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Diocese

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Holy Family
Church



Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb

Luke 1:42

Peace

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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

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Carmen A. White

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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."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 17

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

SUNDAY, December 18

7:30 AM – **Rose & Julian Labadie** → Anniversary blessings
 10:00 AM – **John & Luciani** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis family
 – **Dominik Burman** → Birthday blessings rb Grandma & Poppop Freeman
 5:00 PM – **Marie Romene** → In thanksgiving for God’s blessings rb Mariel

MONDAY, December 19

7:00 AM – **Lois Rivera** → Thanksgiving & birthday blessings

TUESDAY, December 20

7:00 AM † **Calyx Stedman** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

WEDNESDAY, December 21

7:00 AM – **Ce’Mitchea Browne** → Belated birthday blessings, God’s guidance, & protection rb her family

THURSDAY, December 22

7:00 AM – **Alana Joseph** → Birthday blessings rb Alana Joseph

FRIDAY, December 23

7:00 AM – **Khalid Merchant** → Birthday blessings rb his mom, Viola

SATURDAY, December 24

5:00 PM – **Marie Renal** → Birthday blessings, guidance, & protection rb Marie Renal

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
MONDAY:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
TUESDAY:	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY:	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45
THURSDAY:	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
FRIDAY:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
SATURDAY:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79
SATURDAY NIGHT:	Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 <i>Nativity of the Lord Mass at night</i>
NEXT SUNDAY:	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 <i>Nativity of the Lord Mass during the day</i>

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: 224 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
 Last Weekend’s Collections
 FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,692.50
 SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,240.00
 Online giving can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com
 Thank you for your generosity!

A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.

Together as a family of faith, let us celebrate #OurAdvent
 Follow @ouradvent on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
 PRAYER FROM WWW.COORCA

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 18th to December 24th** for birthday blessings and God's protection for **Marie Renal**.



Lighting of the Advent Candle

4th Sunday:

Sat. 5:00pm: Jennifer Johnson/ Noreen Stout

Sun. 7:30am: Ursula Prosper & Family

10:00am: Josette St. John/ Jeanyiah Andrew/
Kaitlin La Place/ S'amythia Henley

5:00pm: Jacki Raphael/ Sandrine Joseph/
Geraldo Laurent

Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th 2022 → Christmas Eve

8:00 P.M. → Caroling

9:00 P.M. → Holy Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Kerly François

Homilist: Fr. Robert Kenfack

Sunday, December 25th → Christmas Day

Regular hours: 7:30 A.M. / 10:00 A.M. / 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 31st → New Year's Eve

8:00 P.M. → Holy Hour

9:00 P.M. → Holy Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Kerly François

Homilist: Fr. Robert Kenfack

Sunday, January 1st 2023 → New Year's Day

9:00 A.M. (Combined Mass)

Celebrant & Homilist: Bishop Jerome Feudjio

5:00 P.M. → Creole Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Kerly François

Liturgical Master Schedule for January: Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for January to the Church Office via email by **Wednesday, December 21st**. We thank you for your cooperation.

Non-Perishable Food Items: Non-perishable food items will be collected **next 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.

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,

As we journey towards the Eucharistic congress, may we remember that we are an Advent people, pilgrims on a journey towards the Heavenly Jerusalem. When Christians do not adore, celebrate, and partake of the Eucharist, they spiritually starve themselves to death.

In conclusion, let us remember that 'to be a Christian, beyond Sacramental life is to manifest the beauty of the heart of God which we acquire through grace. Then only through challenge of our faith is our capacity to be as loving and charitable as God is in Himself.' Similarly, I offer the same admonition given by St. Pope John Paul II in his encyclical letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*:

By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves, and being careful not to diminish any of its dimension or demands, we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this gift. We are urged to do so by an uninterrupted tradition, which from the first centuries on has found the Christian community ever vigilant in guarding this 'treasure.' Inspired by love, the Church is anxious to hand on to future generations of Christians, without loss, her faith and teaching with regard to the mystery of the Eucharist.

There can be no danger of excess in our care for this mystery, for 'in this sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation' (no. 61).

I urgently invite you to pray for the success of our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist in conjunction with all Catholics "Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ, Source of our Healing and Hope."

We beseech the Lord present in the Eucharist to grant, through the intercession of Our Mother Mary Conceived Without Sin, a renewed faith in the Holy Eucharist.

May the ancient prayer of Jean Jacques Olier (1608-1657), resound daily in our lives: "Oh Jesus, living in Mary, come and live in me your servant, in the spirit of your own holiness, in the fullness of your power, in the perfection of your ways, in the truth of your virtues, in the communion of your mysteries. Subdue over every adverse power, in your own Spirit, for the glory of the Father. Amen."

While wishing you a fruitful Eucharistic journey, I impart on all of you my episcopal blessing.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ The Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.

Given on this the First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

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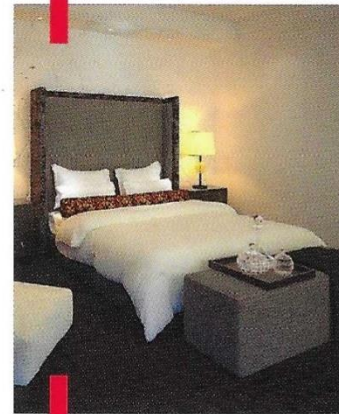
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