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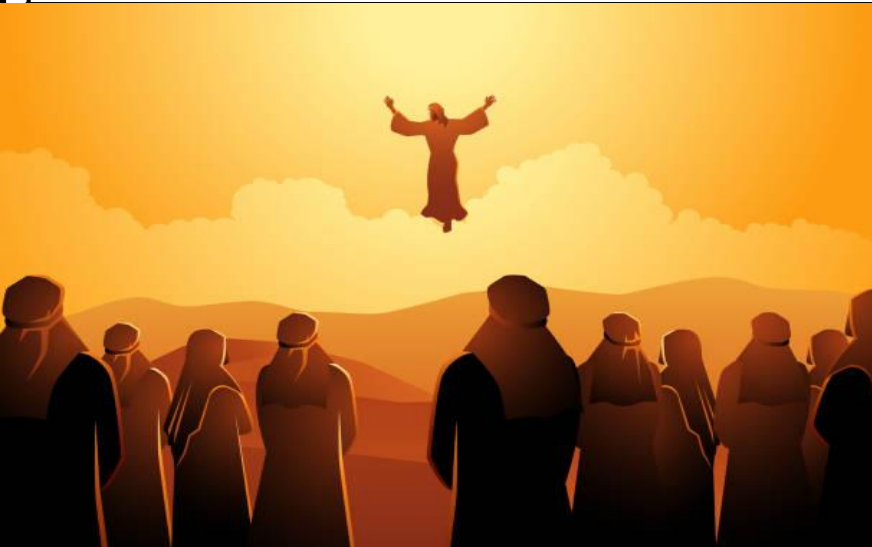
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Holy Family
Church



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. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kerly François

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Jackson Sr.

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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."

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 29, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 28
5:00 PM. - Cicely Frett → Birthday blessings, God’s guidance and protection rb her entire family

SUNDAY, May 29
7:30 AM - Hilda Celestine → Birthday blessings
10:00 AM - Eugenio René → Birthday blessings rb the René family
5:00 PM - Happy Mother’s Day for all the mothers of the Haitian Community

MONDAY, May 30
7:00 AM - Alicia Douté → God’s blessings & guidance rb Viola

TUESDAY, May 31
7:00AM - All the ministries of Holy Family → God’s blessings & guidance

WEDNESDAY, June 1
7:00 AM † Peter Pascal → Repose of Soul in loving memory from his wife and children

THURSDAY, June 2
7:00 AM - Tamzen & Khalid Merchant → God’s blessings rb their mom, Viola

FRIDAY, June 3
7:00 AM † Violet Holder → Repose of Soul rb Kathleen Thompson

SATURDAY, June 4
5:00 PM - The children & grandchildren of Osborne & Rosemond Casey → God’s continued guidance & protection

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Acts 1:1-11
Ascension of the Lord Eph 1:17-23
 Lk 24:46-53

MONDAY: Acts 19:1-8
 Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY: Zep 3:14-18a
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY: Acts 20:28-38
Saint Justin, Martyr Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
 Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY: Acts 25:13b-21
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
 Jn 21:20-25

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

HOSPITAL:
OFF ISLAND: Philomen Baron, Enid Blyden, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, Eugenie England, Cyril Eugene, Bertina Lestrade, Mary Lewis.

AT HOME: Ophelia Bannis, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Josefina Donastorg, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Sonia Herbert, Mercedes Hodge, Josephine James, Pauline Jolly, John George, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Bernice Knight, Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rita Ledee, Irene Morris, Veronica Sealey, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Grace Thompson, Kathleen Thompson, Joe Toussaint, Iona Vanterpool, Andrea Victorine, Lola Warrington.

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.
(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3230.00
SECOND COLLECTION: \$984.00



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Restoration Fund April 30-May 1
 Monthly School Support May 7-8
 Property Insurance May 14-15
 Capital Improvements May 21-22

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 May 29th to June 4th for God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Osborne and Rosemond Casey.



Mother's Day Greetings: Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers of the Haitian community. May the Lord bless you with his Love, Peace, and Joy on this special day always.

Bishop's Appeal 2022: Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2022! Please give a brochure to a friend. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts need everyone's support.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information.

USVI Council of Catholic Women: The USVI Council of Catholic Women invites all women to the 2nd phase in the implementation of the Council in the Diocese of St. Thomas. The St. Thomas/St. John meeting is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Columban Hall at Holy Family Church on June 4, 2022. Please contact the Chancery Office at 340-774-3166 or email: usviccw@gmail.com for further information.

Catholic Education Survey: Please take the necessary time to participate in the "2022 CATHOLIC SCHOOL SURVEY" to improve Catholic Education in our Diocese by completing the form included in the bulletin and return to the office. Your participation will help to improve Catholic Education in our Diocese.

Bible Lesson continues every **Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m.** with Father Cyprian Tatah. Parishioner' attendance has been lacking. Please spread the word, bring your family, friends, and neighbor. All are invited to come where God's word is taught.

The Annual Pentecost Rally will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2022, on St. John, 3:30 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park.** The Rally will begin with a procession from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to the park. Church group banners and flags are welcome. The theme "Stay Connected to God Empowered by the Holy Spirit." The guest speaker is Artherly Nicholas of Trinidad, West Indies. Come and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

St. Joseph Workers will be meeting on **Sunday, June 12** in the Upper Columban Hall after the 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass. **ALL** members are expected to be in attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Father's Day Brunch: The Holy Family Church will host a Father's Day brunch on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Upper Columban Hall immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, in honor and to celebrate all the fathers of the Parish. To make it effective, please let the fathers of our community sign up on the registration form at the entrance of the church.

Words of Appreciation: To **ALL** the parishioners who generously donated copying paper for printing the weekly bulletin and other documents, your donation is timely and very much appreciated. We thank you for your generosity and may God bless you richly.

Necrologium: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the Deacon, and Priests we extend sincere sympathy to the friends & family of **Peter Theodore** on his passing. Peter Theodore died on **Saturday, May 14** at the age of 102. The funeral service for the late Peter Theodore will take place at **Holy Family Church** on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 30, 2022** in observance of **Memorial Day**. During this extended weekend, **please** take a moment to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service for the freedom we now enjoy. May their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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**

My Dear Parishioners,

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke. There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel:
(To be said after Dismissal)

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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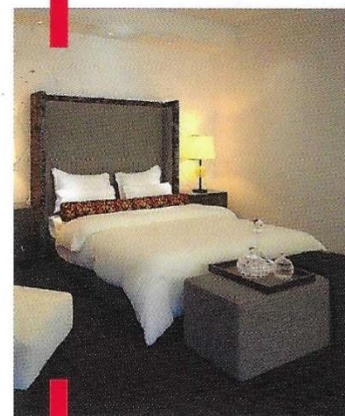
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