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Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
Church**

Why do you notice the splinter  
in your brother's eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam  
in your own eye?

## 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."

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

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## FEBRUARY 27, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, February 26**

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

**SUNDAY, February 27**

**7:30 AM.** - Children, grandchildren of Jeffers & Claudette Etienne  
God's continued blessing, guidance & protection/  
Claudette Etienne.

**10:00 AM.** - Elvina René, Caitlin Roberts & Kathleen René Grant:  
Birthday blessings/ René family, Henville Alexander &  
Raenay Grant.

**5:00 PM.** - The family of Edline Piton: God's continued blessings.

**MONDAY, February 28**

**7:00 AM.** + James Luke: Repose of soul/ Glenda Lafond.

**TUESDAY, March 1**

**7:00 AM.** - Beverly McClendon: God's continued blessings &  
health/ Beverly McClendon.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2**

**7:00 AM.** + Adelina Webb-Cline: Repose of soul/ Eva Donovan.

**7:00PM.** - Grace of End of War in Ukraine.

**THURSDAY, March 3**

**7:00 AM.** + Richard and Rose Cook: Repose of souls/ their  
granddaughter, Patricia Farro Ptucha.

**FRIDAY, March 4**

**7:00 AM.** - Grace of End of War in Ukraine

**6:00PM.** - The Way of the Cross.

**SATURDAY, March 5**

**5:00 PM.** + Repose of Soul of Brother James.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Sir 27:4-7  
1 Cor 15:54-58  
Lk 6:39-45

**MONDAY:**

1 Pt 1:3-9  
Mk 10:17-27

**TUESDAY:**

1 Pt 1:10-16  
Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY:**

*Ash Wednesday*

Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY:**

Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY:**

Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**SATURDAY:**

Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**HOSPITAL:**

**OFF ISLAND:** Bertina Lestrade, Enid Blyden, 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 19 & 20, 2022**  
**Saturday** 5:00pm 53/ **Sunday** 7:30am 81/ 10:00am 155/  
5:00pm 51/ **Total** 340

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4086.38

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1501.00

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be made through our website  
at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Restoration Fund.....March 05-06  
School Support.....March 12-13  
Property Insurance .....March 19-20  
Capital Improvements ....March 27-28

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup> for guidance and protection for Oner renal, requested by Marie Renal.



## **Rite of Burning of Blessed Palms**

The Rite of Burning of Blessed Palms will be held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m. at the Holy Family Shrine across Lower Columban Hall's side door. This is a new liturgical activity in our parish. Please join us to witness prayerfully how palms we use on Palm Sunday are transformed into ashes that the priest uses for Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Liturgy marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. There will be two Holy Masses: 7:00Am and 7:00Pm. This is an opportunity for us to start this holy season with a humble and contrite heart allowing God to create in us a clean heart and to renew a steadfast spirit within us. (Psalm 51).

## **The Way of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00PM**

The Way of the Cross is one of the most profound church's devotions and exercises of piety during Lent. Please make it your Lenten resolution to attend the Way of the Cross every Friday and to fulfil your Sunday obligation by attending Holy Mass. Various members of our Parish Ministries will be leading the Way of the Cross. This Friday's Way of the Cross will be led by the members of the Parish Council.

## **Stations of the Cross Schedule**

Fri. 3/04 by Parish Council, coordinated by Vincia.

Fri. 3/11 by Ministry leaders, coordinated by Viola.

Fri. 3/18 by Charismatic prayer Group, coordinated by Mona.

Fri. 3/25 by Haitian Committee leader, coordinated by Silia.

Fri. 4/01 by Saint Joseph Workers, coordinated by Orville.

Fri. 4/8 by Lectors, coordinated by Suzanne.

Good Friday: Reenactment of the Way of the Cross by Youth and CCD students coordinated by Marguerite.

## **Diocesan Lenten Mission**

The Diocesan Lenten Mission will be conducted by Archbishop Richards of Jamaica. Parishes of Saint Thomas will participate in this retreat on March 14 & 15 at the Cathedral. Details regarding time is forthcoming.

## **Necrologium**

Our parish community mourns the loss of Isabel Marina Dublin and José Antonio Ortiz. Isabel Marina Dublin died on February 19. Her funeral Holy Mass will be held in our church on Thursday, March 10, at 10:00am. José Antonio Ortiz died on February 8. His funeral service will be held in our church on Friday, March 11, at 10:00am. 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

## My Dear Parishioners,

Today, the eighth Sunday of ordinary time, the church continues to remind us of the virtues and qualities that should characterize our lives as Christians. Our mother Church reminds us that while physical appearance could be deceptive, what determines who we are is what comes from within us. This includes the quality of our words, the wisdom, and the goodness that we manifest. The first reading is a call to be very careful in evaluating people based on their appearances rather than on the wisdom that comes from them. It says: "The test of a man is in his conversation. A man's word betrays what he feels. Do not praise him before he speaks." Despite this, it suffices to note that one needs a lot of wisdom to discern the truth in someone's word. This is true, especially given that many people say beautiful words to please and deceive others while their hearts are far from the truth. Christ says: These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mt 15:8). In today's gospel, Jesus also teaches us that the quality of our heart determines the quality of our words and actions. He says, "A good person, out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, while an evil person, out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." So, today we must ask ourselves, do my words edify or make any positive difference on others? Does it build or destroy the community? Additionally, Christ warns us today to be careful in judging others. Instead, we should be humble enough to look inwards before criticizing others. Hence, Paul reminds us: "If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall" (1Cor10:12).

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
- Health Ministry: Gloria Callwood
- Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Alma Wells
- Decoration Ministry: Angele Lundy & Myrleine Thomas

### Sanctuary Flowers Dedication

#### 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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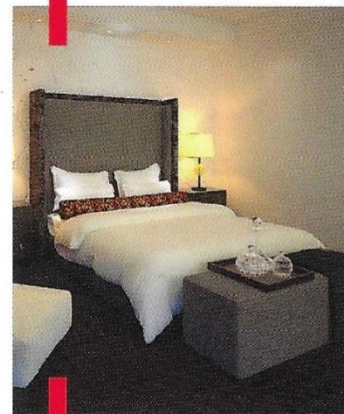
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