



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
Church**



The Way  
The Truth  
The Life

## 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."

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 7, 2023**

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## MAY 7, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, May 6**

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

**SUNDAY, May 7**

7:30 AM – **Bernadette Gustave** → Birthday blessings rb Viola & Paula  
– **Tré Petersen** → Birthday blessings rb his mother, Alinda  
Sebastian

10:00 AM † **Elma Agnes Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir &  
Eusebe families

5:00 PM – **Silia Erilis** → Birthday blessings  
– **Katellie Etienne** → Birthday blessings

**MONDAY, May 8**

6:00 PM † **Cyril “Mezo” Batistte Sr.** → Repose of Soul

**TUESDAY, May 9**

7:00 AM – **The children of St. Jude Hospital** → God’s healing &  
protection rb the Louis family

**WEDNESDAY, May 10**

7:00 AM – **Alma Johnson** → Birthday blessings rb her family

**THURSDAY, May 11**

7:00 AM – **Monica Charles & children** → Peace & Gods health rb  
Monica Charles

**FRIDAY, May 12**

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

**SATURDAY, May 13**

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**MONDAY:**

Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

**TUESDAY:**

Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**WEDNESDAY:**

Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**THURSDAY:**

Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**FRIDAY:**

Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**SATURDAY:**

Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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

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

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend’s Collections

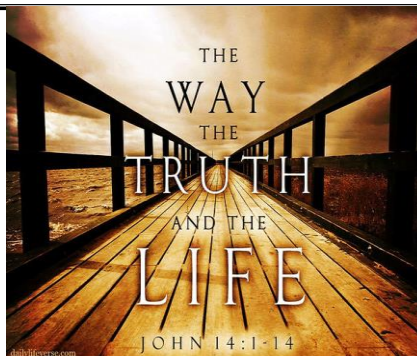
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CHILDREN’S OFFERING: \$0.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,505.00

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website at: [www.holyfamilyst.com](http://www.holyfamilyst.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 6<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>** in thanksgiving for the college graduation of **Makayla Javois**, requested by G. B. Caines and A. Javois.

**Altar Flowers:** This weekend's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Angele Lundy**, for Silia Erilis on her birthday and by **St. Joseph Workers** on their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless all of you.

**Bishop's Appeal 2023, Week 11:** 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. 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 rehearsal for the celebration will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Church on **Saturday, June 3** at 9:00 AM.

**Lectors** will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in the lower Columban Hall. Thereafter, Lectors will meet **monthly** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month. All Lectors are expected to participate in these meetings.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Irene Morris and family** on the passing of her sister, **Rosalind Gerard**, who died on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the age of 80. Her funeral service will take place on **Saturday, May 13, 2023** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Cheryl Van Putten and family** on the passing of her mother, **Eugenie Alvira Van Putten**, who died on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the age of 83. Her funeral service will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 AM. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to Sacristan **Austin Walters and family** on the passing of his nephew, **Juanito Chalas**, who died on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the age of 33. 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.

**Necrologium, Continued:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Keith Steele and family** on the passing of his brother, **Roger Steele**, who died at age 48. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Laverne Battiste, Leona Marks, Marie Battiste, and family** on the passing of their father and brother, **Leon Battiste Jr.**, who died on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the age of 78 in Atlanta, Georgia. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

## My Dear Parishioners,

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance

about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Jesus said to him,  
"I am the way,  
the truth,  
and the life.  
No one comes  
to the Father,  
except through me."

—John 14:6, World English Bible

## 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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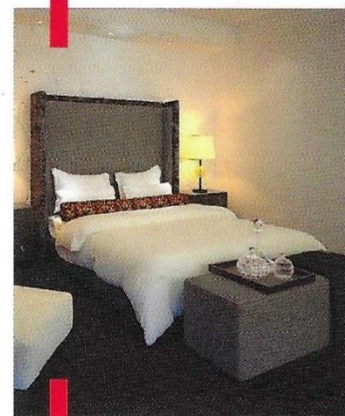
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