



**Saint Thomas
Diocese**

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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 8

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

SUNDAY, July 9

7:30 AM – **Urelca JnBaptiste** → Birthday blessings rb her children & grandchildren

– **Velma Henry** → Birthday blessings rb her family

10:00 AM – **Elie E. R. Bute & Jiro “J.J.” Bute** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

– **Nardia Registe** → Birthday blessings rb her mom, Ursula Prosper

5:00 PM † **Raoul Comperè** → Repose of Soul rb Julio Comperè

TUESDAY, July 11

7:00 AM † **Israel Pierre Louis** → Repose of Soul

– **Fr. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem** → God’s continued blessings & guidance on his 25th anniversary of ordination

WEDNESDAY, July 12

7:00 AM † **Josefina Donastorg** → Repose of Soul

THURSDAY, July 13

7:00 AM † **Cleopatra Hobson** → Repose of soul rb the Children of Mary

FRIDAY, July 14

7:00 AM † **Adrianna James** → Repose of soul rb the Children of Mary

† **Avandale C. René** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

SATURDAY, July 15

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30

MONDAY:

Gn 28:10-22a

Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY:

Gn 32:23-33

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Mt 10:24-33

NEXT SUNDAY:

Is 55:10-11

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

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: 267 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend’s Offerings

OFFERING: \$3,775.00

CHILDREN’S OFFERING: \$34.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,683.00

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 8th to July 14th** for special prayers for **Marie Renal**, requested by 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 you.

Congratulations to Father Robert Kenfack on his 25th anniversary to the priesthood. May Christ, our Lord, continue to bless you abundantly in your ministry.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to extend a heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to those who joined us for our inaugural convention. Together, we have embarked on a journey of faith, service, and empowerment, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you in the coming months as we provide further opportunities for growth, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment, and explore topics that are relevant to women's role within the Church, address contemporary challenges, and provide guidance and support for navigating life's complexities.

Please visit the website www.nccw.org to register for the International Convention. Registration closes July 15, 2023. Please contact the chancery for more information.

Special Collection (Security): A special collection will be taken up for fencing the property **next weekend** at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity in helping to secure the property.

Prayer During Hurricane Season:

(To be said after Dismissal)

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all the natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of your love. May we be secure in your protection and turn our fears in to praise of your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. 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,

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.



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.

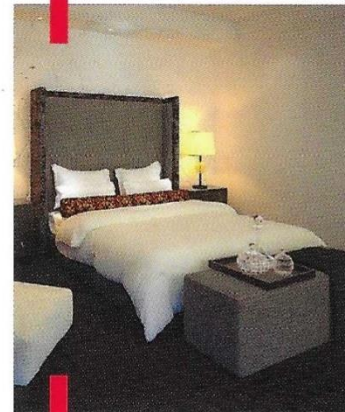
Prayer of St. Francis

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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