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Diocese

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Holy Family
Church

Joy

Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I shall say it
again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



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

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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.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 10

5:00 PM † **Lister Warrington** → Repose of Soul rb his wife, Lola Warrington, & family

SUNDAY, December 11

7:30 AM – **Evelina René-Bute & Chris René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

10:00 AM – **The children of St. Jude’s Research Hospital** → God’s continued healing and protection

5:00 PM – **Rolande Luissaint** → Birthday blessings

MONDAY, December 12

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

TUESDAY, December 13

7:00 AM – **Tevin Peters** → Birthday blessings rb mother, Vincia St. Jean

WEDNESDAY, December 14

7:00 AM † **Milue Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir family

THURSDAY, December 15

7:00 AM † **Kathleen Farro** → Repose of Soul rb her sister, Patricia Farro Ptucha

FRIDAY, December 16

7:00 AM – **Anny Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb Chantel & Sherica

SATURDAY, December 17

5:00 PM – **June Gloria Giffit** → Birthday blessings rb her daughter & granddaughter

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10
3rd Sunday of Advent Jas 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

MONDAY: Zec 2:14-17
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Lk 7:18b-23

THURSDAY: Is 54:1-10
 Lk 7:24-30

FRIDAY: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8
 Jn 5:33-36

SATURDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10
 Mt 1:1-17

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14
4th Sunday of Advent Rom 1:1-7
 Mt 1:18-24

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: 253 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
 Last Weekend’s Collections
 FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,033.81
 SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,286.00

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- Restoration Fund December 3-4
- Christmas Flowers December 3-4
- Bishop’s Appeal December 10-11
- Retired Religious December 10-11
- Property Insurance December 17-18
- Capital Improvements December 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 **December 11th to December 17th** for **Fr. Robert, Austin Walters, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Callwood, and Ms White** for the Mass of Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., a once in a lifetime experience!



Lighting of the Advent Candle

- 3rd Sunday: Sat. 5:00pm:** Osborne & Rosemond Casey
Sun. 7:30am: Julien & Rose Labadie
10:00am: Derrick & Sharon Davis/
Sandrine Joseph/ Wens Augustine
5:00pm: Marie Reginald/ Judena Valmyr/
Berson By
- 4th Sunday: Sat. 5:00pm:** Jennifer Johnson/ Noreen Stout
Sun. 7:30am: Ursula Prosper & family
10:00am: Josette St. John/ Jeaniyah Andrew/
Kaitlin La Place/ S'amythia Henley
5:00pm: Jacki Raphael/ Sandrine Joseph/
Geraldo Laurent

Advent Missions:

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral invites the Parish Community to join them in their Advent Mission from **Monday, December 12th – 13th, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Preacher Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng will present the Theme: **"Our Advent Journey Towards Healing."**

Our Parish **"Advent Mission"** will be held in Holy Family Church from **Wednesday, December 14th through Friday December 16th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Theme: **"Our Advent Journey Towards Healing."** Guest Speaker: Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng. Please bring your Bible and a notepad!

Topics

- Wednesday 14th: Healing of Memories
Thursday 15th: Jesus in the Eucharist
Friday 16th: Mary, Model of Our Faith

Church Pilgrimage: Let us all prepare for a unique and exceptional event. We will culminate our advent mission by making a Pilgrimage to Sts Peter & Paul Cathedral on **Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** as our participation in the Jubilee of the 250th anniversary of our Diocesan mother Church. Make this a grand affair; bring your entire family, friends, and neighbors. Members of the various ministries are asked to wear their respective uniforms.

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

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**

My Dear Parishioners,

In light of this, I urge you all to have a deeper devotion to the Eucharist. Eucharistic devotion should once again be restored. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should be part and parcel of our lives, as individuals, families, prayer groups and parish communities alike. We cannot talk and preach ABOUT Jesus all the time if we do not spend hours before Him, talking TO Him. There is a difference between talking to someone and talking about someone. We need to talk TO Jesus, then we can go out to the whole world and talk about the One we have spoken to: *Dominus est* - It is the Lord. We should not think of adoration, benediction, and Holy Mass as archaic. This special year of the Eucharist exhorts us to leave behind a mediocre way of approaching the Holy Eucharist. We need to climb up to the Upper Room where we can truly behold the Eucharistic Jesus and boldly say, 'It is the Lord present in his body, blood, soul, and divinity.' This Diocesan Eucharistic journey on which we are on is, gratefully, spearheaded by our own Fr. John Kennedy Mark and his team from all three islands of our Diocese. We are so grateful to them for giving us guidelines on how to live and celebrate this special year. There are great benefits for us when we embark on this Eucharistic journey.

This journey enables us to better appreciate the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives. In my first pastoral letter in 2021, entitled "Taste the Goodness of Forgiveness", I called your attention to the theme of Forgiveness. I would like us to note the special bond between the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The forgiving community, in the State of Grace, is one that can live, celebrate and partake of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As St. Augustine has rightly said: 'We become what we receive' - making us Eucharistic people. Dear People of God, 'I feel a very strong necessity of reconciliation from the inner being of each member of our diocesan community, in a genuine and sincere commitment to forgive one another and rebuild true love and authentic fraternity. From Faith, as Christians, we can make it possible'. This is what I had said in my first pastoral letter and once again reiterate these same words. Therefore, I encourage you to take the Sacrament of reconciliation seriously, and to forgive each other sincerely, without hesitation. More importantly, I urge you to receive Holy Communion with great reverence, and to devoutly adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. As we journey towards the Eucharistic congress, may we remember that we are an Advent people, pilgrims on a journey... *(To be continued)*

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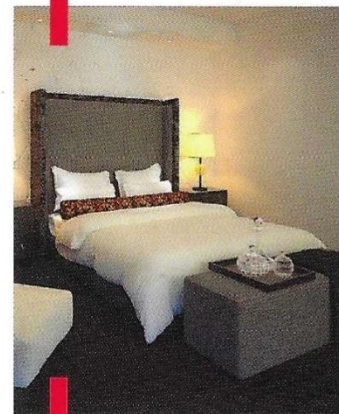
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