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**Holy Family
Church**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds you might
uproot the wheat along with them.
Let the weeds and the wheat
grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30



Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
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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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 22

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

SUNDAY, July 23

7:30 AM † **Idelta Abraham** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

10:00 AM – **Casandra Brandy** → Guidance & protection rb a friend

– **Andrea Shillingford** → Belated birthday blessings rb Silia

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

– **Odrique Badeau Jr.** → Birthday Blessings rb Angele

– **Fr. Boniface-Blanchard Twaibu** → Birthday Blessings rb Angele

TUESDAY, July 25

7:00 AM † **Eugenie Ford** → Repose of Soul rb the family

WEDNESDAY, July 26

7:00 AM † **Bernice Galloway** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

THURSDAY, July 27

7:00 AM † **Christalia Wellington** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

FRIDAY, July 28

7:00 AM † **José Comissiong** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

SATURDAY, July 29

6:00 PM – **Sarina McBean** → Birthday blessings rb her mother, Olga & the family

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

MONDAY (no Mass):

Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY:

2 Cor 4:7-15

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Mt 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b

Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY:

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY:

Ex 24:3-8

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jn 11:19-27

NEXT SUNDAY:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

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: 248 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$3,140.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$43.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,042.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$1,732.00

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 22nd to July 28th** for God's guidance and protection for **Geofrey Renal**, requested by his mother Marie Renal.

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Daisy Joseph** for birthday blessings. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a cake sale (\$5.00 per slice) **this weekend** 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 is also 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 are attending the African National Eucharist Congress in Washington, DC from **July 20 – 23**, and thereafter, will take their vacation. Fr. Modeste Digwou will be back on **August 4th**, while Fr. Robert Kenfack will stay longer for a mission.

Cassi Hill Pilgrimage: Holy Family Parish invites its Parishioners, all Parishes, and the entire community to participate in the 76th Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday, August 20, 2023** from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine. Assemble time is 2:00 PM.

Parish Ministries/Organizations, and Youth Groups are asked to participate and to wear their respective uniforms or T-shirts. Come! Bring your banners!

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 collected this weekend will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

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

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

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16*

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-43*: Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday. All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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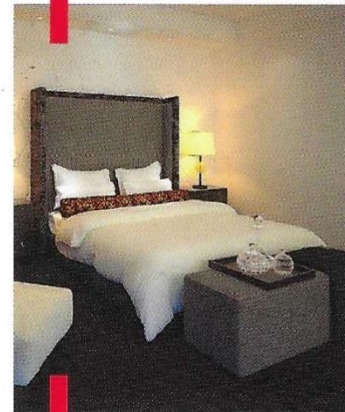
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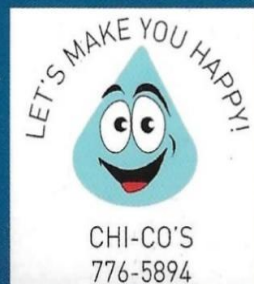
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