



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# 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.”

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**MAY 21, 2023**

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## MAY 21, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, May 20**

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

**SUNDAY, May 21**

7:30 AM – **Hamilton Joseph** → Birthday blessings rb his daughter Alana & granddaughter

– **Oliver Williams** → God's continued blessings rb his wife Viola

10:00 AM – **Duncan Davis** → In honor of the Lady of Fatima rb Lola Warrington

5:00 PM – **Ricardo Leneus** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

**MONDAY, May 22**

6:00 PM – **Carmen White** → Birthday blessings in thanksgiving for God's continued blessings, his grace & divine mercies

– **Zyia Toussaint** → Birthday blessings rb the Toussaint family

**TUESDAY, May 23**

7:00 AM – **Anthony Renal** → Continued blessing & protection

**WEDNESDAY, May 24**

7:00 AM † **Emile Stridiron** → Repose of Soul rb the Johnson family

**THURSDAY, May 25**

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

**FRIDAY, May 26**

6:00 PM – **Chrisma & Chris Rommis Jr.** → God's blessings on their graduation rb Paula Andrew

**SATURDAY, May 27**

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

**MONDAY:**

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

**TUESDAY:**

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

**WEDNESDAY:**

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

**THURSDAY:**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

**FRIDAY:**

Acts 25:13b-21

*Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

Jn 21:15-19

**SATURDAY:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

Acts 2:1-11

*Pentecost Sunday*

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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

**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:** 378 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$5,224.03

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$42.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,487.50

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 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 20<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>** for **Carmen White** in thanksgiving to God for his grace, continued blessings, and divine mercies.

**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.

**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.

**The Annual Pentecost Rally** will take place on **St. John, Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 3:30 PM**. The procession will begin from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and proceed around Cruz Bay. Thereafter, the rally will take place in the church. The Homilist will be **Rev. Prince Agyeman**. All are invited.

**First Holy Communion:** Our First Holy Communion Celebration will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023**.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The retreat for Confirmation students, sponsors, and parents will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on **Saturday, May 27 at 9:00 AM**.

**The Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC)** 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 13: 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 register your name on the sign-up sheet provided in the rear of the church. **Congratulations,** and we wish you more success in the future.

**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.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to Vernessa Pierre Louis and family on the passing of her father, Israel Pierre Louis, who died on May 10, 2023 at the age of 77. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**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.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

**My Dear Parishioners,**

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23: God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew,.

Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

## 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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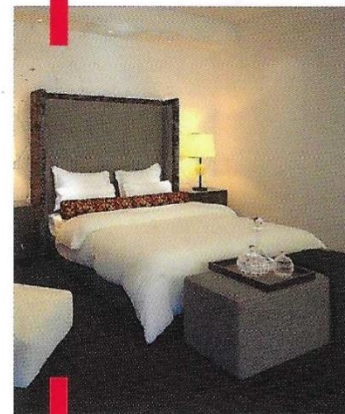
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