



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

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**Holy Family
Church**

Pentecost Sunday



*All of them were filled
with the Holy Spirit!*

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

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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."

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 27

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

SUNDAY, May 28

7:30 AM – **Louise Fontaine** → In thanksgiving rb Louise

– **Tamzen, Khalid, & Ryan** → In thanksgiving & God's blessings rb their mom, Viola

10:00 AM – **Paul Rivera** → Birthday blessings rb the entire family

5:00 PM – **The mothers of the Haitian community** → Happy Mother's Day

– **Carmen White** → Belated birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

– **Eugenia K. René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

MONDAY, May 29

6:00 PM – **For children and grandchildren** → In thanksgiving rb Yvonne Brutus

TUESDAY, May 30

7:00 AM – **Maxine Carpenter** → For healing rb Mrs. Crawford

WEDNESDAY, May 31

7:00 AM – **Dante Pascal** → For deliverance

THURSDAY, June 1

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

FRIDAY, June 2

6:00 PM † **Richard Callwood Jr.** → Repose of Soul rb Dr. Gloria Callwood on their wedding anniversary

SATURDAY, June 3

6:00 PM – **Omar Renal** → God's continued healing & blessings rb Marie Renal, his mother

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Acts 2:1-11

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

Jn 20:19-23

MONDAY:

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY:

Sir 35:1-12

Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY:

Zep 3:14-18a

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lk 1:39-56

THURSDAY:

Sir 42:15-25

Saint Justin, Martyr

Mk 10:46-52

FRIDAY:

Sir 44:1, 9-13

Mk 11:11-26

SATURDAY:

Sir 51:12 cd-20

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Mk 11:27-33

NEXT SUNDAY:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Solemnity of the

2 Cor 13:11-13

Most Holy Trinity

Jn 3:16-18

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: 372 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

OFFERING: \$3,302.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$38.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,323.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$1,468.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

Thank you for your generosity!



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Acts 2:4*

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
Restoration Fund	June 3-4

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 27th to June 2nd** for **Dr. Gloria Callwood** in thanksgiving and blessings for all who came to her rescue on Good Friday.

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers of the Haitian community. All mothers are invited to celebrate with them in the Columban Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Bishop's Appeal: The public phase of our Bishop's Appeal 2023 will conclude this weekend. As of May 23, 2023, the parishes have raised \$83,578.55.

We are grateful to all those who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal. Our schools, Catholic Charities, and Evangelization efforts still need everyone's support! Your gift helps feed the hungry and gives safe shelter to mothers and children in desperate need. For your convenience, you can still make a pledge and pay it in installments. The Bishop's Appeal will formally end on December 31, 2023, so you have ample time to fulfill your pledge.

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, proceed around Cruz Bay and continue on to the church where the rally will take place. The Homilist will be **Rev. Prince Agyman**. All are invited.

Sacrament of Confirmation: On **June 3, 2023**, practice will begin for Confirmation students at the 7:00 AM Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. Please be on time

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Virgin Islands will host their first convention, **"An Afternoon with the Bishop and the Board"** on **Sunday, June 4, 2023** at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. All women and women's organizations are invited to attend. Please contact the Chancery for additional information.

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 be closed on **Monday, May 29, 2023**, in observance of Memorial Day.

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

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Denise Randall and family** on the passing of her mother, **Marie Aubin**, who died on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the age of 72. Her funeral service will take place on **Tuesday, June 6, 2023** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. May her 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,

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23

reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

blessed

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. 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

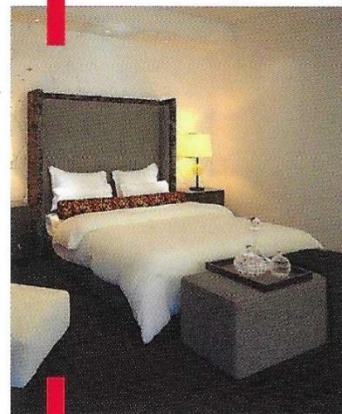
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as 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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