



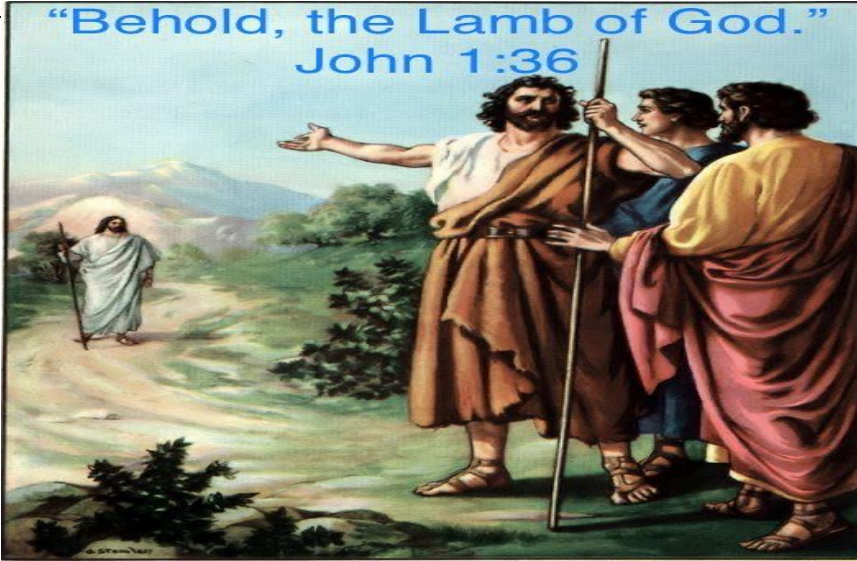
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Holy Family Church



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

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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.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 14

6:00 PM † **Jeanette Stridiron** → Repose of Soul rb the Johnson family
 † **Francisco Santos** → Repose of Soul rb Olga McBean

SUNDAY, January 15

7:30 AM † **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** → Repose of Soul
 10:00 AM † **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** → Repose of Soul
 5:00 PM † **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** → Repose of Soul

MONDAY, January 16

7:00 AM † **Eleanor Jackson Thomas** → Repose of Soul rb her family

TUESDAY, January 17

7:00 AM – **Jennifer Johnson** → Birthday blessings rb her family

WEDNESDAY, January 18

7:00 AM – **Patsy Grell** → Belated birthday blessings

THURSDAY, January 19

7:00 AM – **Chrismith Monbia** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

FRIDAY, January 20

7:00 AM – **Anjelle Lundy** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

SATURDAY, January 21

6:00 PM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY:	Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY:	Heb 6:10-20 <i>Saint Anthony, Abbott</i> Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY:	Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY:	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 <i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Mk 3:20-21
NEXT SUNDAY:	Is 8:23—9:3 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

HOSPITAL:

OFF ISLAND: Philomen Baron, Enid Blyden, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, Eugenie England, Cyril Eugene, Bertina Lestrade, Mary Lewis.

AT HOME: Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, John George, Rolland George, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Josephine James, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Veronica Sealey, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Kathleen Thompson, Mildred Turbe, Iona Vanterpool,

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

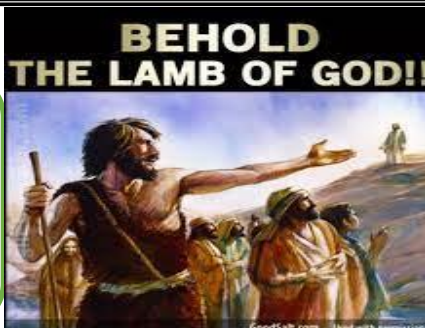
(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

Church Attendance: 280 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
 Last Weekend's Collections
 CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$84.00
 OFFERING: \$4,308.00
 SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,922.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilyst.com

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Restoration Fund	Dec. 31 – Jan. 1
Monthly School Support	January 7-8
Property Insurance	January 14-15
Capital Improvements	January 21-22
Restoration Fund	January 28-29

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 **January 15th to January 21st** for the Repose of Soul of **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**.



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

CCD: CCD classes resumed on **Saturday, January 14, 2023** at 9:00 A.M. in the Lower Columban Hall.

Offertory Envelopes: Parishioners are asked to pick up your assigned Offertory Envelopes if you have not already done so. Those parishioners without envelopes can contact the church office. Envelopes will be removed from the church after January 31st.

Special Collection (Security): A special collection will be taken up for fencing the property on **Sunday, January 22, 2023** at all Masses. Thereafter, it will be taken up monthly on the **3rd Sunday**. Thank you for your generosity in helping to secure the property.

Ministry of Hospitality and Finance: We're very much in need of **Money Counters** and **Ushers/Greeters** for the 10 A.M. Mass. Please consider joining one of these ministries by contacting the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

Saturday Mass: Please note that Saturday Mass has returned to its former time of 6:00 P.M.

Liturgical Master Schedule for February: Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for February to the Church Office via email by **Wednesday, January 18th**. We thank you for your cooperation.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2023**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Leona Marks and family** on the passing of their sister, **Delores Battiste Coleman**, who died on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the age of 79 in Maryland. 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,

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony, he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate.

John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to the entire world by our words and by the witness of our lives. That is the attitude that allowed John to recognize Jesus. With a profound grasp of his own prophetic vocation, John recognized something greater in Jesus, something that reflected more of God and more of God's promised future. Thus, John uttered those mystery-filled words we repeat in each Eucharist, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The grace that impelled John in his vocation led him to recognize the grace that filled Jesus. As we begin "Ordinary Time," John invites us to learn over and over to recognize Christ for who he is and what he offers. Then we too will cry out "This is the Lamb of God" in any and every language we speak.

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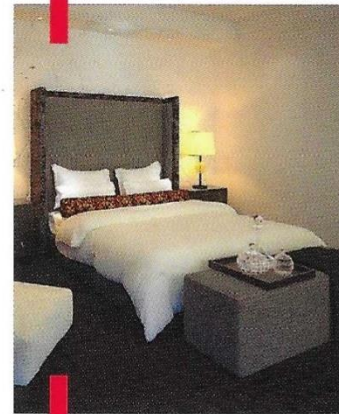
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