



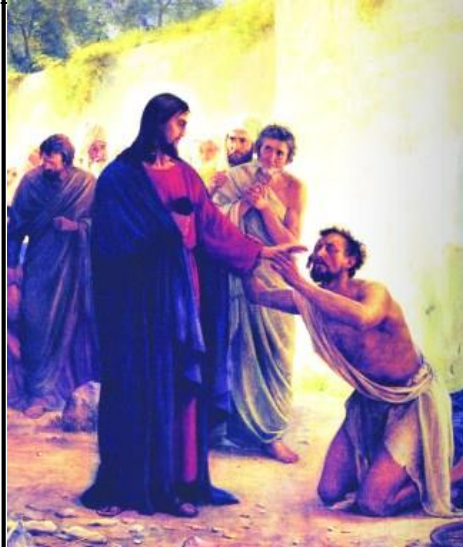
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**Holy Family
Church**



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that
they had thrown him
out, he found him and
said, "Do you believe
in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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

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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."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 18

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

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 AM – **St. Joseph Workers** → Feast day

10:00 AM † **Clarissa Warrington** → Repose of Soul rb the Warrington family

5:00 PM – **Joseph Fils Joseph** → Birthday blessings rb his wife, Silia Erilis

MONDAY, March 20

6:30 PM – **Cecil Registe** → For deliverance, rb his mother, Ursula Prosper

TUESDAY, March 21

7:00 AM † **Christalia Sebastien Wellington** → Repose of Soul rb the Sebastien family

WEDNESDAY, March 22

7:00 AM – **Pamela Charles** → Birthday blessings

THURSDAY, March 23

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

FRIDAY, March 24

6:30 PM † **Cyril "Mezo" Battiste Sr.** → Repose of Soul

SATURDAY, March 25

6:00 PM † **John Henley** → Repose of Soul

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

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

MONDAY:

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

TUESDAY:

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY:

Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY:

Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY:

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY:

5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

HOSPITAL:

OFF ISLAND: Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Olivia Gumbs, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Iona Vanterpool.

AT HOME: Carol Baron, Philomen Baron, James Bellot, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Maggie Dolphin, John George, Rolland George, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Vernelle Gumbs, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Cynthia Johnrose, Owen Johnrose, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Cleopha Rawlings, 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: 392 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$6,204

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$51.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,789.00

LENTEN OFFERING: \$375.00

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

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 18th to March 24th** for the Repose of Soul of **John Henley**.

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

Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 4: Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2023 helps to support our mission of evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the *Catholic Islander* which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarian and the development of our diocesan youth ministries.

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 Holy Mass. Various members of our Parish Ministries will be leading the Way of the Cross.

- 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 **this Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24 at 6:30 P.M.** The guest speaker is Rev. Brancker John from the Diocese of Roseau in Dominica.

Offertory Envelopes: The following parishioners are asked to pick up their 2023 offertory envelopes from the office: **Catherine Alexander, Jeanne Baptist, Gloriana Burley, Monique Similie-Dorcely, Francisca Henry, Georgettes Jules, Binh Nguyen, Agnes Nicholas, Caryl Rolle, and Margarita Smith.** Envelopes not retrieved by March 31st will be reassigned. Parishioners who would like to obtain envelopes can register at the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Non-Perishable Food Items: Non-perishable food items will be collected **next weekend** at each Holy Mass during offertory. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

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.

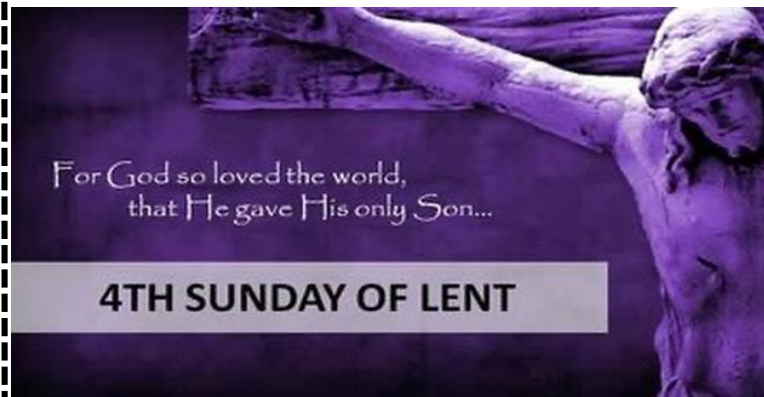
FROM THE Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again.

Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



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

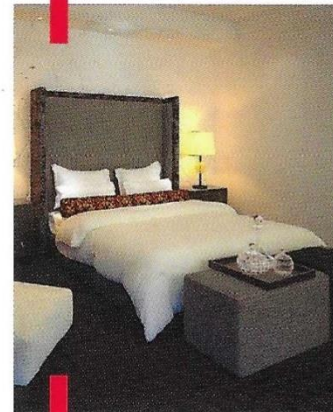
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as 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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