



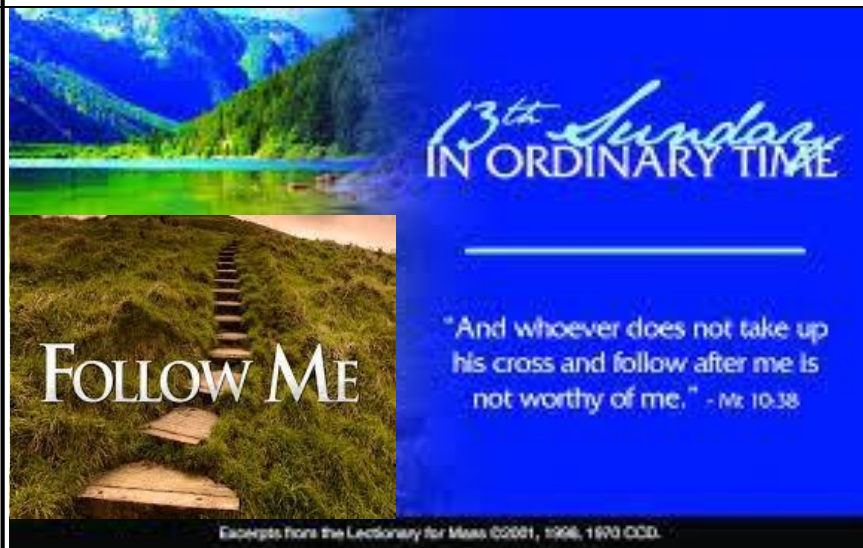
**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Holy Family  
Church**



## Mass Schedule

Tuesday – Friday.....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. Modeste Digwou

**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."

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, July 1**

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

**SUNDAY, July 2**

7:30 AM † **Rudy Blanchard** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

10:00 AM – **Everton E. René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Fernand Crepin** → Birthday blessings rb Silia Erilis

**MONDAY, July 3**

6:00 PM † **Gregory Glace** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

† **Harrison Mark** → Repose of Soul rb Francisca Henry

**TUESDAY, July 4**

7:00 AM † **Violet Holder** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

**WEDNESDAY, July 5**

7:00 AM † **Gerson Eusebe** → Repose of Soul rb the Eusebe family

**THURSDAY, July 6**

7:00 AM † **Angela Jean Jacques** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

† **Edward Quaily** → Repose of Soul rb Francisca Henry

**FRIDAY, July 7**

6:00 PM † **Ruthrine Johnson** → Repose of Soul rb the Johnson family

**SATURDAY, July 8**

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

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

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

**MONDAY:**

Eph 2:19-22

*Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle*

Jn 20:24-29

**TUESDAY:**

Gn 19:15-29

Mt 8:23-27

**WEDNESDAY:**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a

Mt 8:28-34

**THURSDAY:**

Gn 22:1b-19

Mt 9:1-8

**FRIDAY:**

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Mt 9:9-13

**SATURDAY:**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29

Mt 9:14-17

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

Zec 9:9-10

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30

### 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) Wattlely.

**EBENEZER HOME:** Cleota Hill.

*(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)*

**Church Attendance:** 290 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$4,195.19

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$7.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,437.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Restoration Fund .....	July 1-2
Peter's Pence .....	July 1-2
Monthly School Support .....	July 8-9
Property Insurance .....	July 15-16
Security Fence .....	July 15-16
Capital Improvements .....	July 22-23
Restoration Fund .....	July 29-30

# 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 **July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>** for special prayers for **Anthony Renal**, requested by his mother, Marie Renal.

**Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Viola and Oliver Williams** for anniversary blessings. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless your union.

**Weekday Mass Schedule Change:** Effective **Monday, July 3, 2023**, there will be **no Monday Mass**, and **Friday Mass** will return to **7:00 AM**. We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause. Please note: the Charismatic Prayer Group continues to meet on Monday evenings at 6:00 PM in the church; all are encouraged to attend.

**Parish Council Meeting on Pastoral Year Evaluation:** There will be an important meeting **Sunday, July 9, 2023** after the **7:30 AM Mass** in the upper Columban Hall. Attendance is mandatory. All councilors are asked to attend the 7:30 AM Mass.

**Religious Education:** We wish a safe and enjoyable summer vacation to our CCD students and all students of our parish community. Parents are reminded to continue bringing your child/children to Mass during the summer. Registration for the 2023 – 2024 CCD classes will open August 2023.

**Office Closures:** The church office will close at **noon** on **Monday, July 3, 2023**, in observance of **Emancipation Day**, and will be closed **all day** on **Tuesday, July 4, 2023**, in observance of **Independence Day**.

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

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Lena Steele Williams** and family on the passing of her brother, **Keifa Steele**, who died on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at age 51 in Austin, Texas. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

# 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.

**Church announcements must be submitted to the Church Office via email by Tuesday.**



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

**Dear God's people, precious members of the Friendliest Parish,**

**First Reading:** *2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 89:2-3,16-19*

Sing God's praises forever.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

## 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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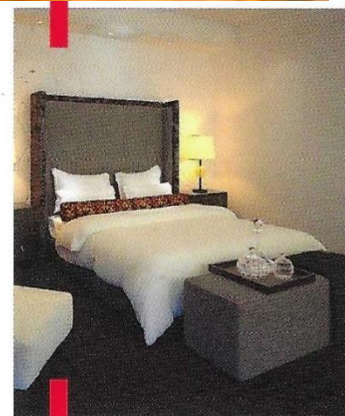
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