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**Holy Family
Church**



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen
to him." - Mt 17:5b

Paraphrase from the Lectionary for Mass #2004, 1998, 1982, 1970, 1962, 1955, 1947, 1935, 1925, 1915, 1905, 1895, 1885, 1875, 1865, 1855, 1845, 1835, 1825, 1815, 1805, 1795, 1785, 1775, 1765, 1755, 1745, 1735, 1725, 1715, 1705, 1695, 1685, 1675, 1665, 1655, 1645, 1635, 1625, 1615, 1605, 1595, 1585, 1575, 1565, 1555, 1545, 1535, 1525, 1515, 1505, 1495, 1485, 1475, 1465, 1455, 1445, 1435, 1425, 1415, 1405, 1395, 1385, 1375, 1365, 1355, 1345, 1335, 1325, 1315, 1305, 1295, 1285, 1275, 1265, 1255, 1245, 1235, 1225, 1215, 1205, 1195, 1185, 1175, 1165, 1155, 1145, 1135, 1125, 1115, 1105, 1095, 1085, 1075, 1065, 1055, 1045, 1035, 1025, 1015, 1005, 995, 985, 975, 965, 955, 945, 935, 925, 915, 905, 895, 885, 875, 865, 855, 845, 835, 825, 815, 805, 795, 785, 775, 765, 755, 745, 735, 725, 715, 705, 695, 685, 675, 665, 655, 645, 635, 625, 615, 605, 595, 585, 575, 565, 555, 545, 535, 525, 515, 505, 495, 485, 475, 465, 455, 445, 435, 425, 415, 405, 395, 385, 375, 365, 355, 345, 335, 325, 315, 305, 295, 285, 275, 265, 255, 245, 235, 225, 215, 205, 195, 185, 175, 165, 155, 145, 135, 125, 115, 105, 95, 85, 75, 65, 55, 45, 35, 25, 15, 5, 0

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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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."

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 4

6:00 PM † **Lloyd Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir family
 † **Kenneth Soodeen** → Repose of Soul rb Aunt Mary & children

SUNDAY, March 5

7:30 AM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul
 10:00 AM † **Emile Talbert** → Repose of Soul rb Lola Warrington
 5:00 PM – **Fritznole Bredy & Jacky Rafael** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

MONDAY, March 6

6:30 PM – **Jane Ann Casey** → In thanksgiving to God for his many blessings

TUESDAY, March 7

7:00 AM – **Tauavé Registe** → Birthday blessings rb his mother, Ursula Prosper

WEDNESDAY, March 8

7:00 AM – **Raseem Stridiron** → Birthday blessings rb the Johnson family

THURSDAY, March 9

7:00 AM – **Sick parishioners of our parish community** → God's continued blessings & healing rb Wende Rouse

FRIDAY, March 10

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

SATURDAY, March 11

6:00 PM – **Tevin Ragwanan** → Birthday Blessings rb the family
 – **Clifton Johnson** → Birthday Blessings rb his family

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9
MONDAY:	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY:	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY:	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY:	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
NEXT SUNDAY:	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday of Lent

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, Mr. 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: 329 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$3,645.00

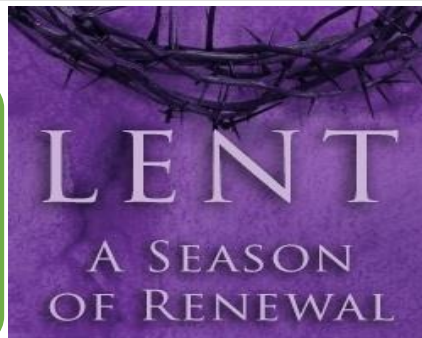
CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$9.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,547.00

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 4th to March 10th** for the Repose of Soul of **Cyril "Mezo" Battiste Sr.**

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

Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 2: The Annual Bishop's Appeal supports three soup kitchens within our diocese. Every day hungry men and women are fed by your charity. By your generous contributions to the Bishop's Appeal, we can continue the ministry of Jesus. We ask you to please take home the brochure and pray about what sacrificial gift you can give to this worthwhile cause.

Way of the Cross: Fridays at 6:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross is one of the most profound church devotions and exercises of piety during Lent. Please make it your Lenten resolution to attend the Way of the Cross every Friday and to fulfil your Sunday obligation by attending Holy Mass. Various members of our Parish Ministries will be leading the Way of the Cross.

- March 3: Children of Mary and Sons of Abraham
- March 10: Haitian and Dominican communities
- 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 Masses: During the Lenten Season, masses are held on **Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M., Wednesdays at 7:00 A.M., and Fridays at 6:30 P.M.** immediately after the Way of the Cross. Your Lenten offering will be collected at these masses. All are encouraged to attend.

The 250th Jubilee Committee will be taking orders for the 250th Jubilee T-Shirts this weekend. Members will be available to take orders after the masses. T-Shirt prices are \$20.00 and \$25.00. Payment is due at the time the order is placed.

Lenten Missions:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting a Lenten Mission from **March 6 – 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** The guest speaker is Father John Paul Mary from EWTN. Please come out and listen as we prepare for Easter.

Holy Family's Lenten Mission will be from **Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24.** The guest speaker is Rev. Brunker John from the Diocese of Roseau in Dominica.

Registration for Children's Baptism for Easter night is open. All children under the age of 7 years are eligible. Registration will close on **March 10.**

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.

Necrologium: 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.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Eubald René** and family on the passing of his brother, **Arandale 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.

FROM THE
**Pastor's
Desk**

My Dear Parishioners,

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22*

God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Second Sunday of Lent

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

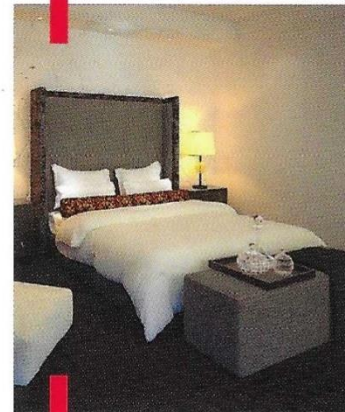
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as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