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Diocese**

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**Holy Family
Church**



Mass Schedule

Monday and Friday.....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Thursday.....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

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Rev. Kerly François

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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."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 29

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

SUNDAY, April 30

7:30 AM – **Gerard Henry** → Birthday blessings & healing prayers rb his wife & family
 10:00 AM † **Mr. & Mrs. William Post** → Repose of Souls in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help rb Lola Warrington
 5:00 PM – **Inalie Bohomme** → God's continued blessings rb Silia
 – **Wendy Erilus** → Birthday blessings rb Silia

MONDAY, May 1

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

TUESDAY, May 2

7:00 AM † **Rita Williams** → In remembrance rb her sister Beverly McClendon

WEDNESDAY, May 3

7:00 AM – **Layton & Rashmah Stridiron** → Birthday blessings rb the Johnson family

THURSDAY, May 4

7:00 AM – **Joanna Alfred & Ferdinand Richard** → Birthday blessings rb their mother, Urelca Jn Baptiste

FRIDAY, May 5

6:00 PM † **Theophilus Joseph** → Repose of Soul

SATURDAY, May 6

6:00 PM † **Monica Maxwell, Raymond Maxwell, & Balvin Browne** → Repose of Souls rb the Browne family

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10
MONDAY:	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18
TUESDAY:	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY:	1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
THURSDAY:	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
FRIDAY:	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
SATURDAY:	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
NEXT SUNDAY:	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

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, 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: 296 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$3,887.75

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$55.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,808.92

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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 & May 6-7

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 29th to May 5th** in remembrance of **Rita Williams**, requested by her sister, Beverly McClendon.

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 10: We are reminded of our call to be "good stewards" of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and give an acceptable portion of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE for the Kingdom of God. The Bishop's Appeal 2023 is a practical opportunity for you to practice your Catholic faith by serving Christ and His poor and needy brothers and sisters, Bethlehem Houses, Soup Kitchens and Evangelization Efforts.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Teachers, parents, and students, please take note of the new date of the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 4, 2023** at 10:30 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Lectors will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 pm** in the lower Columban Hall. Thereafter, Lectors will meet **monthly** on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. All Lectors are expected to participate in these meetings.

Monthly Liturgical Master Schedule: The Liturgical Master Schedule for **May** can be picked up in the sacristy or the rear of the church.

Necrologium: The funeral service for **Kenrick Alfred Thomas**, husband of Dr. Arthurlyn Brown-Thomas, will be held on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023** at Wesley Methodist Church. 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,

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd. Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow. The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger.

At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd. Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



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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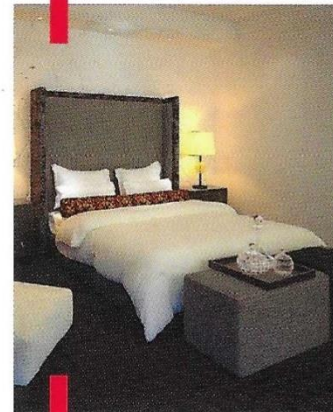
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