



**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

### PASTOR

Rev. Robert Kenfack Ngnintedem

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

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."

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 27, 2023**

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## AUGUST 27, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, August 26

6:00 PM – Irene Morris → Birthday blessings  
 – Lizette Antoine → Birthday blessings rb her mother  
 – Olga & Alvin McBean → 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

#### SUNDAY, August 27

7:30 AM – Phillip Marcellin → Repose of Soul rb his wife, Felicinne  
 10:00 AM † Juanito & Elaine Walters → Repose of Soul rb Austin Walters

5:00 PM – Silvia Celestine → Belated birthday blessings  
 – Nehemie Leneus → Belated birthday blessings rb Silia

MONDAY, August 28 → NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, August 29

7:00 AM – Yolene Titius → God's blessings & good health

#### WEDNESDAY, August 30

7:00 AM † Emile Talbert → Repose of Soul rb Lola Warrington

#### THURSDAY, August 31

7:00 AM – David Paul → God's continued blessings & protection  
 rb his mother, Yolene Titius

#### FRIDAY, September 1

7:00 AM † Richard & Hillis Walters → Repose of Soul rb Austin Walters

#### SATURDAY, September 2

6:00 PM † Florence St. Lewis → Repose of Soul rb Lola Warrington

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY:

Is 22:19-23  
 Rom 11:33-36  
 Mt 16:13-20

#### MONDAY: (no Mass)

*Saint Augustine, Bishop  
 and Doctor of the Church*

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
 Mt 23:13-22

#### TUESDAY:

*The Passion of Saint  
 John the Baptist*

1 Thes 2:1-8  
 Mk 6:17-29

#### WEDNESDAY:

1 Thes 2:9-13  
 Mt 23:27-32

#### THURSDAY:

1 Thes 3:7-13  
 Mt 24:42-51

#### FRIDAY:

1 Thes 4:1-8  
 Mt 25:1-13

#### SATURDAY:

1 Thes 4:9-11  
 Mt 25:14-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 20:7-9  
 Rom 12:1-2  
 Mt 16:21-27

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

**OFF ISLAND:** Jeanyiah Andrew, 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:** 345 persons  
 attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$2,474.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$674.00

SECURITY OFFERING: \$974.94

CASSI HILL OFFERING: \$345.00

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 website at: [www.holyfamilyst.com](http://www.holyfamilyst.com)

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### 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
Restoration Fund .....	September 2-3

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>** for successful surgery and continued healing for **Joseph "Joe" Toussaint**, requested by Beverly McClendon.

**Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Olga McBean** for her 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

**CCD Classes:** Registration for CCD classes for the year 2023 – 2024 begins on **Saturday, September 2, 2023** at 9:00 am at the lower Columban Hall. Registration forms may be picked up at the church office and returned to the teachers. Classes will begin by mid-September, therefore all parents and guardians concerned should make every effort to register or re-register their children as soon as possible. God bless.

Classes will begin by mid-September. Teachers are needed. Interested parishioners are invited to contact the church office and to attend a meeting on **Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM** in the lower Columban Hall.

**Infant Baptisms:** Infant Baptisms will take place the **third Sunday** of every month. Preparation for Baptism will be held **September 8 and 15 at 6:00 PM** in the lower Columban Hall. Interested persons can obtain Baptism forms from the church office.

**Thank You:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cake sale fund raiser to assist in the security fencing of the church. May God bless you greatly.

**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.

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

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Malissa Neille, Jettanyia Gumbs**, and family on the passing of their sister/mother, **Mauritzer Gumbs**, who died on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at age 60. Her funeral service will take place on **Friday, September 1, 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 2 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

*Isaiah 22:19-23*

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 138:1-3,6,8*

God's kindness is forever.

## Second Reading

*Romans 11:33-36*

Paul sings praise to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 16:13-20*

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## 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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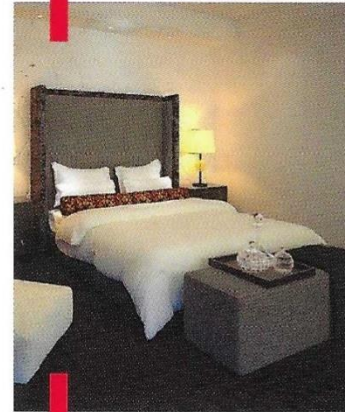
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