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Diocese

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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kerly François

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Carmen A. White

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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.”

NATIVITY OF THE LORD
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 24

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

SUNDAY, December 25

7:30 AM – **Amelia Davis & Elaine René Buncome** → Birthday
blessings rb the René family

10:00 AM – **Renaldo Raymo & Makeisha Foy** → Birthday blessings
rb Carmen

5:00 PM – **Judena Valmir & Laura François** → Birthday blessings

MONDAY, December 26

7:00 AM – **Esther Helen Henderson** → God’s healing and protection
rb a friend

TUESDAY, December 27

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

WEDNESDAY, December 28

7:00 AM † **Lorraine Giffit Violet** → Repost of Soul rb the Giffit & Violet
families

THURSDAY, December 29

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

FRIDAY, December 30

7:00 AM – **All family members of Carmen White** → In thanksgiving

SATURDAY, December 31

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Nativity of the Lord

Mass at night

Is 9:1-6

Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

SUNDAY:

Nativity of the Lord

Mass during the day

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

MONDAY:

Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

TUESDAY:

*Feast of Saint John,
Apostle and evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a and 2-8

WEDNESDAY:

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13-18

THURSDAY:

*Feast of The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

FRIDAY:

*Feast of The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SATURDAY:

*Solemnity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

NEXT SUNDAY:

*Solemnity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

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: 217 persons
attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Restoration & 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
Restoration Fund Dec. 31 – Jan. 1

Announcements

Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn from **December 25th to December 31st** in thanksgiving to God for his blessings, mercies, and protection, requested by Carmen White.



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.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed **all day on Monday, December 26, 2022**, in observance of Christmas Day (observed).

New Year's Holiday Mass Schedule

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

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 **January** can be picked up in the sacristy or the rear of the church.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Ferdinand Isaac and family** on the passing of his brother, **Heydine Isaac**, who died in Dominica at the age of 70 years. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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,

There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

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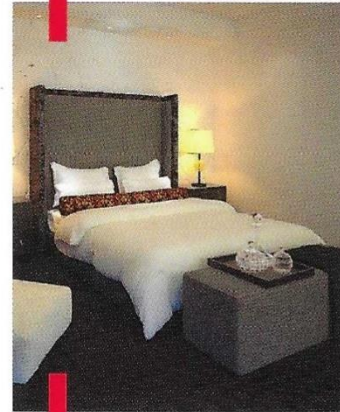
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