



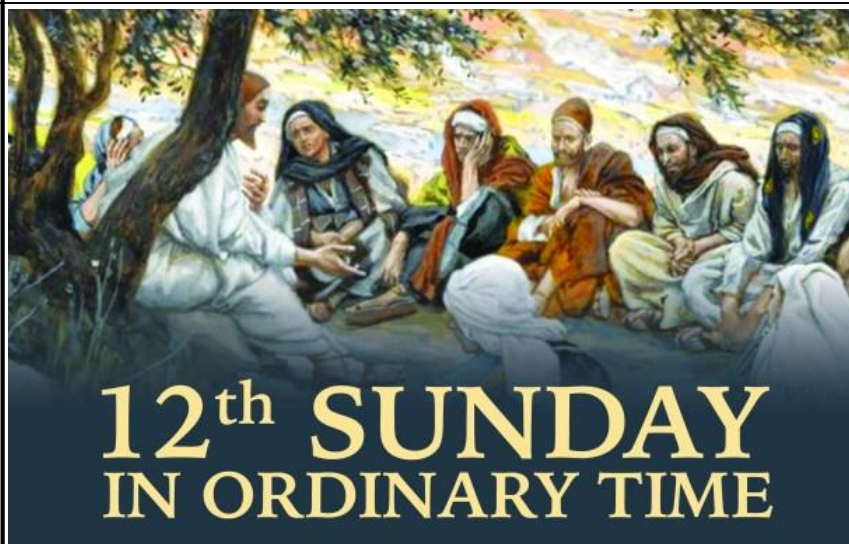
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**Holy Family
Church**



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

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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."

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 24

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

SUNDAY, June 25

7:30 AM – **Vada Henley** → Birthday blessings

– **Oliver & Viola Williams** → Anniversary blessings rb the family

10:00 AM – **Marilyn, Kirmani, & Jaden** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis family

5:00 PM – **Vesta Erilis & Kinisha Ceide** → Birthday blessings rb Silia

MONDAY, June 26

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

TUESDAY, June 27

7:00 AM † **Richard Rhea** → Rest in peace rb the Rouse family

WEDNESDAY, June 28

7:00 AM † **Renee Douté** → Rest in peace rb the Children of Mary

THURSDAY, June 29

7:00 AM † **Alex Floyd** → Rest in peace rb the Rouse family

FRIDAY, June 30

6:00 PM † **Emanuel Jackson** → Rest in peace rb the Rouse family

SATURDAY, July 1

6:00 PM – **Anthony Stridiron** → Blessings & healing rb his family

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

MONDAY:

Gn 12:1-9

Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY:

Gn 13:2, 5-18

Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY:

Acts 12:1-11

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22

Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY:

Gn 18:1-15

Mt 8:5-17

NEXT SUNDAY:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

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: 289 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$3,344.25

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$54.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,348.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$937.00

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; Fence June 17-18
 Father's Day June 17-18
 Diocesan Seminarians June 24-25
 Capital Improvements June 24-25
 Restoration Fund July 1-2

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 24th to June 30th** for anniversary blessings for **Oliver and Viola Williams**, requested by the family.

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.

Father Kerly François's Celebration will take place this **Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the upper Columban Hall. Let's give Father Kerly a big Holy Family sendoff as he moves into his new position as Pastor of St. Ann's Church. Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Schedule Change: Effective **July 3, 2023**, there will be no Monday evening Mass, and Friday Mass will return to 7:00 AM.

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.

The Catholic Voice—Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm: We are pleased to announce that our diocese has been blessed with a new weekly television and radio program, titled **"The Catholic Voice."** We will be airing our program every **Wednesday at 5:00 PM** and replay on **Sunday at 1:30 PM** on television, and on **Sundays at 6:00 PM** on CBN (Caribbean Super Station) radio frequency 90.9 FM to promote our mission, visions and its objectives. Tune in!

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.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Debra Mahoney, Cheryl Jackson, Deacon Michael Jackson**, and family on the passing of their father and uncle, **Roy Mahoney Jr.**, who died on May 23 at the age of 83. His funeral service took place on June 23, 2023 at Holy Family Church. 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

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel.

Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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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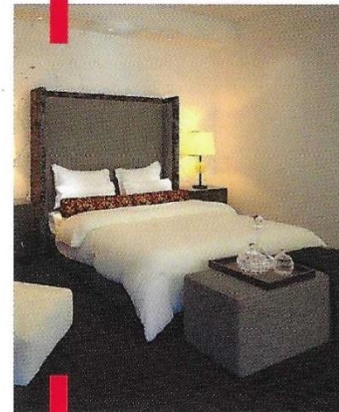
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