



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
Church**



## 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."

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**APRIL 2, 2023**

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

## APRIL 2, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, April 1**

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

**SUNDAY, April 2**

7:30 AM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

† **Eltruda Ryan** → Repose of Soul rb daughter Viola Ryan & grandson Ryan

10:00 AM † **for all deceased family & friends** → Repose of Souls rb Chantele Casimir

5:00 PM † **Lucnor Bredy & Rezia Theobrun** → Repose of Soul rb Fritzno Bredy

**MONDAY, April 3**

6:30 PM – **Michael Lacatena**

**TUESDAY, April 4**

7:00 AM † **Maria Martin** → Repose of Soul rb Maggin Dolphin

**WEDNESDAY, April 5**

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

**THURSDAY, April 6**

7:00 PM – **Vivian Oversen** → Birthday blessings rb Mercedes & Gloria

– **Nikoya Browne** → Birthday blessings rb her mother & grandmother

**SATURDAY, April 8**

7:00 PM † **Semma Vidal** → Repose of Soul rb Chantele Casimir

– **Nikoya Browne** → Birthday blessings rb her mother & grandmother

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66

**MONDAY:**

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

**TUESDAY:**

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**WEDNESDAY:**

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

**THURSDAY:**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

**FRIDAY:**

Is 52:13—53:12

*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1—19:42

**SATURDAY:**

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

*Resurrection of the Lord*

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

### 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:** 338 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$4,272.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$57.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,467.46

LENTEN OFFERING: \$5,319.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Restoration Fund ..... April 1-2

Good Friday Offering: Holy Land ..... April 7

Bishop's Appeal ..... April 8-9

Property Insurance & Security ..... Apr. 15-16

Catholic Home Missions ..... April 22-23

Capital Improvements ..... April 22-23

Restoration Fund ..... April 29-30

# 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 **April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>** for **Rique, Maurice, and Darryl** in thanksgiving and for continued blessings.

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

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 6:** Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Appeal 2023. The Appeal wants to make a difference in the Virgin Islands through Catholic education, Catholic Charities and Catholic evangelization. Please give a generous gift so that we can continue to improve on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our diocese.

**Way of the Cross: Good Friday at 2:00 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.

- April 7: CCD and Adult Choir

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt Change:** St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Easter Egg Hunt will not take place this year. However, the Society will be distributing Easter bags filled with treats and fun facts about the Easter Season. This will take place immediately after the **10:00 a.m.**

**Mass on Easter Sunday.** Only children that are present will be given an Easter Egg Bag. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to Mass and participate in the event. See you there!

**The Easter Luncheon** will be on **Easter Sunday** in the Upper Columban Hall. Make sure to purchase your ticket.

**Office Closure:** The church office will be close at **noon** on **Holy Thursday, April 6, all day on Good Friday, April 7,** and at **noon** on **Easter Monday, April 10, 2023.**

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Ronald and Michelle Stout** and family on the passing of their brother, **Nevon (Ras Imani) DeCastro**, who died on Saturday, March 11, 2023 in St. Thomas. His funeral service will be held at the Memorial Moravian Church on **April 14, 2023.** May his 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.

**Church announcements must be submitted to the Church Office via email by Tuesday.**



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

## My Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his

obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

## 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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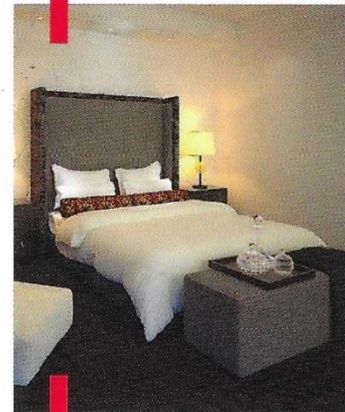
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