



**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."

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
**AUGUST 6, 2023**

# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## AUGUST 6, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, August 5**

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

† **Kathleen Thompson** → Repose of Soul

**SUNDAY, August 6**

7:30 AM † **Holy Souls in Purgatory** rb Uranie La Place

† **Anastasia Sylvina St. Luce** → Repose of Soul rb her children, Esther Henderson, & Irving & Llwellyn Richards

10:00 AM – **Yvonne & Harry Freeman** → Happy 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary blessings rb the family circle

5:00 PM † **Julio Comperè** → Birthday blessings rb Silia

MONDAY, August 7 → NO MASS

**TUESDAY, August 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 9**

7:00 AM † **Holy Souls in Purgatory** rb Denise La Place

**THURSDAY, August 10**

7:00 AM † **Yolene Titius** → God's continued blessings and good health

**FRIDAY, August 11**

7:00 AM – **Ursula Prosper** → Birthday blessings, God's guidance & protection rb Ursula Prosper

**SATURDAY, August 12**

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

**MONDAY: (no Mass)**

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

**TUESDAY:**

Nm 12:1-13

*Saint Dominic, Priest*

Mt 14:22-36

**WEDNESDAY:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35

Mt 15: 21-28

**THURSDAY:**

2 Cor 9:6-10

*Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr*

Jn 12:24-26

**FRIDAY:**

Dt 4:32-40

*Saint Clare, Virgin*

Mt 16:24-28

**SATURDAY:**

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

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

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$3,827.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$53.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,044.00

Online giving can be made through our website at: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

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 5<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>** for special prayers and healing for **Omar Renal**, requested by his mother, Marie Renal.

**Altar Flowers:** Parishioners are encouraged to assist in beautifying the church by sponsoring flowers for any special event that you or a family member may be celebrating. Please contact the office of your intent.

**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 on **Sunday, August 20, 2023** from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine.

Three nights of Holy Triduum with Fr. Prince Agyeman will be held on **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.

**Cassi Hill Meeting:** Fr. Modeste will be holding a meeting at **6:00 PM on Thursday, August 10, 2023** for the purpose of discussing the progress of the Cassi Hill Pilgrimage. The following ministries/individuals are asked to attend: Sacristans, Altar Servers, Francis Callwood, Sons of Abraham, Orville Rouse, Social Committee, Michelle Stout, Children of Mary, Alrid Lockhart, Gilbert Pinney, and Jean Dragin.

**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!

**Necrologium:** 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 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.



# FROM THE Pastor's Desk

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

### First Reading

*Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9*

A Song of Praise to God our King.

### Second Reading

*2 Peter 1:16-19*

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

## 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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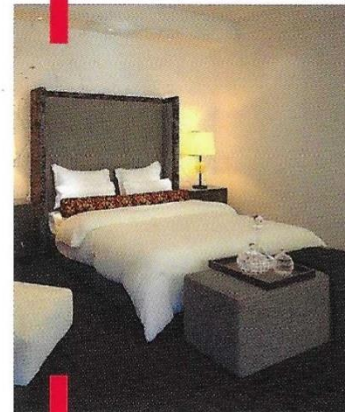
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