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Diocese

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Holy Family
Church



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday.....7:00 a.m.
Saturday (**Vigil**).....6:00 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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Rev. Kerly François

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Ms. Francesca Alcendor Ms. Silia Erilis

Ms. Beulah Babulal Mr. Austin Walters

Mr. Julio Comperè

Office Hours:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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, February 4

6:00 PM – **Joshua Lubin** → Birthday blessings rb the family

SUNDAY, February 5

7:30 AM – **Rolland George** → Continued healing rb his family

10:00 AM – **Alexi Solei** → God’s continued blessings & protection on her birthday rb her grandmother, Myrtha

5:00 PM – **Father Kerly** → God’s continued blessings

MONDAY, February 6

7:00 AM – **Elijah Anthony** → Birthday blessings rb his mother, brother, and grandparents

TUESDAY, February 7

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

WEDNESDAY, February 8

7:00 AM † **Juanito & Elaine Walters** → Repose of Souls rb their son, Austin Walters

THURSDAY, February 9

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

FRIDAY, February 10

7:00 AM – **Armecia Martin** → Birthday blessings rb her mother and daughter

SATURDAY, February 11

6:00 PM – **Lola Warrington** → In thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

MONDAY:

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY:

Gn 1:20—2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY:

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY:

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY:

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY:

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

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, Ione Vanterpool

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

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

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

Church Attendance: 342 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend’s Collections

CHILDREN’S OFFERING: \$21.00

OFFERING: \$5,318.10

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,265.00

Online giving can be made through our

website at: www.holyfamilyst.com

Thank you for your generosity!

LORD I TRUST YOU

Almighty God we thank you for the gift of your word to us this day not to have self-doubt but to trust in You.

Grant that we may learn to ride over the obstacles of our self-doubt and guilt that diminish our confidence.

We pray also for those who have lost trust in themselves and in You that they may regain their trust in You.

Lord place in us the spirit of courageousness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Black & Indian Mission February 4-5

Bishop’s Appeal February 11-12

Property Insurance & Security Feb. 18-19

Restoration Fund February 22

Operation Rice Bowl February 22

Capital Improvements February 25-26

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 **February 4th to February 10th** for birthday blessings, God's continued guidance and protection for **Alexi Solei**, requested by her grandmother, Myrtha.



Altar Flowers: Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Patricia Murrell-Joseph** on the occasion of her birthday. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

Diocese: We are pleased to announce that our diocese has been blessed with a new weekly television and radio, titled "THE CATHOLIC VOICE." The program will air every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and replay on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for the TV/television and on Sunday 6:00 p.m. on CBN (Caribbean Super Station) Radio frequency 90.9 FM to promote our mission and its objectives.

Offertory Envelopes: For those parishioners who have not yet picked up their assigned Offertory Envelopes, the envelopes are in the church office.

Prepare for Lent: Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023**. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday: **7:00 A.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** Please be guided accordingly.

Palms for Ash Wednesday: Parishioners are asked to please bring their dry palms for Ash Wednesday to the sacristy by **Sunday, February 19, 2023**.

Columban Hall Rental Fees:

- Deposit (non-refundable): \$500.00
- Events with Admission Fee: \$1,500.00
- Special Events: \$1,650.00
- Funeral Reception: \$1,000.00
- All Other Events: \$1,000.00
- **Registered active parishioner discount: 15%**
- Extra day setup fee (#28 in contract): \$500.00

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Cletus Williams and family** on the passing of his father, **Michael Williams**, who died on January 21, 2023, at the age of 72. His funeral service will take place on **Friday, February 10, 2023** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 A.M. May his 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,
First Reading**

Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:4-9

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Sunday Prayer

For this day, we praise and honor Your name. This is the day that you have made, we will rejoice and be glad for all that You have in store for us. We give You thanks that our needs are supplied and are grateful for all You provide. Today we glory in Your presence almighty Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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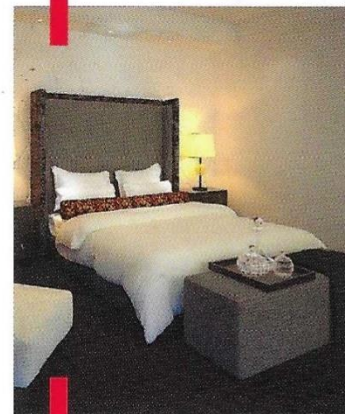
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