



**Diocese of
Saint Thomas**

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou

Emergency: (340) 203-0607

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Carmen A. White

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Religious Ed. Director: Ms. M. René

Music Director: Mr. Francis Callwood

Sacristans

Ms. Francesca Alcendor Ms. Silia Erilis

Ms. Beulah Babulal Mr. Julio Comperè

Office Hours:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Saturdays and Sundays

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."

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2023

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Reflection by Rev Fr Modeste

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

Beloved brothers and sisters,

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace, also known as the candle of Bethlehem, reminding us of Joseph and Mary’s journey to Bethlehem. This Sunday’s liturgy speaks to us of impatient waiting: prepare the way for him who is coming. This is the cry of the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah shows us that God constantly comes to console his people. Despite the faults of the people of Israel, God remains faithful to his covenant promises and expects signs of repentance from his people. Comfort, comfort my people says your lord. This is the Good News brought to them by the prophet.

In the second reading, taken from the second letter of Saint Peter, the Apostle explains to his addressees that if they had understood what this Good News is, they should be impatient to see it realized immediately and everywhere. And if God is patient and seems to delay, it’s not so that Christians can fall asleep, but so that they can make the most of the time he gives them by trying to change their lives, by leading a life that pleases God.

The beginning of St. Mark’s Gospel for this Sunday introduces us to the figure of John the Baptist, one of the most important figures in the liturgy of this Advent season. Through his preaching and his whole being, John the Baptist is the living proclamation of the salvation he announces. Like the prophet Isaiah, he called for conversion; the baptism of penance he preached prepared the way for the salvation accomplished in Jesus Christ. John himself was aware that he was merely the forerunner of Jesus: what he accomplished with his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus achieves in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Through his Spirit, Jesus renews us, bringing us to new life.

Instead, let’s prepare our hearts to wait for the one who’s coming. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: (no Mass) Is 35:1-10;
Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY: *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY: *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10;
Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY: *Saint John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church*
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY: *3rd Sunday of Advent, year B*
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 9th
6:00 PM † **Elma Agnes Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir & Eusebe families

SUNDAY, December 10th
7:30 AM – **Tevin Peters** → Birthday blessings, guidance & protection
10:00 AM – **Evelina M. René-Bute & Chris M. René** → Birthday blessings rb the René family
5:00 PM – **Christopher Laurent** → Happy birthday blessings rb his mother, Edline Piton

MONDAY, December 11th → NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 12th
7:00 AM † **Holy Souls in Purgatory** → rb Denise La Place

WEDNESDAY, December 13th
7:00 AM † **Lister Warrington** → Repose of Soul rb the Warrington family

THURSDAY, December 14th
7:00 AM – **June Gloria Gifft** → Birthday blessings rb her daughter & granddaughter

FRIDAY, December 15th
7:00 AM † **Veronica Casimir** → Repose of Soul rb the Casimir family
† **Mauritzer Gumbs** → Repose of Soul

SATURDAY, December 16th
6:00 PM – **Anny Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb her children

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 **December 9th to December 15th** for God's help, guidance, and protection for **Clothilde Pharoah**, requested by Clothilde.

December is the Month of Christmas.

- Advent candles will be lit every Sunday at every mass, either by a family, a group or a designated ministry.
 - **December 16th – 17th – 3rd Week of Advent:**
 - 6:00 PM: Ushers
 - 7:30 AM: Pierre Joseph, Lucia Thomas, Matthew Placid, Mia Pascal, & Louise Fontaine
 - 10:00 AM: CCD Program
 - 5:00 PM: Tafara Noel, Nehemie Leneus, Sandrine Joseph
- During Advent, there will be no instrumental music at mass. Let's accompany the singing by clapping our hands.

Advent Mission and Confession: All Christians are invited to attend Our Life in the Spirit Seminars on **December 10th and 17th** as part of our Advent Mission. The Penitential Service and Christmas Confession will be on **Friday, December 22, 2023** at 6 PM. All the priests of the islands will be present to assist.

Pastor's Calendar

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- Economic Council meeting, 6 PM, LCH

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- Sons of Abraham, 6 PM, LCH

Friday, December 15, 2023

- Bishop's Pastoral meeting with all priests of the Diocese
- Infant Pre-Baptism class, 6 PM, LCH

Saturday, December 16, 2023

- Marriage ceremony of Kahana Smith and Brenda Sutton, 2 PM, HFC

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- Infant Pre-Baptism class, 6 PM, LCH

Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday, December 17, 2023:** Ministries are invited to join the CCD Ministry, the Youth Ministry, and the Young St. Vincentians at 3:00 PM in the upper Columban Hall as we **"Deck the Halls with Christmas Carols."** With a donation of \$25 per ministry, you can decorate a table to represent your favorite Christmas Carol. Contact the CCD Ministry for additional information.

The Decorating Committee will be accepting poinsettias (red and gold) to decorate the church by **December 18, 2023.**

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.

Church announcements must be submitted to the Church Office via email by Tuesday.

Parish Information

Sacrament of Infant 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. Confessions will be on Wednesdays after the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and on weekends 15 minutes before each Mass.

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.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023:

- Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM. No 5PM Creole Mass.
- Caroling at 8:00 PM. – 900PM
- Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) at 9:00 PM.

Monday, December 25, 2023: Infant Baptisms at 9:00 AM Mass. Register your children now.

Sunday, December 31, 2023:

- One 9:00 AM Mass for the Patronal Feast of the Holy Family. Bishop Jerome Feudjio will be the celebrant.
- Holy hour: 8:00 PM. – 9:00PM
- Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary: 9:00 PM.

Monday, January 1, 2024: One Mass at 9:00 AM. Celebration of Haitian Independence Day at 5:00 PM.

Catechesis

The Altar Candles

Candles play an important part in Catholic worship of God. They adorn the altar, they stand by the ambo, you hold them as acolytes, people light them to in front of the Blessed Sacrament or a statue. Whenever the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle a special candle, *the Sanctuary Lamp, always burns close by.*

The Easter Vigil starts with the blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle as the priest prays *"May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds"* – it is carried into a darkened church and the risen Christ is again proclaimed to be our light as people light their hand candles from it. It remains lit at all liturgical celebrations during the Easter Season and at baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

Candles are required for the celebration of the Mass.

They are used at every liturgical service – at baptisms, penance services, marriages, funerals, vespers, benediction, etc. as a sign of the dignity and festiveness of the celebration. Their light signifies Christ – the light of the world.

The number of candles used does have a significance.

Their varying number is a good way of marking the various days and celebrations of the Church's year. **Two candles** are usually used for ferial days (when no feast is being celebrated) and memorials. **Four candles** are used for feasts and **six candles** are used on Sundays, solemnities and important celebrations.

When the *diocesan bishop* celebrates Mass on an important occasion like the Sacrament of Confirmation an odd number of candles, **seven candles**, are placed on the altar. This is to signify the completeness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders represented by the presence of the bishop.

Synthesizes by Fr Modeste Digwou

#AdventTrivia

WHAT DO WE REMEMBER EACH WEEK OF ADVENT?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

HOPE

It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

PEACE

The second candle, also purple, represents Peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

JOY

It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus,



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

LOVE

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes Love. It reminds us that God is love.



Parish Activities Work

The following bills are outstanding for the construction of the security fence and the bathroom, gift shop and hospitality lounge projects:

Gate and Wall Railings

\$10,000 to reimburse Balbo for the deposit he made
\$32,800 to Baptiste Certified Welding for balance due
\$42,800 total

Plumbing

\$4,000 to reimburse Balbo for payment he made
\$2,700 to plumber
\$6,700 total

Tile Labor

\$3,000 to reimburse Balbo for paying the tiler

Electrician

\$1,000 to reimburse Balbo for electrical work in gift shop, hospitality lounge area

\$????? The electrician still has to submit a bill for electrical work in the new restrooms and the sanctuary restroom.

In summary, Holy Family Catholic Church has a balance due of at least \$53,500 for the fence and restroom/gift shop projects.

\$18,000 of this amount is due to Balbo Construction Company.



Installation of the grill fence



Replacement of tiles at the Shrine



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LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

Premier Dimanche de l'Avent Année B.

No. 005 DU DIMANCHE 10, Décembre 2023



REFERENCES BIBLIQUES

Premye Lekti: Ezayi 40:1-5, 9-11

Sòm repons: Sòm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

Dezyèm Lekti: 2 Pyè 3:8-14

Levanjil: Mak 1:1-8

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: (pa gen mès) Is 35:1-10;

Sòm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lik 5:17-26

MADI: fèt Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Jidit 13:18bcde, 19; Lik 1:26-38

MÈKREDI: Sen Lisi, Vyèj ak Martyr Is 40:25-31;

Sòm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30

JEDI: Sen Jan Lakwa, Prèt ak Doktè Legliz la

Is 41:13-20; Sòm 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

VANDREDI: Is 48:17-19; Sòm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19

SAMDI: Mesye 48:1-4, 9-11; Sòm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: 3yèm Dimanch Lavan, ane B

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11;

Lik 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;

1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Meditasyon Par Pere Modeste

"*Prepare chemen Seyè a*"

Mezanmi frè ak sè yo,

Nan dezyèm dimanch Lavan sa a, nou limen chandèl lapè a, ke yo rele tou bouji Betleyèm, ki raple nou vwayaj Jozèf ak Mari nan Betleyèm. Litiji dimanch sa a pale ak nou nan ap tann enpasyon: prepare wout la pou moun k ap vini an. Sa a se rèl pwofèt Ezayi ak Jan Batis.

Nan premye lekti a, pwofèt Ezayi montre nou ke Bondye toujou ap vin konsòle pèp li a. Malgre fot pèp Izrayèl la, Bondye rete fidèl ak pwomès alyans li yo e li espere siy repantans nan men pèp li a. Konsòle, konsòle pèp mwen an di mèt ou. Sa a se bon nouvèl pwofèt la te pote ba yo.

Nan dezyèm lekti a, ki soti nan dezyèm lèt Sen Pyè a, Apot la eksplike moun k ap adrese l yo si yo te konprann kisa Bòn Nouvèl sa a ye, yo ta dwe enpasyon pou yo wè l reyalize imedyatman e toupato. E si Bondye gen pasyans e li sanble pran reta, se pa pou kretyen yo ka dòmi, men pou yo ka pwofite plis tan li ba yo nan eseye chanje lavi yo, nan mennen yon lavi ki fè Bondye plezi.

Kòmansman Levanjil Sen Mak pou Dimanch sa a entwodui nou nan figi Jan Batis, youn nan figi ki pi enpòtan nan litiji sezon Lavan sa a. Atravè predikasyon li ak tout moun li, Jan Batis se pwoklamasyon vivan delivrans li anonse a. Menm jan ak pwofèt Ezayi, li te mande konvèsyon; batèm penitans li te preche a te prepare chemen pou sali te akonpli nan Jezikri. Jan li menm te konsyan ke li te senpleman precurseur Jezi: sa li te akonpli ak batèm li nan larivyè Jouden an, Jezi reyalize nan batèm Sentespri a. Atravè Lespri li a, Jezi renouvle nou, li mennen nou nan yon nouvo lavi.

Olye de sa, ann prepare kè nou pou tann moun k ap vini an. Amèn

ANONS PAWAS YO

Desanm se Mwa Nwèl la.

Bouji Lavan yo pral limen chak dimanch nan chak mès, swa pa yon fanmi, yon gwoup oswa yon ministè deziyen.

16 desanm – 17 – 3yèm semèn Lavan:

6:00 pm: Ushers

7:30 am: Pierre Joseph, Lucia Thomas, Matthew Placid, Mia Pascal, & Louise Fontaine

10:00 am: Pwogram CCD

5:00 pm: Tafara Noel, Nehemie Leneus, Sandrine Joseph Pandan Lavan, pap gen mizik enstrimantal nan mès. Ann akonpanye chante a nan bat men nou.

Misyon Lavann ak Konfesyon: Tout kretyen yo envite pou yo ale nan Seminè Lavann nou an nan Lespri a jou 10 ak 17 desanm nan kad Misyon Lavan nou an. Sèvis Penitansye ak Konfesyon Nwèl la pral vandredi 22 desanm 2023 a 6 pm. Tout prèt zile yo pral la pou ede.

Kalandriye Pastè a

Mèkredi 13 desanm 2023

Reyinyon Konsèy Ekonomik, 6 pm, LCH

Jedi 14 desanm 2023

Pitit Abraram, 6 pm, LCH

Vandredi 15 desanm 2023

Reyinyon Pastoral Evèk la ak tout prèt dyosèz la

Klas Pre-Batèm Tibebe, 6 pm, LCH

Samdi 16 desanm 2023

Seremoni maryaj Kahana Smith ak Brenda Sutton, 2 pm, HFC

Jedi 21 desanm 2023

Klas Pre-Batèm Tibebe, 6 pm, LCH

Dat pou sonje:

Dimanch 17 desanm 2023: Ministè yo envite pou yo rantre nan Ministè CCD a, Ministè Jèn yo, ak Jèn Sen Visanyen yo a 3:00 pm nan Sal Columban anwo a pandan n ap “Dekole Sal yo ak Chant Nwèl yo.” Avèk yon don \$25 pou chak ministè, ou ka dekore yon tab pou reprezante chante Nwèl pi renmen ou. Kontakte Ministè CCD a pou plis enfòmasyon.

Komite dekorasyon an pral aksepte poinsettias (wouj ak lò) pou dekore legliz la anvan 18 desanm 2023.

Koleksyon Espesyal (Sekirite): Yo pral pran yon koleksyon espesyal pou kloti pwopriyete a nan wikenn pwochen nan tout mès. Mèsi pou jenewozite ou nan ede sekirize pwopriyete a.

Orè jou ferye

Dimanch 24 desanm 2023:

Mès dimanch a 7:30 am ak 10:00 am. Non mès kreyòl 5pm.

Caroling a 8:00 pm. - 900 PM

Veyil Nativite Senyè a (vèy Nwèl) a 9:00 pm.

Lendi 25 desanm 2023: Batèm Tibebe a 9:00 am Mès. Enskri pitit ou yo kounye a.

Dimanch 31 desanm 2023:

Yon mès 9:00 am pou fèt Patronal Sentespri a. Evèk Jerome Feudjio pral selebrasyon an.

Lè apa pou Bondye: 8:00 pm. – 9:00PM

Veyil Solennite Mari a: 9:00 pm.

Lendi, 1ye janvyè 2024: Yon mès a 9:00 am. Selebrasyon Jounen Endepandans Ayiti a 5:00 pm.

MAS MANDE

Mas kominote ayisyen an mande bon fèt benediksyon pou Christopher Laurent, manman l Edline Piton mande.

POU JENÈS LA

Pwogram CCD chak samdi a 9:00 a.m.

Nou envite jèn yo rantre nan kèk nan gwoup yo tankou gwoup koral la oswa vin tounen sèvè alter.



KOLEKSYON SEMÈN NAN

GESTION TREZOR

Ofri wikenn pase a, 2 - 3 desanm

ÒF: \$3,601.20

6:00 pm: \$608.20

7:30 am: \$1,163.00

10:00 am: \$1,625.00

5:00 pm: \$202.00

ÒF POU TIMOUN: \$32.00

DEZYÈM KOLEKSYON: \$1,856.19

Ofri jou lasemèn: \$111.00

6/12: \$6.00

8/12 7:00 am: \$105.00

Yo ka fè bay sou entènèt sou sitwèb nou an nan::

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Mèsi pou jenewozite ou!

NOUVÈL KOMINOTE A

- Reyinyon koral: chak Mèkredi a 6:30 p.m.
- Netwayaj Legliz la pa kominote ayisyen an: chak 1ye vandredi nan mwa a a 6:30 p.m.



Parish Life



Pastor Father Modeste



Church Secretary Ms C. A. White



Parish Council president Monique Ferrell



CCD Concert, Dec. 3, 2023



Advent wreath, 1st Sunday of Advent



St. Joseph Workers Concert

Pastoral Executive Committee

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Pray For the Sick & Shut-ins

OFF ISLAND: Signorah Baron, Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Juliana George, Rose George, Olivia Gumbs, Thomas Johnson, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Joseph Toussaint, Iona Vanterpool

AT HOME: Carol Baron, François Baron, Philomen Baron, James Bellot, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Maggie Dolphin, John George, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Vernelle Gumbs, Vanessa Harrigan, St. Helaire Antoine, Gerard Henry, Mercedes Hodge, Owen Johnrose, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Cleopha Rawlings, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Anthony Stridiron Sr.

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Restoration Fund	December 2-3
Christmas Flowers	December 2-3
Retirement Fund	December 9-10
Bishop's Appeal	December 9-10
Property Insurance	December 16-17
Security Fence	December 16-17
Capital Improvements	December 23-24
Restoration Fund	December 30-31

January 1st, 2024
5:00 Pm

HAITI 220th
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Celebrations

MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.
HAITIAN COMMUNITY

FIRST BLACK REPUBLIC
NOU GEN MAYO POU VANN
KONTAKTE NOU NAN
340-201-7549

Resepsyon an ap fèt nan upper columban hall.

Church Attendance: 282 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings, December 2 – 3

OFFERING: \$3,601.20

6:00 PM: \$608.20 7:30 AM: \$1,166.00

10:00 AM: \$1,625.00 5:00 PM: \$202.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$32.00

SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,856.19

Weekday Offerings: \$111.00

12/6: \$6.00 12/8 7:00 AM: \$105.00

Online giving can be made through our website at:

www.holyfamilystt.com

Thank you for your generosity!

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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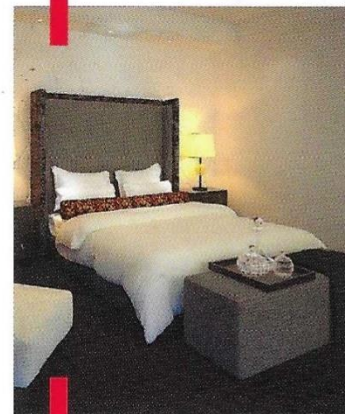
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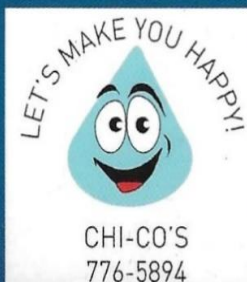
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