



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**).....5:00 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

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. 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."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2023

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Reflection by Rev Fr Modeste

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Year B

This year's Fourth Sunday of Advent is special in that it falls on Sunday and December 24, Christmas Eve. Brothers and sisters, today's liturgy plunges us into the heart of the mystery of God's encounter with man.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

In the first reading, David notes that he is at last safe from his enemies, and that he lives in a house, whereas the ark of God, which had accompanied the people on their wanderings, still lives in a simple tent... He expresses his concerns to the prophet Nathan, but God replies through the prophet: "Don't worry about my house, I'll build you a house..." The house in question is his descendants, who will reign over Israel...

Much later, in the Gospel, we see the promise fulfilled. It is indeed Joseph, a man from the house of David, who will be called to welcome Jesus, the Son of God, into his home...

But it is through Mary, his betrothed, that this promise is fulfilled! The angel announces to Mary that she will conceive a son

But Mary asks just one question: "How will this happen?"

Once she has the answer, she simply says:

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word."

The angel had no doubt already answered any apprehensions she might have had with these simple words:

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," and "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God."

Mary is already ready to say yes, she has already given herself to God, accepting all risks with confidence.

It is through this "yes" that we are given Jesus Christ our Savior.

And for us today, what does Mary's "yes" mean? Mary gave Jesus to the world, but it doesn't end there. Today, we are the bearers of a message, a hope, that we are responsible for bringing to everyone. All of us, baptized, bear the responsibility of continuing Mary's action, by announcing and bringing Jesus to everyone! And we can also proclaim Jesus through the witness of fraternal communities where Jesus makes himself present, if we are united in his name!

Like the Virgin Mary, are we ready to respond to God's call?

We must constantly renew our readiness to respond to God's call.

On this last and only day of the fourth week, we have very little time left to finish preparing ourselves to relive the mystery of the Lord's coming! In a little while, we'll be able to receive Jesus within us, through the Eucharist. May this sacrament help us to say, or say again to God: here I am, Lord. What do you expect of me? I am your servant. We've only got a few hours left, so let's live them to the full!

Amen.

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: *The Nativity of the Lord*

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18

TUESDAY: *Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Jn 20:1a & 2-8

THURSDAY: *Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

NEXT SUNDAY: *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, year B*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 23rd

5:00 PM † **Lorraine Giffit-Violet** → Repose of Soul rb the Violet, Giffit, & Forde families

SUNDAY, December 24th

7:30 AM – **Joseph "Joe" Toussaint** → Birthday blessings rb the Toussaint & Royer families

– **Marie Renal** → God's continued blessings on her birthday

10:00 AM – **For the children of the parish** → God's blessings & guidance

5:00 PM → NO MASS

9:00 PM – **For the Pastors and parishioners of Holy Family Church** → God's continued blessings

MONDAY, December 25th

9:00 AM – **Renaldo Raymo** → Birthday blessings & continued protection rb his Aunt Carmen

– **Makeisha Foy** → Birthday blessings & God's guidance rb Grandmother Carmen

TUESDAY, December 26th

7:00 AM – **Fr. Modeste** → God's continued blessings & guidance rb the 7:00 am Early Risers

WEDNESDAY, December 27th

7:00 AM – **For all the ministries of the church** → In thanksgiving for their service

THURSDAY, December 28th

7:00 AM † Blessings & continued healing for **all families for the loss of family members & friends** during 2023

FRIDAY, December 29th

7:00 AM – **For the 7:00 am weekday Early Risers** → in thanksgiving to God for his continued blessings & mercy throughout 2023 & the coming year

SATURDAY, December 30th

5:00 PM – **For Carmen A. White** → In thanksgiving & God's guidance

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 23rd to December 29th** for birthday blessings for **Marie Renal**, requested by Marie Renal.

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.
- During Advent, there will be no instrumental music at mass. Let's accompany the singing by clapping our hands.

Saturday (Vigil) Mass Schedule: Effective **Saturday, December 23, 2023**, Mass has returned to **5:00 PM** until **Saturday, March 9, 2024**. Please be guided accordingly.

Thank You: The CCD Ministry extends sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who assisted - whatever your part - and participated in the "Deck the Hall with Christmas Carols" event. Your participation and assistance helped to make this initiative a resounding success. Congratulations to the winners: the Parish Council (3rd Place); the Sons of Abraham (2nd Place); and the Adult Choir (1st Place). It was indeed a joyful Sunday! Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all!

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.

Office Closures: The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 25, 2023**, in observance of Christmas, and **Tuesday, December 26, 2023**, in observance of Christmas Second Day.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Dianne Tyson** and family on the passing of her sister, **Merle Penha Murphy**, who died on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in Maryland. May his/her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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 – 9:00 PM
- 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 – 9:00 PM
- 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

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.

Catechesis

THE CRIB: THE ORIGIN AND THE SYMBOLISM OF THE CRIB FIGURES

The crib is one of the great symbols of Christmas. Placed at the foot of the Christmas tree, it depicts the mystery of the birth of Jesus, celebrated on December 25. But where does the tradition of the Christmas crib come from?

What is the origin of the crib tradition?

While Christmas has been celebrated on December 25 since the 5th century, the tradition of the crib is more recent, emerging in the 12th century when theologians rediscovered the texts that tell the story of Jesus' childhood.

In the Gospel according to Saint Luke, it is written that Mary and Joseph, unable to find a place in an inn take refuge in a stable in Bethlehem so that Mary can give birth. Then, *"she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, for there was no room for them in the room"* (Luke 2:7). The term "manger" comes from the Latin *cripia*, meaning "manger."

The origin of the crib tradition is attributed to **Francis of Assisi**, who in 1223 had the idea of creating a kind of play depicting the birth of Jesus. The first crib was thus a living nativity scene, performed by the inhabitants of the village of Greccio in Italy. It enabled Christians to better imagine the context in which Jesus was born, and thus to express the meaning of the Nativity and the mystery of the Incarnation.

In the 16th century, Jesuits introduced scale models of the Nativity scene to churches in Eastern Europe, notably Prague. As part of the Counter-Reformation, they used it as a catechism. Living models were replaced by wax, plaster, terracotta, wood and even breadcrumbs.

The symbolic meaning of the crib figures

The Christmas crib is rich in symbolism, and is closely linked to the celebration of Jesus' birth in Christian tradition.

Here are some of the main **symbols** associated with the crib and their meanings:

The manger: The manger, where the baby Jesus lies, symbolizes the humility of his birth.

Mary and Joseph: Mary, the Virgin Mother, and Joseph, her husband, represent Jesus' earthly parents.

The Shepherds: Shepherds are usually among the first to receive the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth. They symbolize the acceptance of the Good News by the humble and lowly, showing that Jesus came for everyone, especially ordinary people.

Angels: The angels in the crib recall the miraculous announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds. They also represent divine presence and heavenly protection in this important scene.

The Magi: their presence is a reminder of the adoration of Jesus by wise men from the East, symbolizing the universality of Jesus' coming for all mankind.

Animals: The animals in the crib, such as sheep and oxen, symbolize nature and creation, reminding us that Jesus' birth had an impact on all creation.

Light: A star often shines above the crib, representing the Star of Bethlehem, which guided the Magi to the Christ child. This star symbolizes the light of Christ that enlightens the world and guides believers to the truth.

Overall, the Christmas crib is a powerful reminder to Christians of the deeper meaning of Christmas: the coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer of the world. Each element of the crib contributes to this meaning and invites believers to meditate on Jesus' teachings and celebrate his love and grace.

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

\$42,800 total

Plumbing

\$6,700 total

Tile Labor

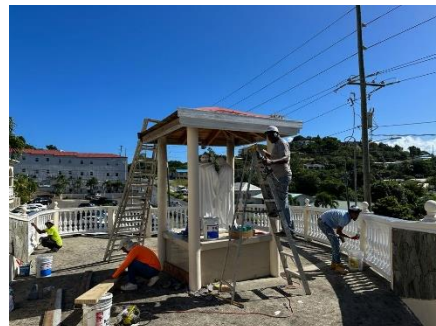
\$3,000

Electrician

\$1,000

????? The electrician still has to submit a bill for electrical work in the new restrooms.

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



Holy Family statue renovation



New altar's chairs

From the Pastor's Desk (Appointments)

- Orville "Sparrow" Rouse – Manager, Shrine
- Andrea Shillingford – Coordinator/Godmother, Altar Servers.

Let us congratulate and support Mr. Rouse and Mrs. Shillingford in their appointments.



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LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

Quatrième Dimanche de l'Avent Année B.

No. 007 DU DIMANCHE 24, Décembre 2023



REFERENCES BIBLIQUES

Premye Lekti: 2 Samyèl 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Sòm repons: Sòm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Dezyèm Lekti: Women 16:25-27

Levanjil: Lik 1:26-38

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: Nativite Senyè a

Is 52:7-10; Sòm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Eb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

MADI: Fèt Sen Etyèn, premye mati

Travay 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Sòm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

MÈKREDI: Fèt Sen Jan, Apot ak evanjelis

1 Jn 1:1-4 ; Sòm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jan 20:1a & 2-8

JEDI: Fèt Sen Inosan yo, mati

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Sòm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

VANDREDI: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sòm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lik 2:22-35

SAMDI: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sòm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lik 2:36-40

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: Fèt Sen Fanmi Jezi, Mari ak Jozèf, ane B

Mèt 3:2-6, 12-14; Sòm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Kol 3:12-21; Lik 2:22-40

Meditasyon Par Pere Modeste

Katriyèm Dimanch Lavan ane sa a se espesyal paske li tonbe dimanch ak 24 desanm, lavèy Nwèl la. Frè m ak sè m yo, litiji jodi a plonje nou nan kè mistè rankont Bondye ak moun.

Gade sèvant Seyè a

Nan premye lekti a, David fè remake ke finalman li sove anba lènmi l yo, e li rete nan yon kay, alòske Bwat Kontra Bondye a, ki te akonpaye pèp la nan vwayaj yo, toujou rete nan yon tant senp... Li ekspriye enkyetid li bay pwofèt Natan, men Bondye reponn pa mwayen pwofèt la: "Pa enkyete w pou kay mwen an, m ap bati yon kay pou ou..." Kay la nan kesyon an se desandan l yo, ki pral gouvènen pèp Izrayèl la. Anpil pita, nan Levanjil la, nou wè pwomès la akonpli. Se vre Jozèf, yon nonm ki soti nan kay David la, ki pral resevwa apèl Jezi, Pitit Bondye a, lakay li...

Men, se grasa Mari, fiyanse l la, ke pwomès sa a reyalize! Zanj lan anonse Mari ke li pral vin ansent yon pitit gason

Men, Mari poze yon sèl kesyon: "Ki jan sa pral rive?"

Yon fwa li gen repons lan, li tou senpleman di:

"Men sèvant Seyè a, se pou mwen sa ou te di."

San dout, zanj lan te deja reponn nenpòt krentif li te ka genyen ak pawòl senp sa yo:

"Bonjou, plen favè, Seyè a avèk ou," ak "Pa pè, Mari, paske ou jwenn favè devan Bondye."

Mari deja pare pou l di wi, li deja lage tèt li bay Bondye, li aksepte tout risk ak konfyans.

Se grasa "wi" sa a ke nou resevwa Jezikri Sovè nou an.

E pou nou jodi a, ki sa "wi" Mari vle di? Mari te bay Jezi bay mond lan, men li pa fini la. Jodi a, nou se pote yon mesaj, yon lespwa, ke nou responsab pou pote bay tout moun. Nou tout, nou batize, nou pote responsablite pou nou kontinye aksyon Mari, nan anonse ak pote Jezi bay tout moun! Epi nou ka pwoklame Jezi tou atravè temwayaj kominote fratènèl kote Jezi fè tèt li prezan, si nou ini nan non li! Menm jan ak Vyèj Mari a, èske nou pare pou reponn apèl Bondye a? Nou dwe toujou ap renouvle preparasyon nou pou reponn a apèl Bondye a.

Nan dènye e sèl jou sa a nan katriyèm semèn nan, nou gen yon ti tan ki rete pou fini prepare tèt nou pou reviv mistè vini Senyè a! Nan yon ti tan, nou pral kapab resevwa Jezi nan nou, atravè Lekaristik la. Se pou Sentsèn sa a ede nou di, oswa di ankò Bondye: Men mwen, Seyè. Kisa ou espere de mwen? Mwen se sèvitè ou. Nou gen sèlman kèk èdtan ki rete, kidonk ann viv yo plen! 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.

Pandan Lavan, pap gen mizik enstrimantal nan mès. Ann akonpanye chante a nan bat men nou.

Orè mès Samdi (Veyil): Apati samdi 23 desanm 2023, mès retounen a 5:00 pm jiska samdi 9 mas 2024. Tanpri, gide yo kòmsadwa.

Mèsi: Ministè CCD a remèsye sensèman ak apresyasyon pou tout moun ki te ede - kèlkeswa pati ou - epi ki te patisipe nan evènman "Deck the Hall with Christmas Carols". Patisipasyon w ak asistans ou te ede fè inisyativ sa a yon siksè rete san. Felisitasyon pou ganyan yo: Konsèy Pawas la (3yèm plas); Pitit Abraram yo (2yèm plas); ak Koral Granmoun an (1ye plas). Se te vre yon dimanch lajwa! Bòn fèt ak Jwaye Nwèl pou tout moun!

Atik manje ki pa gate: Atik manje ki pa gate yo kolekte nan wikenn sa a pral benefisye òganizasyon charitab Katolik ak fèmèn pawas nou an. Nou remèsye ou pou jenerozite ou.

Fèmti Biwo: Biwo legliz la ap fèmèn lendi 25 desanm 2023, nan obsèvan Nwèl la, ak madi 26 desanm 2023, nan obsèvan Dezyèm Jou Nwèl la.

Necrologium: Kominote Pawas Fanmi Sen an bay Dianne Tyson ak fanmi l yon kondolite sensè pou lanmò sè li, Merle Penha Murphy, ki te mouri mèkredi 20 desanm 2023 nan Maryland. Se pou nanm li ak nanm fidèl yo te kite grasa mizèrikòd Bondye a repoze anpè. Amèn.

SOUWÈ NWÈL

A tout fidèl nan nou yo nan kay yo mwen swete yon bòn Pawas Sentepri Fanmi ak tout moun ki malad Nwèl ak sen. Se pou pitit Jezi nan Manje a pote nou anpil plis lajwa ak lanmou pou bati inite Legliz nou an, Fanmi Bondye.

—Pere Modeste, Administratè Pawas

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, 16 - 17 desanm

OF: \$3,227.24

6:00 pm: \$573.00

7:30 am: \$1,413.00

10:00 am: \$1,029.88

5:00 pm: \$211.36

DEZYÈM KOLEKSYON: \$1,323.00

KOLEKSYON SEKIRITE: \$859.84

Ofri jou lasemèn: 12/20: \$33.00

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

www.holyfamilystt.com

Mèsi pou jenerozite 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

CHRISTMAS WISHES

To all the faithful of the Holy Family Parish and to all our sick people in the homes I wish a happy and holy Christmas. May the child Jesus in the manger bring us much more joy and love to build the unity of our Church, Family of God.

—Father Modeste, Parish Administrator



Pastor Father Modeste



Church Secretary Ms C. A. White



Charlotte Amalie High School's Chevel Simeon, with plaque, has been selected as the 2023 Teacher of the Year for the St. Thomas-St. John District. She is an English Literature and Composition instructor. The other finalists included Candeya Turnbull-Browne, second from right, from Ulla F. Muller Elementary School, and Dara Battiste, third from right, of Ivanna Eudora Kean. Also pictured during the Wednesday award ceremony at Columbian Hall in Estate Tutu, St. Thomas, is Lt. Gov. Tregenza Roach, far right.

Congratulations, Ms. Cheval Simeon! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!



The Young St. Vincentians socializing



CCD's Deck the Hall Christmas Carol
December 17, 2023



New couple married in our church
Saturday, December 16, 2023

Pastoral Executive Committee

Fr. Modeste Digwou
Monique Ferrell
Vincia St. Jean
Mia Pascal
Louise Fontaine
Jean Dragin
Oliver "Bobby" Williams
Glendia Caines
Silia Erilis
Myrtha Bourdeau
Betty Bast
Sinclair St. Luce
Bert Toussaint
Pierre Joseph
Francis Callwood
Gerard "Balbo" Castor

Pastoral Animation Team

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Jean Dragin
Oliver "Bobby" Williams
Glendia Caines
Silia Erilis
Francis Callwood
Mona Bedminster
Carmen White

Economic Parish Council

Fr. Modeste Digwou
Louise Fontaine
Mona Bedminster
Jean Dragin
Jennifer Johnson
Claudia Winston
Oliver "Bobby" Williams

Decoration Committee

Viola Williams
Hilda Celesstine
Silia Erilis
Angele Lundy
Oliver "Bobby" Williams
MacFarlane Babulal
Glendia Caines

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Offerings, December 16 - 17

OFFERING: \$3,227.24

6:00 PM: \$573.00 7:30 AM: \$1,413.00

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SECOND COLLECTION: \$1,323.00

SECURITY COLLECTION: \$859.84

Weekday Offerings: 12/20: \$33.00

Online giving can be made through our website at:

www.holyfamilystt.com

Thank you for your generosity!

Church Attendance: 306 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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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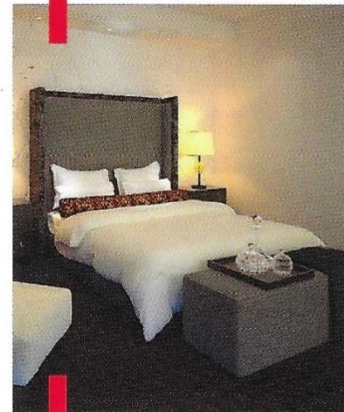
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