



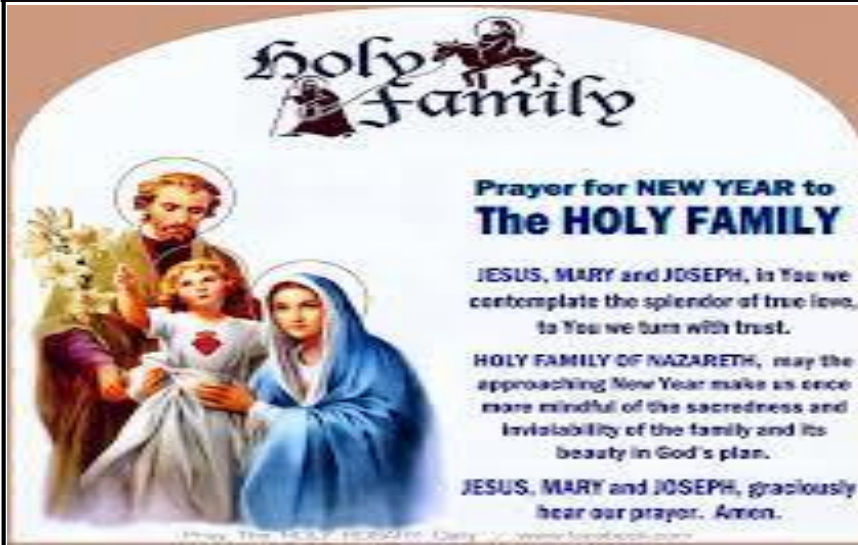
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Holy Family Church



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

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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.”

**SOLEMNITY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 31

9:00 PM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

SUNDAY, January 1

9:00 AM – **Alberta Foy** → God's Healing & protection rb the Dominica Association

– **Eugenia Santos** → Birthday blessings rb Olga McBean

5:00 PM – **Myrtha Brutus & Angelle Jean Pierre** → Birthday blessings

MONDAY, January 2

7:00 AM † **For all the Souls in Purgatory** rb Chantele Casimir

TUESDAY, January 3

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

WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:00 AM – **Acia Brathwaite** → Birthday blessings

THURSDAY, January 5

7:00 AM – **Gene & Estelle Farro** → Repose of Soul rb Patricia Farro Ptucha

FRIDAY, January 6

7:00 AM – **Marie Freeman** → Birthday blessings rb her sons, Dominik & Elijah, and her parents

SATURDAY, January 7

5:00 PM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Solemnity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

MONDAY:

Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY:

1 Jn 2:29–3:6

Jn 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY:

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10

Jn 1:35-42

THURSDAY:

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21

Jn 1:43-51

FRIDAY:

1 Jn 5:5-13

Mk 1:7-11

SATURDAY:

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 2:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY:

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

HOSPITAL:

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

AT HOME: Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Pauline Jolly, John George, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Veronica Sealey, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Kathleen Thompson, Mildred Turbe, Iona Vanterpool,

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

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

Church Attendance: 458 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$4,787.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,208.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilyst.com

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Restoration Fund Dec. 31 – Jan. 1

Monthly School Support January 7-8

Property Insurance January 14-15

Capital Improvements January 21-22

Restoration Fund January 28-29

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 **January 1st to January 7th** for the **White, Acoy, Bailey and Senthill families**, requested by Carmen, in thanksgiving.



Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by **Vincia St. Jean, Viola John, and two anonymous donors**. Thank you for beautifying the church, and may God continue to bless you.

Offertory Envelopes: The 2023 Offertory Envelopes can be picked up at rear of the church. Check the boxes carefully for your name and refrain from removing envelopes that are not assigned to you. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Saturday Mass: Effective January 14, 2023, Saturday Mass will return to its former time of 6:00 P.M.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2023**, in observance of New Year's Day (observed).

Haitian Independence Day: We congratulate the Haitian community on the observance of Haitian Independence Day.

*Have a Blessed
New Year*

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.

Church announcements must be submitted to the Church Office via email by Tuesday.

FROM THE
**Pastor's
Desk**

My Dear Parishioners,
PASTORAL MESSAGE of His Excellency Jerome Feudjio
on the Protection and Importance of the Family in Our Days Given
on the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I wish you a Happy Feast Day of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This nuclear family is an exemplar for all families. Most importantly, today's feast calls our attention to the fact that babies in the womb are human beings - and should be treated as such - deserving of love and respect. The Christmas season is a time of joy; Joy to the World, the Lord has come. Our God is great! God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to us (John 3:16). And this Son - **Emmanuel**, came under the form of a baby - a little vulnerable baby. *At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21).* (Evangelium Vitae, 1) There is a lot we can learn from the Christmas season. One being that the birth of Jesus Christ occurred in time and place; secondly, we are called to appreciate and respect human life from conception; and lastly, like Mary and Joseph who protected the

baby Jesus, we too are given the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable. Therefore, we cannot separate the nature of babies from the meaning of the Christmas season. The two go together and cannot be viewed separately. As People created in the image and likeness of God - regardless of religion - we should believe in the humanity of all babies, born or unborn. Sadly, in most parts of the United States of America, and in other parts of the world, unborn babies are not protected by the law. Shockingly, these unborn babies are not regarded human. It is an atrocious crime to terminate the lives of these unborn babies. Protecting the most vulnerable in our society is one of the great privileges and duties of our civic leaders. We are all in need of acceptance, love, and care. As a Christian community, the baby Jesus wants us to receive Him in our hearts, and in like manner many unborn babies cry out for acceptance, love, and care. Who is most vulnerable than an unborn child? This is the question we should pose to ourselves and come to the realization that the unborn babies in their vulnerability, deserve to be accepted as part and parcel of society. Finally, the stigma around pregnancy should be eradicated. Pregnancy is not a disease; it is a gift. Every child is a gift from God. Just as God has given us the Gift of Himself in the incarnation. Therefore, we should strive together for the justice of all mothers and for their babies - born or unborn. In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." We are family - God's family.

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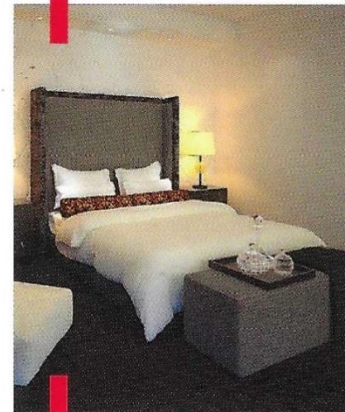
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