



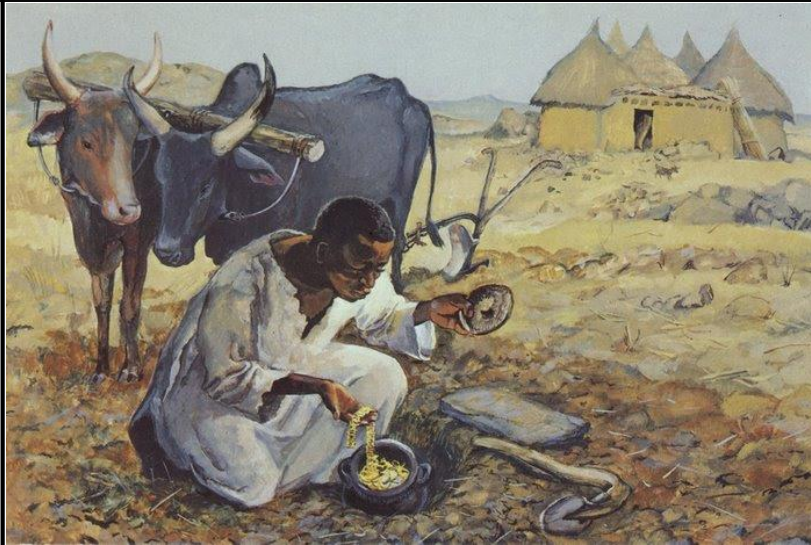
**Saint Thomas
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**Holy Family
Church**



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

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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 29

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

SUNDAY, July 30

7:30 AM † **Diana Hermon** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

10:00 AM – **Agnes & S'Atish** → Birthday blessings rb the Louis family

5:00 PM † **Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Lundy & Ledail Charlot** → Repose of Souls rb Angie Lundy

MONDAY, July 31 → NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 1

7:00 AM – **Sherica Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb the family

WEDNESDAY, August 2

7:00 AM † **Cyril "Mezzo" Battiste Sr.** → Repose of Soul

† **Authur René** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

THURSDAY, August 3

7:00 AM † **John Henley** → Repose of Soul

† **Israel Pierre Louis** → Repose of Soul

FRIDAY, August 4

7:00 AM † **Fr. Andrew Lesko** → In Thanksgiving, God's guidance & protection

SATURDAY, August 5

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

MONDAY: (no Mass)

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

Mt 13:36-43

and Doctor of the Church

WEDNESDAY:

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Saint John Vianney, Priest

Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY:

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Feast of the Transfiguration

2 Pt 1:16-19

of the Lord

Mt 17:1-9

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, Anthony Stridiron Sr., 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: 258 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$3686.50

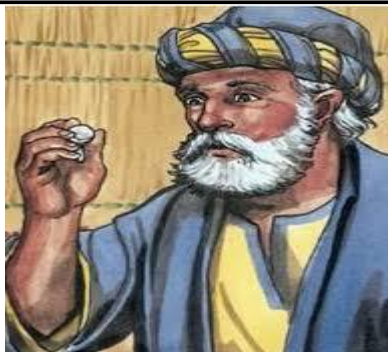
CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$36.50

SECOND COLLECTION: \$934.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$25.00

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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 & Security July 15-16

Capital Improvements July 22-23

Restoration Fund July 29-30

Restoration Fund August 5-6

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 29th to August 4th** for special prayers and birthday blessings for **Felix Renal**, requested by his mother, Marie Renal.

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

Security Fencing: Help is urgently needed with the security fencing of the church property. Balbo Construction is presently doing the work at **NO** charge to the church. We're asking all available men to come out and assist with this important project. Runners are also needed to pick up material and other items. Women, you can also assist by supplying water, ice, juices, and sandwiches or to just pass blocks to the men. No offer of help will be turned down. Please, we do not want to see a work stoppage due to lack of help. Please, show your support by coming out ready to work!

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.

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

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Olive Rodney** and family on the passing of her mother, **Agnes Modeste Sylvia Albert**, who died on Thursday, July 7, 2023 at age 96 in St. Thomas. Her funeral service will take place at **12:00 noon on Friday, August 4, 2023** at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Athenia Williams Smith** and family on the passing of her mother, **Ruth Peltier**, who died on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at age 76 in St. Thomas. Her funeral service will take place on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023** at Holy Family Church at 10:00 am. May her 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

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

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflection on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away. This is symbolic of the fact that in the final judgment, the wicked and the righteous be separated.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.**

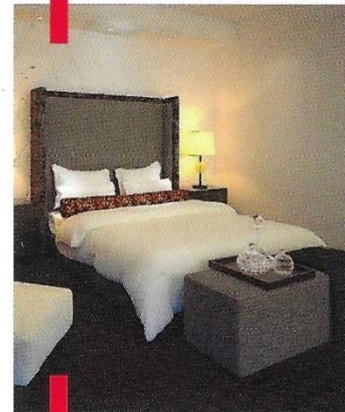
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