



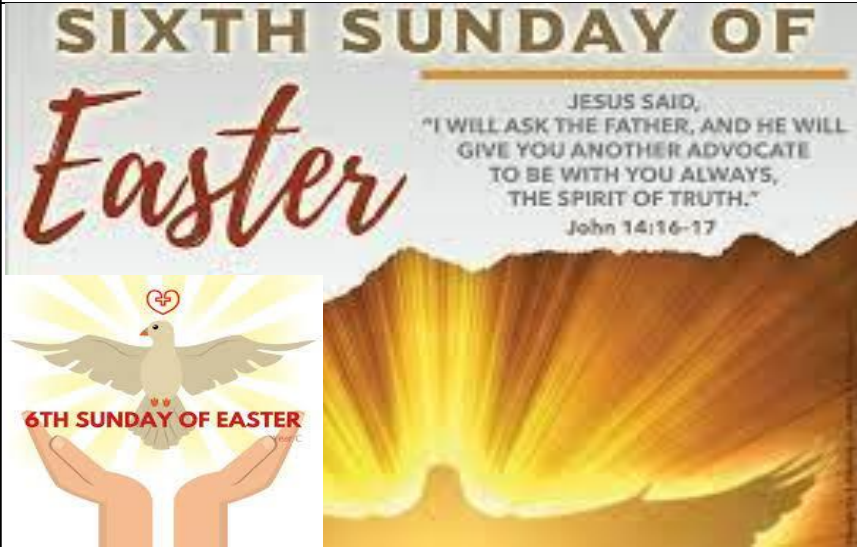
**Saint Thomas  
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# Holy Family Catholic Church

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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

### 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."

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023**

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 14, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, May 13

- 6:00 PM – **Anthony Renal** → Guidance & protection rb his mother, Marie Renal  
 – **Olga McBean** → God's continued blessings on her birthday rb her family

#### SUNDAY, May 14

- 7:30 AM – **For ALL mothers on Mothers' Day** → God's continued blessings & love  
 10:00 AM – **In thanksgiving to ALL Mothers of the parish community**  
 – **For all family members of Chantele Casimir**  
 5:00 PM – **In thanksgiving to ALL mothers of the Haitian community**  
 – **Pierre Joseph** → God's blessings on his high school graduation rb his mother Silia Erilis

#### MONDAY, May 15

- 6:00 PM – **Mr. & Mrs. William Webb** → In thanksgiving

#### TUESDAY, May 16

- 7:00 AM – **Eubald E. René & Steph René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

#### WEDNESDAY, May 17

- 7:00 AM – **Mr. & Mrs. William Webb** → In thanksgiving

#### THURSDAY, May 18

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

#### FRIDAY, May 19

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

#### SATURDAY, May 20

- 6:00 PM – **Anthony Renal** → Guidance & protection rb his mother, Marie Renal

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
 1 Pt 3:15-18  
 Jn 14:15-21

#### MONDAY:

Acts 16:11-15  
 Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### TUESDAY:

Acts 16:22-34  
 Jn 16:5-11

#### WEDNESDAY:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
 Jn 16:12-15

#### THURSDAY:

Acts 18:1-8  
 Jn 16:16-20

#### FRIDAY:

Acts 18:9-18  
 Jn 16:20-23

#### SATURDAY:

Acts 18:23-28  
 Jn 16:23b-28

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

*Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11  
 Eph 1:17-23  
 Mt 28:16-20

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

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$4,563.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$17.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,885.00

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 MAY

Restoration Fund ..... May 6-7  
 Monthly School Support ..... May 13-14  
 Property Insurance ..... May 20-21  
 Security Fence ..... May 20-21  
 Catholic Communication ..... May 20-21  
 Capital Improvements ..... May 27-28

# 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 **May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>** for birthday blessings for **Tori, Alvin, and Olga McBean**.

**Altar Flowers:** This weekend's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Olga McBean**, for God's continued blessings on her birthday and by the **St. Joseph Workers** for all Mothers of the parish community, wishing them a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless all of you.

### **Tribute to Mothers**

**M** – is for the million things she gave me;

**O** – means only that she's growing old;

**T** – is for the tears she shed to save me;

**H** – is for her heart of purest gold;

**E** – is for her eyes with love-light shining;

**R** – means right; and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell **"MOTHER,"** a word that means everything to me. **Happy Mother's Day!**

**Rosary Devotion for May:** Recitation of the Rosary will be 30 minutes before Saturday and Sunday Masses, to be led by the Children of Mary.

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

**Clergy Conference: The Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC)** Annual Meeting will be held from July 20 – 23, 2023 in Washington, DC. The Theme: **A Response to the Priestly Prayer of Jesus: "That They May All Be One."** Bishop Jerome Feudjio will be the Chief celebrant at the Opening Mass and Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC, will give the Keynote Address. **Come! All are Welcome!** For additional information, contact the church office.

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 12: Thank You** to all who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2023! Please give a brochure to a friend. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts need everyone's support.

**Scholarship:** The St. Joseph Workers will be offering scholarships to 2023 graduates from our local high schools. In order to be considered for a scholarship, please complete the registration form provided in the rear of the church. **Congratulations,** and we wish you more success in the future.

**Lectors** will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 pm** in the lower Columban Hall. All Lectors are expected to be in attendance.

**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 the 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.

## **Announcements, continued**

**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.

**Liturgical Master Schedule for June:** Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for June via the Church email by **Wednesday, May 17**. We thank you for your cooperation.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

**My Dear Parishioners,**

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 3:15-18*

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the

permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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### 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. 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.**

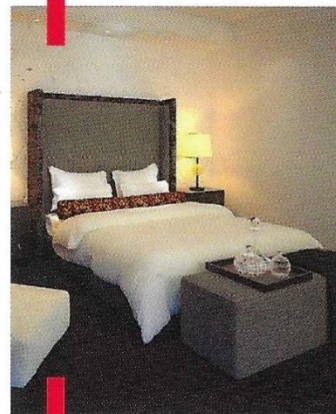
### Prayer of St. Francis

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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