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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

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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.”

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 3

5:00 PM – **Lornnesha Henley** → rb her Family
 – **Arnold Lloyd** → Birthday blessings rb the Rouse family

SUNDAY, December 4

7:30 AM † **Oliver & Anna Francis** → Repose of Souls rb Nazarine Blaize
 10:00 AM – **Dwayne & Jamila** → God's blessings & guidance rb the Thomas Family
 5:00 PM – Canegie Lebrum → Birthday Blessings

MONDAY, December 5

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

TUESDAY, December 6

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

WEDNESDAY, December 7

7:00 AM – **Vanessa Harrigan** → In thanksgiving for her birthday

THURSDAY, December 8

7:00 AM – **Bernadette Wells** → Birthday blessings rb her sister, Paula Andrews

FRIDAY, December 9

7:00 AM † **Richard & Rose Cook** → Repose of Souls rb their granddaughter, Patricia Farro Ptucha

SATURDAY, December 10

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	Is 11:1-10
<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Rom 15:4-9
	Mt 3:1-12
MONDAY:	Is 35:1-10
	Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY:	Is 40:1-11
	Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY:	Is 40:25-31
<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY:	Gn 3:9-15, 20
<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
	Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY:	Is 48:17-19
	Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	Mt 17:9a, 10-13
NEXT SUNDAY:	Is 35:1-6a, 10
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	Jas 5:7-10
	Mt 11:2-11

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: 244 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

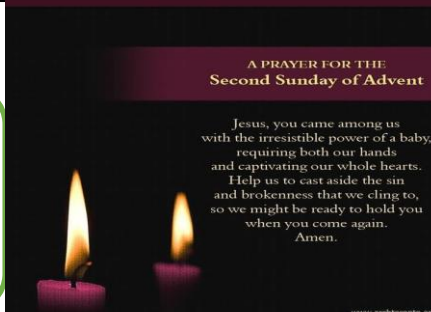
Last Weekend's Collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,718.40

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,117.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



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 Decemberr 4th thru 10th in remembrance of Rita Williams, requested by her sister, Beverly McClendon.



Lighting of the Advent Candle

2nd Sunday: Sat. 5:00pm: Children of Mary

Sun. 7:30am: McFarlane & Beulah Babulal

10:00am: Eubald Rene'/V'Kesha Adams
/Judena Valmyr

5:00pm: Joseph & Silia Erilis

3rd Sunday: Sat. 5:00pm: Osborne & Rosemond Casey

Sun. 7:30am: Julien & Rose Labadie

10:00am : Derrick & Sharon Davis/
Sandrine Joseph/Wens Augustine

Advent Mission: Our Lady of Mt. Caramel welcomes you to its Advent Mission from **Wednesday, December 7th to Friday, December 9th, 2022: 7:00pm. Guest Speaker: Fr. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem** of Holy Family Church, St. Thomas, VI.

Our Parish "**Advent Mission**" will be held in Holy Family Church from **Wednesday, December 14th thru Friday December 16th, 2022: 6:30pm-8:00PM.** Theme: "**Our Advent Journey Towards Healing**" Guest Speaker: Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

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 - 3:00pm.**

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Marguerite Rene' & Family** on the loss of her mother, **Mary Ann Joseph** who died on October 30th at the age of 96. Her Funeral service will take place in St. Lucia. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Maynor Eusebe & Family** on the loss of her mother, **Elma Agnes Casimir.** She died on November 25th at the age of 92, her funeral mass is scheduled for **December 9th at 10am,** in our church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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,

PASTORAL LETTER

of his Lordship Bishop Jerome Feudjio

Diocese of Saint Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands

"The Vibrant Eucharistic Community that Believes,
Adores, and Celebrates"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At a time when Eucharistic revival is so much needed, I joyfully announce a special Holy Year of the Eucharist for the Diocese of St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands beginning on the 27th of November 2022 - the First Sunday of Advent through the 26th of November 2023. This special year of the Eucharist will coincide with the second year of the three-years Eucharistic revival project put forward by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As we embark on this spiritual journey, I would like to recall the text from 1 John 1:3 which states: "That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete."

In line with this scripture text, I urge that we become a vibrant Eucharistic community that believes, adores, and celebrates. For indeed what we celebrate is not 'something' but is 'Someone' and His name is Jesus - the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Church's mission, from time past, is to bring about unity: "Ut unum sint - That they may all be one". Our unity finds its source in the communion between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist becomes our source of unity, and as we unite we celebrate the source and summit of our Christian life. Communion is, *par excellence*, a hinge for the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

In the month of June 2021, the Bishops of the United States met together in view of writing a document on the Eucharist. It became evident in these deliberations that the Church as communion is fractured. This is a cause of great concern, not only on a theological level but also on our existential being as the people of God.

In the First Millennium of the Church, schisms and heresies were not lacking, just as today the pew and Gallup polls make evident the heresy around the Eucharist - Catholics not believing in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species. *(To be Continued)*

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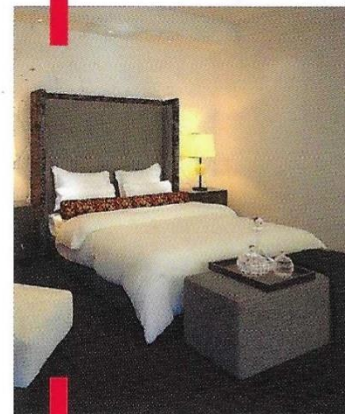
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