



**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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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

### PRIEST OF THE PARISH

Rev. Modeste Digwou

**Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Carmen A. White

**Accountant:** 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."

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 13, 2023**

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## AUGUST 13, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, August 12**

6:00 PM † Holy Souls in Purgatory rb Marcial La Place

**SUNDAY, August 13**

7:30 AM – **Kaiden & Lailah Estes** → Birthday blessings rb the Royers & Toussaint families

10:00 AM – **Duane Motta** → Birthday blessings rb his family  
– **Vivian René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Geraldo Piton** → Birthday blessings rb his mother

MONDAY, August 14 → NO MASS

**TUESDAY, August 15**

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 16**

7:00 AM – **Anthony Stridiron Sr.** → Birthday blessings rb the Johnson family

**THURSDAY, August 17**

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

**FRIDAY, August 18**

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

**SATURDAY, August 19**

6:00 PM – **Jana Camine** → Birthday blessings rb the family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  
Rom 9:1-5  
Mt 14:22-33

**MONDAY:** (no Mass) Dt 10:12-22  
*Saint Maximilian Kolbe,* Mt 17:22-27  
*Priest and Martyr*

**TUESDAY:** Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10ab  
*Solemnity of the Assumption* 1 Cor 15:20-27  
*of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Lk 1:39-56

**WEDNESDAY:** Dt 34:1-12  
Mt 18:15-20

**THURSDAY:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
Mt 18:21-19:1

**FRIDAY:** Jos 24:1-13  
Mt 19:3-12

**SATURDAY:** Jos 24:14-29  
Mt 19:13-15

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Is 56:1, 6-7  
*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt 15:21-28

### 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:** 311 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$4,828.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$144.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,321.00

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Thank you for your generosity!



#### SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Restoration Fund .....	August 5-6
Bishop's Appeal .....	August 12-13
Property Insurance .....	August 19-20
Security Fence .....	August 19-20
Capital Improvements .....	August 26-27

# 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 **August 12<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>** in thanksgiving for **grandchildren, sick brothers and sisters**, and Repose of Soul of **grandparents**, requested by Hilda Celestine.

**Cassi Hill Pilgrimage:** Holy Family Parish invites its Parishioners, all Parishes, and the entire community to participate in the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place **next Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM** from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine. Thereafter, a closing Mass will be celebrated in the Church at **3:30 PM**.

Three nights of Holy Triduum with Fr. Prince Agyeman will be held on **August 16, 17, & 18, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**.

**Donations:** The following items are needed for the social on **Sunday, August 20, 2023** after the Pilgrimage: assorted juices, small bottled water, sandwich rolls, tuna fish, cold cuts (turkey, roast beef, sliced cheese). Thank you for your generosity.

**Ministry Meetings:** Ministry leaders are asked to submit to the church office via email the date, time, and location of meetings by **August 23, 2023**.

A meeting has been called for **all** ministries of the church on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in the lower Columban Hall.

**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.

**Liturgical Master Schedule for September:** Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for September via the Church email by **Wednesday, August 16**. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Necrologium:** 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 10:00 AM** 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 **Crystal, David, and Kelly Thompson** and family on the passing of their mother, **Kathleen Thompson**, who died on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at age 68. Her funeral service will take place on **Friday, August 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at Holy Family Church. 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.

**Necrologium, Continued:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Wendy Smith Benjamin** and family on the passing of her husband, **Reginald "Ray" Benjamin**, who died on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at age 62. His funeral service will take place on **Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

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

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**

God appears to Elijah in a whisper, giving him consolation.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14**

The psalm powerfully proclaims that the Lord is the source of our salvation.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come for the Israelites.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-32**

Jesus walks on water and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel directly follows the account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with the periscope that precedes it about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In the feeding of the five thousand, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

## 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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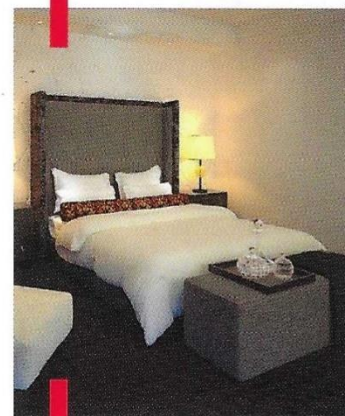
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