

Saint Thomas

Diocese

# **Holy Family Catholic Church**

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**PASTOR** Rev. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kerly François

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

Admin. Assistant: 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

# **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

#### **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."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, May 7 5:00 PM Alma Johnson → Birthday blessings rb the family	SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK		
<ul> <li>SUNDAY, May 8</li> <li>7:30 AM - Agnes Canning → Birthday blessings rb Vincia St. Jean</li> <li>10:00 AM - Blessings for Mothers of the Louis family</li> <li>5:00 PM - Silia Erilis, Ketely Etienne &amp; Polene Poison → Birthday</li> </ul>	SUNDAY:	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30	
blessings rb Silia Erilis.	MONDAY:	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	
<ul> <li>MONDAY, May 9</li> <li>7:00 AM - Paula Andrew &amp; Dulcina Cannonier → Blessings &amp; guidance rb Viola</li> <li>TUESDAY, May 10</li> </ul>	TUESDAY:	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	
<ul> <li>7:00AM - Oliver Williams &amp; Dulcina Cannonier → Guidance &amp; protection rb Viola</li> <li>WEDNESDAY, May 11</li> <li>7:00 AM - For the St. Joseph Workers → God's continued blessings</li> </ul>	WEDNESDAY:	Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 8:12	
THURSDAY, May 12 7:00 AM <sup>+</sup> For the Holy Souls in Purgatory rb Jean Laplace	THURSDAY:	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	
FRIDAY, May 13 7:00 AM - For the Children of Mary → God's continued blessings	FRIDAY:	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	
SATURDAY, May 14 5:00 PM <sup>+</sup> Richard & Rose Cook→ Repose of Souls rb Patricia Farro Ptucha	<b>SATURDAY:</b> Saint Matthias, Apostle	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	

### **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.

Geri Care Senior Residential Home: EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: \$2578.80 SECOND COLLECTION: \$1073.00

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

#### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Restoration Fund	. April 30-May 1
Monthly School Support	May 7-8
Property Insurance	
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 8<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> for the Mothers of Holy Family for our Lord's continued blessings, requested by Beverly McClendon.

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

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Austin Walters in thanksgiving for all mothers. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

Parishioners are encouraged to assist in beautifying the church by sponsoring flowers for any special event that you or a family member may be celebrating. Please contact the office of your intent.

**Bishop's Appeal 2022:** Please be an active and effective part of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic schools and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us to promote the mission of the Church.

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. Thank you!

**Older Americans Month:** In recognition of Older Americans month, the Department of Human Services will be having a Mass for Seniors (50+) on Tuesday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church. All senior parishioners are invited to attend the service.

Annual Diocesan Meeting: The Annual Diocesan Finance & Administration Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Columban Hall. Please note the office will be closed for staff attendance at the meeting.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The Parish Council will be meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Columban Hall. Participants will be representatives of all Ministries and Statutory Members.

**Children of Mary:** The Children of Mary will be committing on Friday, May 13 at the 7:00 a.m. Mass, in full uniform.

**Appreciation:** The St. Joseph Workers thanks Fr. Robert for the Commitment Service to our Patron Saint, St. Joseph the Worker, in celebration of 27 years dedicated to the Church. Thanks to all the members who recommitted and blessings to the Holy Family parishioners for your love and support.

Mass: There will be a Mass for St. Joseph Workers on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 7:00 a.m.

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.

## My Dear Parishioners, The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepher

each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the guestion, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep is the primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. Not only can we recognize family members' voices, we can also read the tone of their voices and know something about how they are feeling. In our relationship with Jesus, we know Jesus' voice and are called to follow. Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father and to one another, removing all distance between us. Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one-not just close, but actually one. Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father.

Pastor's

#### HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES&REPRESENTATIVES

•Altar Servers: Claudelle Mathurin, Nehemie Leneus, Austin Walters		
•Readers:	Suzanne 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	Michelle Stout	
•Decoration Ministry	Angele Lundy & Myrleine Thomas	

#### 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.

