



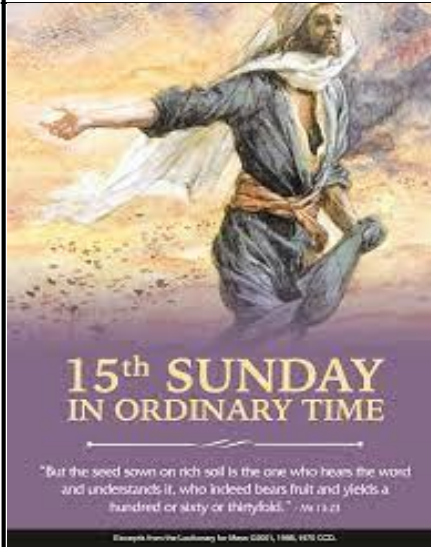
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**Holy Family
Church**



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

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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."

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 15

6:00 PM † **Bishop Elliot Thomas** → Repose of Soul rb a parishioner

SUNDAY, July 16

7:30 AM † **Iver Vessup** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

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

† **Sabina Joseph** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Edline Piton** → Thanking God for his many blessings rb Edline

TUESDAY, July 18

7:00 AM – **Chrisma & Chris Rommis Jr.** → Birthday blessings rb Paula Andrew

WEDNESDAY, July 19

7:00 AM – **Fred Lubin Jr. & Micha Mosheh** → Birthday blessings rb the family

THURSDAY, July 20

7:00 AM † **Holy Souls in Purgatory** → rb Denise LaPlace

FRIDAY, July 21

7:00 AM † **Veroninca "Milue" Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir family

SATURDAY, July 22

6:00 PM † **Benny Hobson** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

MONDAY:

Ex 1:8-14, 22

Mt 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY:

Ex 2:1-15a

Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12

Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY:

Ex 3:13-20

Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY:

Ex 11:10—12:14

Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY:

Sgs 3:1-4b

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

NEXT SUNDAY:

Wis 12:13, 16-19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

OFF ISLAND: Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Juliana George, Olivia Gumbs, Thomas Johnson, 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: 298 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$3,979.80

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$23.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$883.26

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

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 15th to July 21st** for special prayers for **Marie Renal**, requested by Marie Renal.

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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a cake sale (\$5.00 per slice) on the weekend of **Saturday, July 22, 2023 through Sunday, July 23, 2023** after each of the Masses. This is an out-of-pocket fundraiser. The money raised will go towards the security fencing of the church.

The Society will also be holding a back-to-school giveaway. Children must be present to receive a backpack with school and sanitizing supplies donated by Stout Reliable Transport, LLC. Thank you for your support of these two events.

Priestly Vacation: Our priests will attend the African National Eucharist Congress in Washington, DC from **July 20 – 23**, and thereafter, take their vacation. Fr. Modeste Digwou will be back on **August 4th**, while Fr. Robert Kenfack will stay longer for a mission.

Security Fencing: The work on our fence for the security of our property has started and is ongoing. We are invited to revitalize energy and donations to bring it to fulfillment. We appreciate all the efforts parishioners and people of goodwill have been making for this project. Donations are welcomed in any form, blocks, steel, cement, cash, checks, and others. Let us also be available to help us as much as we can, to offer our time, experience, and skills. All are welcomed.

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 August: Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for August via the Church email by **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. We thank you for your cooperation.

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: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven.

He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil.

Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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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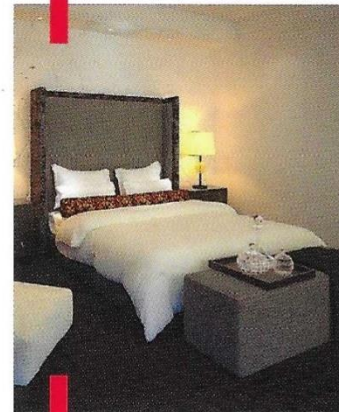
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