



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

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**Holy Family
Church**

Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



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

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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."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 26

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

SUNDAY, November 27

7:30 AM – **Rae Rouse** → Birthday blessings rb the Rouse family

– **Alicia Douté** → Birthday blessings rb her children & grandchildren

10:00 AM – **Julian, Keith-Anne, Khai, and Keith** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis family

5:00 PM → Ceva Erilis and Frederick Crepin †Repose of Souls
rb Silia Erilis

MONDAY, November 28

7:00 AM † **Gene & Estelle Farro** †Repose of Souls rb their daughter, Patricia Farro Ptucha

TUESDAY, November 29

7:00 AM – **Yvonne Brutus** → Birthday blessings rb her family

WEDNESDAY, November 30

7:00 AM – **Joseph Rogers** → Birthday blessings rb the Rouse family

THURSDAY, December 1

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

FRIDAY, December 2

7:00 AM † **Lelas Forde Giffit** †Repose of Soul rb the Forde, Giffit, & Violet families

SATURDAY, December 3

5:00 PM – **Lornnesha Henley** → rb her family

– **Arnold Lloyd** → Birthday blessings rb the Rouse family

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY:

Is 4:2-6

Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY:

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY:

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

THURSDAY:

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY:

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY:

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

NEXT SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

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, Vanessa Harrigan, 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, Andrea Victorine, Lola Warrington.

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

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

Church Attendance: 231 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,964.84

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,739.00

Online giving can be made through our

website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY
First Sunday Of Advent



Happy Advent Sunday to you. May this festive occasion mark a perfect beginning to the Christmas celebrations. Wishing you good and happy times with your loved ones.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Restoration Fund November 5-6

Monthly School Support November 12-13

Property Insurance November 19-20

Capital Improvements November 26-27

Restoration Fund December 3-4

Christmas Flowers December 3-4

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 **November 27th to December 3rd** for God's continued blessings and guidance for the **Altar Servers**, requested by **Beverly McClendon**.

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Austin Walters**, thanking God for his blessing and guidance. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal annual conference will take place from **Friday, December 2 to Sunday, December 4, 2022** in the upper Columban Hall.

Theme: "For I know the plans I have for you Declares the Lord". Guest Speakers are: Deborah De Rosia from Trinidad and Fr. John Mark from Our Lady of Perpetual Health Catholic Church, St. Thomas.

Advent Season: Is a time of spiritual and material preparation to the celebration of Christmas. Our masses will be low-key to bring awareness of our recollection and conversion of heart.

We shall have an **"Advent Mission"** in our church from **Wednesday, December 14 to Friday December 16, 2022**.

Church Pilgrimage: As our participation to the Jubilee of the 250th anniversary of our Diocesan mother Church, our Parish will be making a pilgrimage to Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral on **Saturday, December 17, 2022**. Let us all get prepared for that unique and exceptional event.

Non-Perishable Food Items: Non-perishable food items will be collected **this weekend** at each Holy Mass following the church announcements. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule: The Liturgical Master Schedule for **December** can be picked up in the sacristy or the rear of the church.

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,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. The passage from Matthew we read today is straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: Claudelle Mathurin, Nehemie Leneus, Austin Walters
- Lectors: 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 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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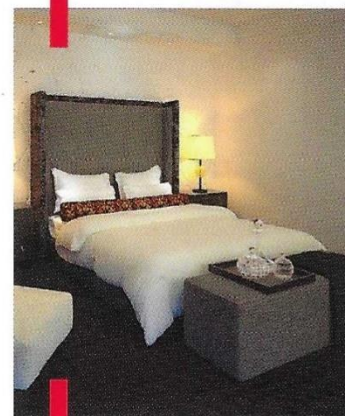
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