



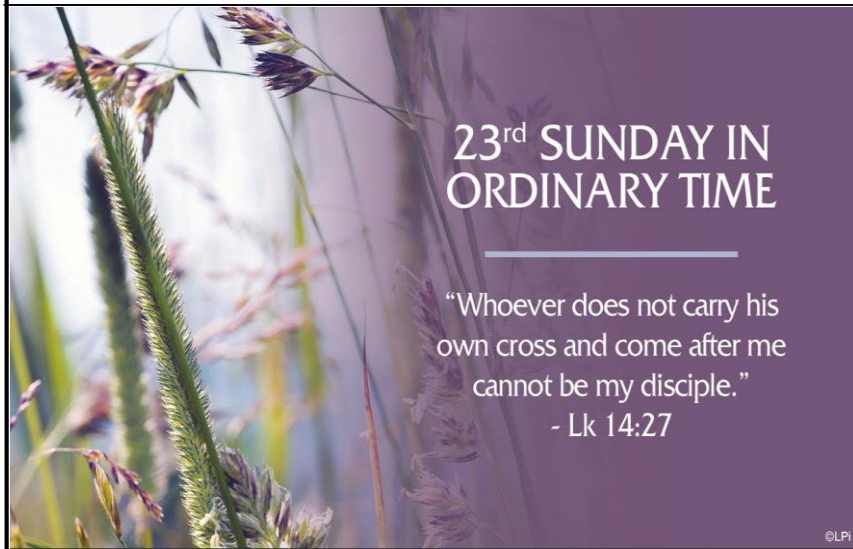
Saint Thomas  
Diocese

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family  
Church



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his  
own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.”  
- Lk 14:27

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### 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

**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. Austin Walters

Mr. Julio Comperè

### Office Hours:

Mon – 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, September 3**

5:00 PM – **Armecia Martin** → God’s continued blessings, guidance, & protection rb her family

**SUNDAY, September 4**

7:30 AM – **Valda Alexander** → Birthday blessings rb her children

– **Naomi Francis** → In thanksgiving for God’s continued blessing on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday

10:00 AM † **Gene & Estelle Farro** → Repose of Souls rb daughter, Patricia Farro Ptucha

5:00 PM – **Annie Chery** → Birthday blessings

**MONDAY, September 5**

7:00 AM † **Josefina “Fina” Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

**TUESDAY, September 6**

7:00 AM † **Lorna Editha Greig** → Repose of Soul rb her family

**WEDNESDAY, September 7**

7:00 AM † **Josefina “Fina” Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

**THURSDAY September 8**

7:00 AM † **Beverly Monique Clendinen** → Repose of Soul

**FRIDAY, September 9**

7:00 AM † **Josefina “Fina” Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

**SATURDAY, September 10**

5:00 PM † **Yvonne & Stacey Bryan** → Repose of Souls rb Leon & the Bryan family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Wis 9:13-18b Phmn 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33
<b>MONDAY:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 <i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i> Lk 6:39-42
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**HOSPITAL:** Josephine James

**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, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Vanessa Harrigan, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Pauline Jolly, John George, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Bernice Knight, Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rita Ledee, Veronica Sealey, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Kathleen Thompson, Mildred Turbe, 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](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

Last Weekend’s Collections  
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,430.00  
SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,016.00



#### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Restoration Fund .....	September 3-4
African Solidarity .....	September 3-4
Monthly School Support ....	September 10-11
Property Insurance .....	September 17-18
Capital Improvements .....	September 24-25

# 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 September 4<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup> for God's deliverance and guidance for Oner Renal, requested by Marie Renal.



**Altar Flowers:** 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.

**Very Important Meeting for Men:** Our pastor Fr. Robert Kenfack invites all the men of our Holy Family Church to a very important meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at lower Columban Hall. The presence of all will be highly appreciated.

**Women's Retreat:** A Women's Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon with Father Andres Eiroa and Father John Mark.

**Confessions start at 9:30 a.m.**

**Religious Education:** Registration is now open for CCD classes. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register their child/children; specifically, children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade should register now for pre-Confirmation class.

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.

**St. Joseph Workers:** St. Joseph Workers will be meeting in the Upper Columban Hall on Sunday, September 11, 2022, after the 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass. Birthday and anniversary celebrants are invited to breakfast with the group.

**Necrologium:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, the Deacon, and Priests, we extend sincere sympathy to the friends and family of **Zephaniah Jean Jacques**, former Sacristan, on his passing. Zephaniah Jean Jacques died on Thursday, August 18, 2022 in Texas at the age of 90. The funeral service for **Zephaniah Jean Jacques** will take place on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of 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)'s 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,**

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

- 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 During Hurricane Season:**  
*(To be said after Dismissal)*

**God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all the natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of your love. May we be secure in your protection and turn our tears in to praise of your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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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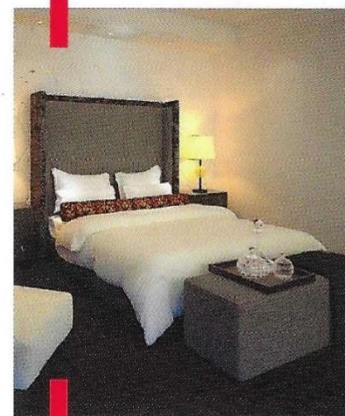
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