



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

Holy Family Catholic Church

394-213 Hidden Valley, St. Thomas
U.S. Virgin Islands 00802
Telephone: (340) 775-1650
Website: www.holyfamilystt.com
Email: holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com



**Holy Family
Church**

"The light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes the language of the cosmos and of the Scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognize it and join in contemplating the Savior of the world."
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



*The Twelfth Day of Christmas:
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person,
there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Galations 3 : 28

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

Parish Account.: Ms. Penrose Gardiner

Religious Ed. Director: Ms. M. René

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."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 7

5:00 PM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

SUNDAY, January 8

7:30 AM – **Vincia St. Jean** → Birthday blessings, God's guidance & protection rb Vincia

10:00 AM – **Henrique Foy** → Birthday blessings rb his mother

5:00 PM – **Fr. Kerly François** → God's blessing & protection

MONDAY, January 9

7:00 AM – **Aurthlyn Thomas & Michael Kenrick Thomas** → Healing mercies rb Carmen White

TUESDAY, January 10

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

WEDNESDAY, January 11

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

THURSDAY, January 12

7:00 AM – **Darryl Potter** → God's continued blessings & guidance

FRIDAY, January 13

7:00 AM – **Claudy Brutus II** → Birthday blessings rb the entire family

SATURDAY, January 14

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

MONDAY:

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Mt 3:13-17

TUESDAY:

Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY:

Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY:

Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY:

Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY:

Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

HOSPITAL:

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

AT HOME: Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, 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,

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

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

Church Attendance: 468 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$6,801.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,701.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: \$5,626.00

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 8th to January 14th** for continued prayers for **Rita Williams**.

Altar Flowers: Parishioners are encouraged to assist in beautifying the church by sponsoring flowers for any special event that you or a family member may be celebrating. Please contact the office of your intent.

Saturday Mass: Effective January 14, 2023, Saturday Mass will return to its former time of 6:00 P.M.

Offertory Envelopes: The 2023 Offertory Envelopes can be picked up at rear of the church. Check the boxes carefully for your name and refrain from removing envelopes that are not assigned to you. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Parish Fence: Donations and multiform contributions are requested for the building of our Parish fence. Please, kindly drop your contribution at the Church office, online, or during the liturgical celebrations. Mark checks or envelopes with the specific mention of the destination of your offering. The timely support of our visitors for this important project will be heartily appreciated.

Ministry Meeting: All Ushers, Money Counters, and Ms. Jennifer Johnson, are being notified of a meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the lower Columban Hall.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Roland George and family** on the passing of their mother, **Gabrielle George**, who died at the age of 83 years in Orlando, Florida on Friday, December 30, 2022. May her 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.

FROM THE
**Pastor's
Desk**

My Dear Parishioners,

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different from the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior.

Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS



TOYOTA OF ST. THOMAS

Estate 10 # 3 New Quarter

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas, VI 00802

Cell: (340) 514-5927

PH: (340) 715-3132

Fax: (340) 715-3161

VICTOR A. BENOIT
Sales Associate

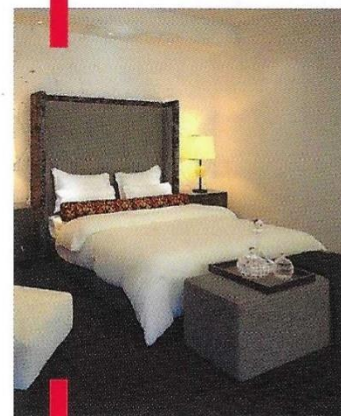
Carlos Owner
Jawad Idheileh

- 6207 Peter's Rest, St. Croix, USVI
- Tutu Park Mall, St. Thomas, USVI
- Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, USVI

S: 340.693.0016 • C: 340.642.7926

Carlosusvi@yahoo.com

Scan to Visit the Website:
<https://www.CarlosFurnitureUSVI.com>



*Perfect Banquet Hall
For Your Event*

**HOLY FAMILY
COLUMBAN HALL**

213 Anna's Retreat
Saint Thomas, USVI 00802
E-mail: holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com
Website: www.holyfamilystt.com
Phone: (340) 775-1650



CHI-CO'S DISTRIBUTING, INC.
Frederick Larsen
President

8525 Lindberg Bay, Suite 4
St. Thomas, USVI 00802

Tel: (340) 776-5894
E-Mail: chicos@vipowernet.net

