



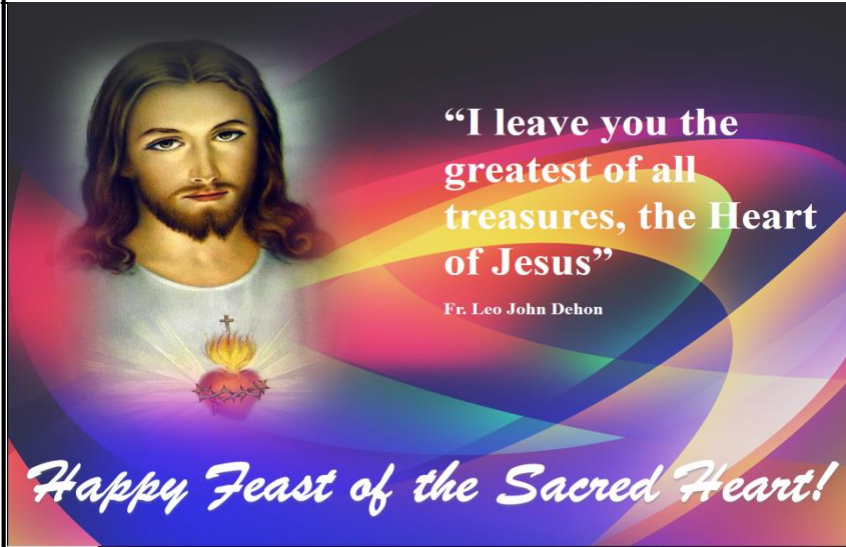
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**Holy Family
Church**



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

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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."

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 17

6:00 PM † Holy Souls in Purgatory rb Serge LaPlace

SUNDAY, June 18

7:30 AM † Maude Roberts → Repose of Soul rb the Rouse family

10:00 AM – Eileen, Susan, Parriall, & Anwar Christopher Gottlieb & family → God's help & guidance & protection rb Alleyne Thomas

5:00 PM – The Demosthenes family → God's continued blessings & protection rb Nevilus Demosthenes

MONDAY, June 19

6:00 PM † Cyril "Mezo" Battiste → Repose of Soul

TUESDAY, June 20

7:00 AM † Dawn Sweeney → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

WEDNESDAY, June 21

7:00 AM – Glenroy Warrington → Birthday blessings rb his mother, Lola Warrington

THURSDAY, June 22

7:00 AM † Joseph Vidal → Repose of Soul rb Chantele Casimir

FRIDAY, June 23

6:00 PM † Israel Pierre Louis → Repose of Soul

SATURDAY, June 24

6:00 PM † Josefina Donastorg → Repose of Soul

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Ex 19:2-6a

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36—10:8

MONDAY:

2 Cor 6:1-10

Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY:

2 Cor 8:1-9

Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY:

2 Cor 9:6-11

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY:

2 Cor 11:1-11

Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30

Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY:

Is 49:1-6

Solemnity of the Nativity

Acts 13:22-26

of Saint John the Baptist

Lk 1:57-66, 80

NEXT SUNDAY:

Jer 20:10-13

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

OFF ISLAND: Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Juliana George, 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: 275 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

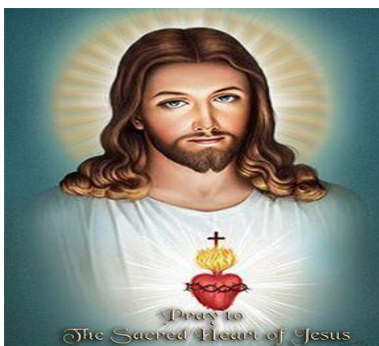
OFFERING: \$4,195.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$34.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,008.50

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

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Restoration Fund June 3-4

Bishop's Appeal June 10-11

Property Insurance June 17-18

Father's Day June 17-18

Security Fence June 17-18

Diocesan Seminarians June 24-25

Capital Improvements June 24-25

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 **June 17th to June 23rd** for **London Henley**, for God's protection and guidance for the surgeons, requested by the Henley and Shillingford families.

A Tribute to Fathers:

Faithful, to God and Family.

Able, to discern God's will in trying times.

Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.

Happy, no matter what the circumstances.

Enthusiastic, about life with purpose

Righteous, rock solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

A blessed **Happy Father's Day** to all the fathers of Holy Family Church community!

250th Jubilee Committee: The next 250th Jubilee Diocesan Family Picnic is on **Monday, June 19th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM** at Magens Bay, shed #4. Come enjoy the extended Father's Day weekend for an afternoon of food and family fun. Don't forget to wear your 250th Jubilee T-Shirt. Everyone is invited to attend!

Fr. Kerly's Celebration: The appreciation and farewell event is well underway for **Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 7 PM** in the upper Columban Hall. Fr. Kerly will be the celebrant at all the Masses on June 24th and 25th, so parishioners will have an opportunity to wish Fr. Kerly well in person after each Mass.

Parishioners are encouraged to stop at Planning Committee's table at the rear of the church to write a personal note to Father Kerly, and you can also drop your personal cards or gifts in the box provided. The Committee is asking for donations for refreshments and desserts; please sign up at the table.

Send your pictures of Fr. Kerly or with Fr. Kerly for the keepsake photo album to HolyFamilyParishEvents@gmail.com or text/WhatsApp to (703) 402-9408. Remember to identify the individuals in the pictures.

Next weekend during a Special Collection will be collected and given to Fr. Kerly as a gift of love and appreciation as he departs Holy Family. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Meetings: Lectors and the Columban Hall Board of Directors will be holding separate meetings on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in the lower Columban Hall. All members are expected to be in attendance.

Parish Council Meeting on Pastoral Year Evaluation: There will be an important meeting **Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. Attendance is mandatory for all councilors.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth.

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

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.

Liturgical Master Schedule for July: Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for July via the Church email by **Wednesday, June 21st**. We thank you for your cooperation.

Maintenance Person: Our parish is in very urgent need of a maintenance person, with a good knowledge about plumbing and electricity works, in good health and fear of God. Let all parishioners help to have someone in this position.

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

Your heart pumps about 100,000 times a day to keep your lifeblood flowing through you. For this reason it has become a symbol for our very selves. We say, "I put my heart into it" and "I want that with all my heart." The heart also is a symbol for love, perhaps because it seems to beat faster when we are in love. The biblical image of the heart means the depth of our selves where we decide for or against God. God, who always speaks to us using our own experiences, has chosen our symbol of the heart to represent Jesus.

The heart of Jesus was a human heart like ours. It stopped beating the day Jesus was crucified. According to the Gospel of John, after Jesus had died a soldier made sure of his death by piercing his side with a lance. Blood and water ran out (19:34). Jesus' pierced heart became a sign of the completeness of his love for us, a love that compelled him to die for us and that prompted him to remain with us in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. The physical heart of Jesus is the symbol of the total love of Jesus, divine and human.

Jesus said that from within him would flow streams of living water (John 7:38), referring to the Holy Spirit. The water from the side of Christ on the cross was the water of salvation, the Holy Spirit.

In art the Sacred Heart is pierced, surmounted by a cross, and encircled with thorns. Light radiates from it to show that it is a burning furnace of love. The Heart of Christ summarizes the paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus that were prompted by divine love. Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the twelfth century. Saints such as Bonaventure, Gertrude, Catherine of Siena, and John Eudes were attracted to the Sacred Heart. It was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a sister in France, who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (with the support of St. Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.). She had visions of the Sacred Heart from 1673 to 1675. For instance, in 1675 on the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) Christ showed her his wounded heart. He said, "Behold this heart burning with so great a love for men." In 1856 a feast in honor of the Sacred Heart was set for the Friday after the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In 1899 Pope Leo XIII dedicated the world to the Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart focuses not only on the love and mercy Jesus has for us but on reparation for sin. In St. Margaret Mary's visions, Christ requested that a Communion of reparation be made on the first Friday of every month. An organization called the Apostleship of Prayer furthers the devotion to the Sacred Heart through activities such as the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes. We pray that our hearts may become like the Heart of Christ.

† Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you! †

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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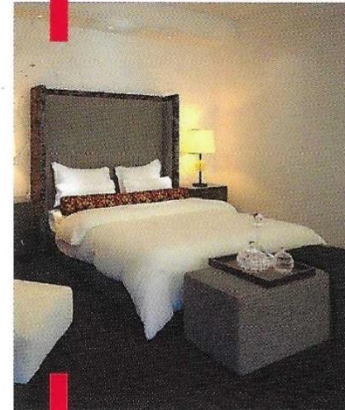
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