



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

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**Holy Family
Church**

Third Sunday of Easter

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

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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."

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 22

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

SUNDAY, April 23

7:30 AM – **Matthew Placide** → Birthday blessings rb the entire family
– **Louise Fontaine** → Birthday blessings rb Louise

10:00 AM – **Julie, Elma, Amayah, & K'Lynn** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis Family

5:00 PM – **Cecelia Matthurin** → Healing mercies rb Angele Lundy
– **Taphara Noel** → Birthday blessing rb Silia Erilis
– **Edline Piton** → Mass of Grace rb Edline

MONDAY, April 24

7:00 AM – **Gilda Toussaint-Davis** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

TUESDAY, April 25

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

WEDNESDAY, April 26

7:00 AM † **Cyril "Mezo" Battiste Sr.** → Repose of Soul

THURSDAY, April 27

7:00 AM – **Harry Freeman** → God's continued blessings rb his wife & family circle

FRIDAY, April 28

7:00 AM † **Cyrille Joseph** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

SATURDAY, April 29

6:00 PM – **Natalie Antoine** → Birthday blessings rb her mother, Urecla Jean Baptiste
– **Ione Vanterpool** → God's continued blessings on her 101st birthday

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

MONDAY: Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY: 1 Pt 5:5b-14
Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist Mk 16:15-20

WEDNESDAY: Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY: Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY: Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY: Acts 9:31-42
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Jn 6:60-69

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
4th Sunday of Easter 1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

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: 318 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$5,477.55

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$33.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,423.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$1,745.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: 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 22nd to April 28th** for birthday blessings for **Melinda Gibbs and Amie Rose Javois**, requested by the Caines, Javois, and Gibbs families.

Altar Flowers: This weekend's Altar flowers are being sponsored by **Docile Joseph**, thanking the blessed Mother for all she has done for her. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 9: 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.

Lectors' Meeting: There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all the lectors on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 PM at lower Columban Hall. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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

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

Office Closure: The church office will close at **noon** on **Wednesday, April 26** for the Food Fair and **all day** on **Friday, April 28** for the Children's Parade. An enjoyable and safe carnival to all.

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,

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death.

When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.



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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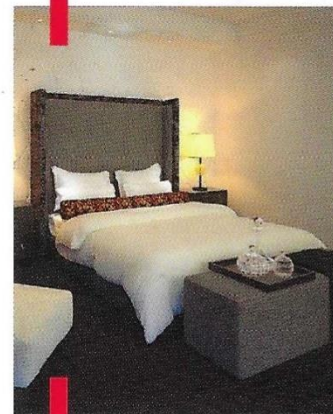
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