeting scheduled for this Friday, February 25 at 6:30p.m. at Lower Columban Hall! This meeting will discuss the role of a ministry leader and parish liturgical activities from Mardi Gras to Divine Mercy Sunday. Members who are **not** off Island and are unable to attend are urged to please notify the Church Office.

## **Saint Vincent De Paul Society**

SVDPS will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday February 26 at 3:00p.m, in the Lower Columban Hall. All our members are encouraged to attend.

## **Non Perishable Food Items**

Non perishable food items will be collected next weekend at each Holy Mass following the Church Announcements. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities of our Diocese. We thank you for your generosity.

## **Lenten Mission Retreat**

The Diocese will host the Lenten Retreat for all parishes. More details to follow.

## **Necrologium**

Our parish community mourns the loss of Elroy A. Pickering Sr. and José Antonio Ortiz. Elroy A. Pickering Sr. died on January 26; his funeral service was held last Thursday, February 1 at All Saints Cathedral. José Antonio Ortiz died on February 8. His funeral service will be held in our church on Friday, March 11, at 10:00a.m. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**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

## HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

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

### My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about essential virtues and elements that must guide our lives and actions as Christians. It is in a sense a new commandment because it overrules the Old Testament law of reprisal attack and revenge. There is no doubt that humanly speaking, it is a very difficult one. However, it demands a lot of sacrifice and courage.

Hurts and wounds do not heal so fast. In some cases, their scars do not disappear entirely during one's lifetime. However, Christ knew this perfectly well. He not only preached this sermon, but he also lived it. So, he is not asking us to do what he did not do.

There are some lessons for us from today's readings. First, we must learn to leave vengeance for God. So, we must not take every opportunity for revenge against our offenders. Forgiveness heals all wounds and wipes all scars away. Second, we must not always bow to pressures from circumstances or our colleagues to do evil. This is because two wrongs can never make one right. Reprisal attack or revenge may hurt one even more than it will hurt one's offender. In this case, we may win the war but not the peace, love, and friendship.

Finally, no matter our situation or circumstance, we must not lose the sense of the sacred. We must guard against sin. All lives belong to God, and only he has the right to take them away. Also, let us remember that we cannot help God in his judgment. He knows what to do, how to do it, and the best time to do it. So, we must let God be God for "the Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and full of compassion." Ps. 103: 8. **Blessed Sunday to you all!**

### Sanctuary Flowers Dedication

This weekend's Altar Flowers are for birthday blessings for Victor Benoit.

### USCCB: Covid 19: Prayer of Solidarity

- For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.
- For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.
- For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
- For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
- For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
- For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
- For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
- For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
- Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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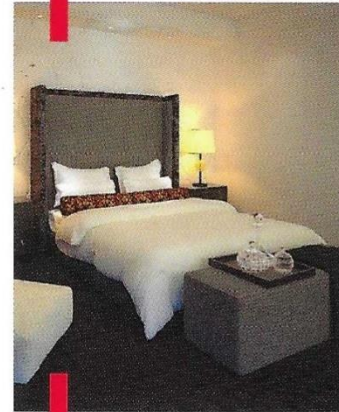
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