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Diocese

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family  
Church



5th Sunday of Lent

*"See I am Doing  
Something New!"*

## 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."

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 26, 2023**

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## MARCH 26, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, March 25**

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

**SUNDAY, March 26**

7:30 AM – **Anselma & Merton** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis family

10:00 AM † **Elma Agnes Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir & Eusebe families

5:00 PM – **Anthony Legrand** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

**MONDAY, March 27**

6:30 PM – **Harry Freeman** → Birthday blessings rb his wife & the family circle

**TUESDAY, March 28**

7:00 AM – **Dulicina Cannonier & Verna Williams** → Birthday blessings rb Viola Williams

**WEDNESDAY, March 29**

7:00 AM † **Greg Adrien** → Repose of Soul rb his mother, Suzanne Adrien

**THURSDAY, March 30**

7:00 AM – **Rhys Tross** → Deliverance rb Aunt Ursula Prosper

**FRIDAY, March 31**

6:30 PM † **Lisa Cuffy** → In thanksgiving rb Aunt Ursula Prosper

**SATURDAY, April 1**

6:00 PM † **Cyril "Mezo" Battiste Sr.** → Repose of Soul

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

**MONDAY:**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Jn 8:1-11

**TUESDAY:**

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

**WEDNESDAY:**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

**THURSDAY:**

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

**FRIDAY:**

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

**SATURDAY:**

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

Mt 21:1-11

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**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:** 369 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$4,713.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$49.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,544.78

SECURITY OFFERING: \$808.00

LENTEN OFFERING: \$0.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

Thank you for your generosity!

Fifth Sunday of Lent



### 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

Restoration Fund ..... April 1-2

# Announcements



## Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

**The Sanctuary Lamp** which is the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn from **March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>** for the Repose of Soul of John Henley.

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

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 5:** Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2023 supports the soup kitchens that are a part of the Catholic Charities program. Last year, 124,800 meals and 10,920 nights of shelter for the homeless were provided to the poor through your generosity.

**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 31: St. Vincent de Paul and Prayer Group
- April 7: CCD and Adult Choir

**Non-Perishable Food Items:** Non-perishable food items collected this weekend benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

**Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule:** Counters can pick up their schedule for **April** in the counting office.

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on **Friday, March 31, 2023**, in observance of Transfer Day.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Jacquelyn Simpson** and family on the passing of her mother, **Enid N. Blyden**, who died on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the age of 91 in Delaware. Ms. Blyden's funeral service will be held on **Friday, March 31, 2023** at Hurley Funeral Home. 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,

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, the Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience

to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus.. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. In Baptism we die to sin, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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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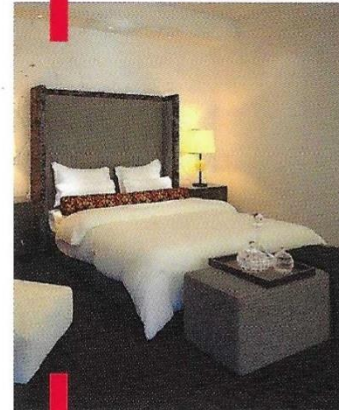
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