



**Saint Thomas
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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

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Rev. Kerly François

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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."

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 8

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

SUNDAY, April 9

7:30 AM † **Almana Hendrickson** → Repose of Soul rb her family

10:00 AM – **the Children of St. Jude Hospital** → God's blessings & healing rb the Louis family

5:00 PM – **Phito Dhaiti** → Birthday blessings rb his wife

– **Wesley By** → Birthday blessings rb his mother

MONDAY, April 10

7:00 AM – **Gifford P. René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

TUESDAY, April 11

7:00 AM – **Aurthlyn Thomas & son, Michael Kenrick Thomas** →

God's continued blessings & healing

WEDNESDAY, April 12

7:00 AM † **Elma Agnes Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir & Eusebe families

THURSDAY, April 13

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

FRIDAY, April 14

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

SATURDAY, April 15

6:00 PM - Jennifer Johnson and Family → God's continued blessings, rb her cousin.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

MONDAY:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY:

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY:

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY:

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY:

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY:

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2:42-47

Divine Mercy Sunday

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

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: 389 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$5,761.50

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$32.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,865.00

LENTEN OFFERING: \$253.00

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 8th to April 14th** for the Holy Family Parish Community in thanksgiving and with God's continued blessings.

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by Holy Family Church in thanksgiving for the Parish Community. May God continue to bless you.

Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 7: There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2023. Please support our Catholic schools, the Bethlehem Houses on St. Thomas and St. Croix, our soup kitchens on all three islands, and the evangelization efforts which promote the mission of the local Church.

Annual Easter Eggs: St Vincent de Paul 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. See you there!

The Easter Luncheon will take place **this Sunday** in the Upper Columban Hall. Mr. Allan Harrigan is this year's honoree.

Devotional Candles: The candles have been shipped, and we are now awaiting their arrival. Thank you for your patience.

Special Collection (Security): A special collection will be taken up for fencing the property **next weekend** at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity in helping to secure the property.

Office Closure: The church office will close **at noon on Easter Monday, April 10, 2023**.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Glaston Auguste and Priscilla Potter** and family on the passing of their father, **Peter Aloysius Auguste**, who died on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in St. Thomas. His funeral service will be held at Holy Family Church on **April 11, 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 the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter.

This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



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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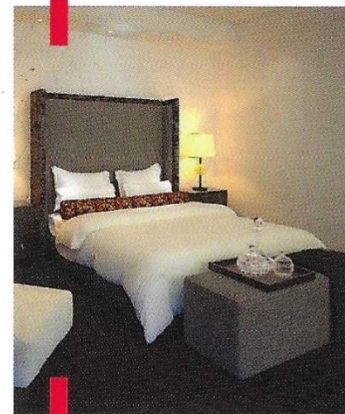
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