



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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## 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

### 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. – 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."

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 12, 2023**

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## MARCH 12, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, March 11**

6:00 PM – **Tevin Ragwanan** → Birthday blessings rb the family

– **Clifton Johnson** → Birthday blessings rb his family

**SUNDAY, March 12**

7:30 AM – **Octavia Shillingford** → Birthday blessings rb her mother, Alana

– **McFarlane Babulah** → Birthday blessings in thanksgiving rb his wife and family

10:00 AM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

† **Elma Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb Maynor Eusebe

5:00 PM – **Ketly Erilis** → Birthday blessings rb her sister, Silia

**MONDAY, March 13**

6:30 PM – **Ajani Registe** → For deliverance rb his grandmother, Ursula Prosper

– **Fr. Robert Kenfack** → birthday blessings and God's continued guidance

**TUESDAY, March 14**

7:00 AM – **Anaj Martin** → Birthday blessings rb the family

**WEDNESDAY, March 15**

7:00 AM – **For the children & grandchildren** → Guidance & protection rb Yvonne Brutus

**THURSDAY, March 16**

7:00 AM – **Nardia Registe** → God's guidance & protection rb her mother, Ursula Prosper

**FRIDAY, March 17**

6:00 PM – **Reginald Toussaint & Kierra Toussaint** → Birthday blessings rb the Toussaint & Royer families

**SATURDAY, March 18**

6:00 PM – **Mary Stridiron** → Birthday blessings rb the Johnson family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Ex 17:3-7  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
Jn 4:5-42

**MONDAY:**

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY:**

Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**WEDNESDAY:**

Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY:**

Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY:**

Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY:**

Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

### 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:** Carol Baron, James Bellot, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, John George, Rolland George, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Olivia Gumbs, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Cleopha Rawlins, 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:** 333 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$3,991.00

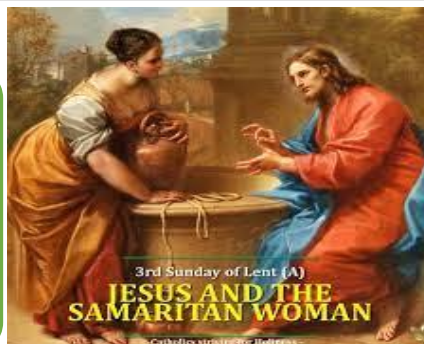
CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$66.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,588.00

LENTEN OFFERING: \$312.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Restoration Fund ..... March 4-5  
Monthly School Support ..... March 11-12  
Property Insurance & Security .... Mar. 18-19  
Catholic Relief Services ..... March 18-19  
Capital Improvements ..... March 25-26  
Easter Flower Offering ..... March 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 **March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>** for birthday blessings and God's continued guidance for **Fr. Robert Kenfack Ngintedem**.

**Altar Flowers:** There will be no altar flowers during Lent.

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 3:** "Where there is a need, there is the Bishop's Appeal." Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities to provide needed assistance to a fast-growing segment of our community, THE HOMELESS. Please give generously to this year's Appeal so that we can supply needed medicines and doctor visits for our impoverished and infirm homeless in our community.

**Way of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00 P.M.** Please make it your Lenten resolution to attend the Way of the Cross every Friday and to fulfill your Sunday obligation by attending Mass. Various members of our Parish Ministries will be leading the Way of the Cross.

- March 17: St. Joseph Workers and Ushers
- March 24: Sacristans and Mass servants
- March 31: St. Vincent de Paul and Prayer Group
- April 7: CCD and Adult Choir

**Lenten Mission:** Our Lenten Mission will be from **Monday, March 20** through **Friday, March 24**. The guest speaker is Rev. Brancker John from the Diocese of Roseau in Dominica.

**Baptism Classes:** Parents of all children registered for Baptism on Easter night are being informed of the first Baptism class on **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Lower Columban Hall. Parents and godparents are expected to be in attendance.

**Special Collection (Security):** A special collection will be taken up for fencing the property **next weekend** at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity in helping to secure the property.

**Liturgical Master Schedule for April:** Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for April via the Church email by **Wednesday, March 15**. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Fernando Henley** and family on the passing of his uncle, **John Henley**, who died on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the age of 68 in St. Thomas. Mr. Henley's funeral service was held on Friday, March 10 at Holy Family Church. May his 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 our Sacristan, **Austin Walters** on the passing of his brother **Richard** and sister **Phyllis Walters**. Richard died on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the age of 64 in Maryland. Phyllis died on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at the age of 60 in St. Thomas. May their souls 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.

**Necrologium, Continued:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Eubald René** and family on the passing of his brother, **Avandale René**, who died on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the age of 83 in England. 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.**



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

## My Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance.

The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

blessed

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy sacred wounds hide me. From the wicked enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to Thee that with Thy  
Saints I may praise Thee forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Prayer of St. Francis

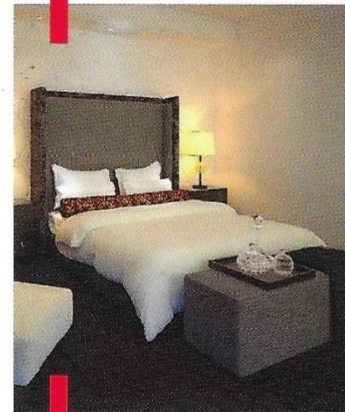
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to  
Console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

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