



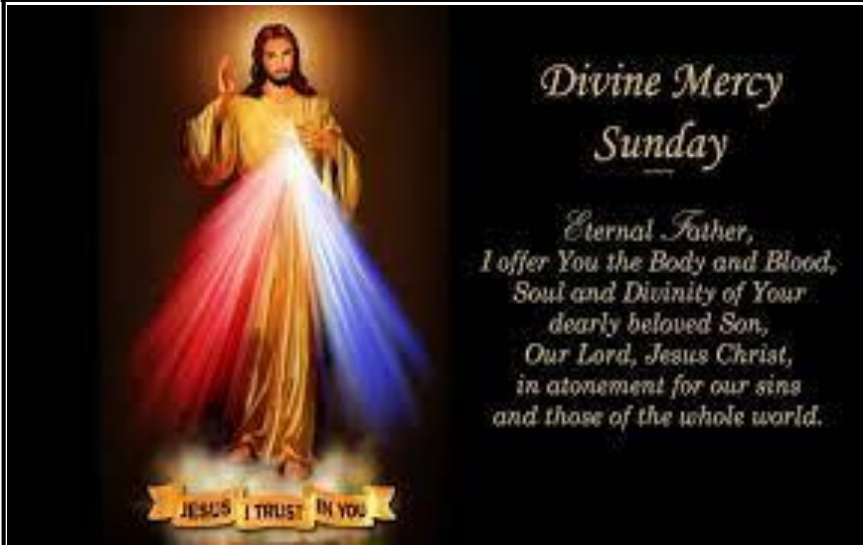
**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# 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."

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 16, 2023**

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## APRIL 16, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, April 15**

6:00 PM → **Jennifer Johnson & Family** God's continued blessings rb her cousin

**SUNDAY, April 16**

7:30 AM – **Ryan John** → Birthday blessings rb his mother, Viola

– **Renée Tross** → God's blessings rb Aunt Ursula Prosper

10:00 AM † **Annie Luke** → Repose of Soul rb Ann Luke

5:00 PM → **Louis Gerard Revil** → Birthday Blessings

**MONDAY, April 17**

7:00 AM – **Ka'Mory Williams** → Birthday blessings rb the Eusebe Family

– **Orville Rouse** → God's continued blessings rb Viola & Bobby

**TUESDAY, April 18**

7:00 AM – **Tziporah Mosheh** → Birthday blessings rb the family

**WEDNESDAY, April 19**

7:00 AM † **Vera S. Brady** → Repose of Soul rb the Johnson family

**THURSDAY, April 20**

7:00 AM † **Ruthina Lander** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

**FRIDAY, April 21**

7:00 AM † **John Henley** → Repose of Soul

**SATURDAY, April 22**

6:00 PM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

**MONDAY:**

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

**TUESDAY:**

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

**WEDNESDAY:**

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY:**

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY:**

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY:**

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**OFF ISLAND:** Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Olivia Gumbs, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey

**AT HOME:** Carol Baron, Philomen Baron, James Bellot, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Maggie Dolphin, John 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, Iona Vanterpool, Maitland (Grace) Wattley

**EBENEZER HOME:** Cleota Hill.

*(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)*

**Church Attendance: 546** persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$8,624.50

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$387.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$2,536.00

HOLY WEEK OFFERING: 3,913.50

Online giving can be made through our

website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

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 15<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>** for Evenor and Richelle Gibbs. Repose of their Souls & Heavenly Birthdays. Requested by the Caines, Javois & Gibbs Families.

**Altar Flowers:** Parishioners are encouraged to assist in beautifying the church by sponsoring flowers for any special event that you or a family member may be celebrating. Please contact the office of your intent.

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 8:** Please be an active and effective **part** of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic schools and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us to promote the mission of the Church.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish** will be conducting their Jubilee Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. The Pilgrimage will begin at **3pm** at the Cathedral with planned confessions, adoration, hymns & the rosary followed by a Vigil mass **4:30pm**. All are invited to attend.

**Monday and Friday Masses** continues in the evening at 6:00pm. The parish community is especially invited to support the Charismatic Prayer Group Ministry on **Monday evenings**.

**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.

**Liturgical Master Schedule for May:** Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for April via the Church email by **Wednesday, April 19**. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy is extended to **Aurthlyn Thomas & Family** on the passing of her husband, **Kenrick A. Thomas**, who died on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in St. Thomas. His funeral service will be held at the **Wesley Methodist Church** on **Wednesday, May 3, 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,

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



## 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. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the wicked enemy defend me. At 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

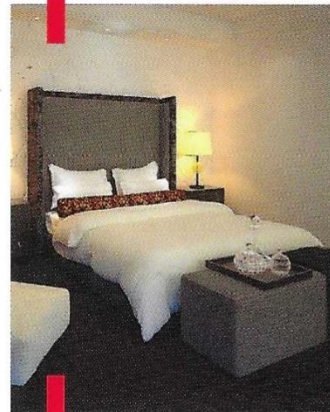
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled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