



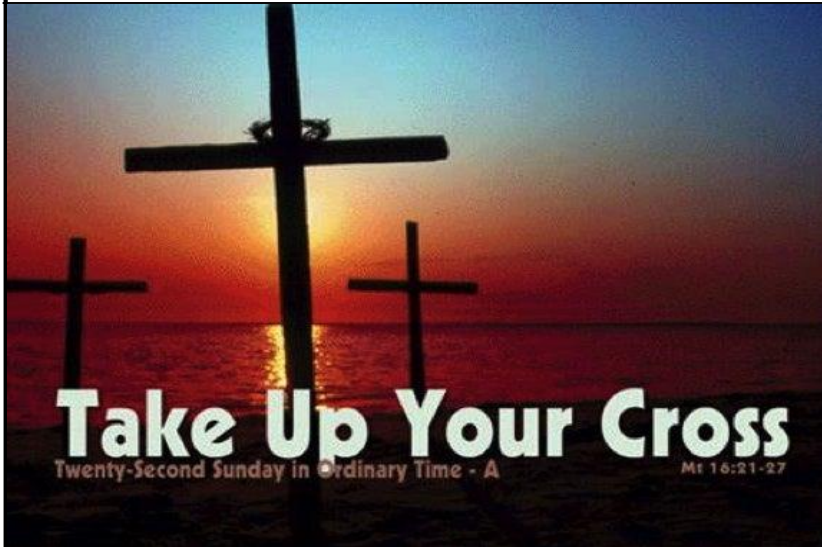
**Saint Thomas  
Diocese**

# 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

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**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, September 2**

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

**SUNDAY, September 3**

7:30 AM – **Valda Alexander** → Birthday blessings rb her children

10:00 AM – **Josiah René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Lousenie Crepin & Ifautan Joseph** → Birthday blessings  
rb Silia

**MONDAY, September 4** → NO MASS

**TUESDAY, September 5**

7:00 AM – **Jean La Place** → Special intention rb Jean La Place

**WEDNESDAY, September 6**

7:00 AM – **Carolyn Samuel** → God's continued blessings &  
protection

**THURSDAY, September 7**

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

**FRIDAY, September 8**

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

**SATURDAY, September 9**

6:00 PM † **George Warrington** → Repose of Soul rb Lola  
Warrington

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:**

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

**MONDAY: (no Mass)**

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

**TUESDAY:**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

**WEDNESDAY:**

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

**THURSDAY:**

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

**FRIDAY:**

*Feast of the Nativity of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**SATURDAY:**

*Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

### 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., 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:** 268 persons  
attended Holy Mass last weekend.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings

OFFERING: \$4,079.60

6:00 PM: \$665.00      7:30 AM: \$1,377.00

10:00 AM: \$1,846.00      5:00 PM: \$191.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,354.00

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 SEPTEMBER

Restoration Fund ..... September 2-3  
Monthly School Support ..... September 9-10  
Property Insurance ..... September 16-17  
Security Fence ..... September 16-17  
Capital Improvements ..... September 23-24

# 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 **September 2<sup>nd</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>** for God's blessings for **Joseph Hilbert**, requested by Beverly McClendon.

**CCD Teachers Needed:** CCD 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 **Fridays, September 8 and 15 at 6:00 PM** in the lower Columban Hall. Interested persons can obtain Baptism forms from the church office.

**The Holy Family Prayer Group** meets **every Monday** in the church from **6:30 to 8:30 PM**. Everyone is welcome to join in praise and worship and intercessory prayers as we lift our personal petitions and those of the entire Church community to the Lord.

Next **Monday, September 11, 2023**, Deacon Cassius Mathurin will be presenting a teaching on **"Our Comfort Zone."**

Come and be blessed and feel the presence of God in his Spirit working within you.

**New Movie:** Don't miss the re-showing of the **"Sound of Freedom"** movie viewing hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Join us in St. Thomas on **Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 PM** at the Caribbean Cinemas. Tickets cost \$10.00 at the parish offices and the chancery office. Please consider donating to support the event. An inspiring film about rescuing trafficked children. Let's unite as Catholics to protect God's children. Thanks for your support.

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed all day on **Monday, September 4, 2023**, in observance of Labor Day.

**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.



# Weekly Reflection

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

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

## Second Reading

*Romans 12:1-2*

## Gospel

*Matthew 16:21-27*

### "Seduced by Christ"

From the moment the Apostle Peter seems to have mysteriously grasped, without really understanding, what Jesus' true nature is, he is unable to accept what Jesus' mission implies, and how far Jesus is willing to give of himself. By announcing his passion and death, Jesus not only arouses Peter's indignation, but also invites his disciples to take up their cross.

How can we understand Jesus' invitation to take up our cross courageously this Sunday?

In the first reading Jeremiah complains that God would lead him to success and easy life; instead he ended up as what seemed a total failure.

the gospel we see that Peter thinks like Jeremiah and does not accept a suffering, defeated Messiah. Jesus spells out conditions for those who follow him; so that nobody will be able to say they were seduced with flattery or false promises.

The second reading is very close to this theme. It invites us not to go along with the way everybody else thinks. Others people may not find the life of a Christian acceptable.

"If any man will walk behind me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Here we are following Christ, and to carry our cross as he did is to accept our vocation as men and women loved by God, despite obstacles and suffering.

Jesus reminds us that we are not alone when we carry our crosses, that we are invited to walk with him.

Our following of Christ enables us to go forward in life with confidence, and to be victorious with him, for his cross is above all a glorious cross. It is the symbol of our ultimate victory over death. And that's what the cross is all about.

## 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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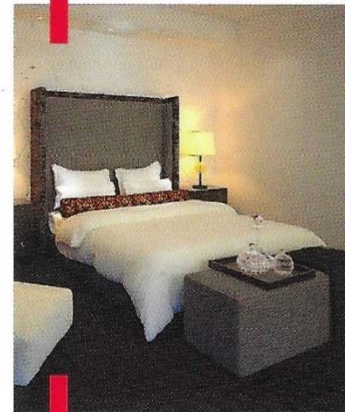
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