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Holy Family Church



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Office Hours:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Mass Schedule

MondayNo 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.

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 IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14, 2024

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 **Gospel:** John 1:35-42

Reflection by Rev Fr Modeste

Since last Monday, we've been back in Ordinary Time. I love this "Ordinary" Liturgical Season, because it's the Season of Ordinary Holiness.

Word of God for this 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: **"Here I am**..."

The story of Samuel's vocation echoes the famous "Here I am" found in the sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination. Samuel is asked to respond with love. In his "Here I am," there is obedience, affection and availability. These are inspiring spiritual attitudes. The Lord can call whom He will, when He will. However, there are favorable circumstances. Samuel hears God's Call while in an atmosphere of prayer. He is open to hearing God's Word. As for the Apostles of the Gospel, companions of John the Baptist, they are searching. At first, Samuel doesn't understand that God is calling him. His response takes time. It's the time of maturation and discernment. Should we be afraid of sometimes dwelling on questions? Sometimes it's hard to interpret God's call: three times, Samuel thought it was Eli calling him. In the end, the priest understands and shows the child the attitude he needs to adopt to be able to respond to God.

Intermediaries are essential to discernment. They don't necessarily tell us what to do: John the Baptist simply points to the *Lamb of God*, and the two disciples leave him to follow Jesus. Eli is more precise: *"Go back to bed, and if you are called, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'."* They are at the service of the relationship with God. They know how to be present, but also how to stand aside. They do not choose for those called. It's up to them to say: *"Here I am." Amen.*

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

- **MONDAY:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mk 2:18-22
- **TUESDAY:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY: Saint Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11; Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 13th

- 5:00 PM Marie Renal & family → God's protection & guidance rb Marie Renal
 - Duane Motta → Birthday blessings rb Mom & family

SUNDAY, January 14th

7:30 AM **† Cornelious Blaize** → Repose of Soul rb his wife, Nazarine Blaize

- Patsy Grell → Healing, guidance, & protection rb her children and grandchildren
- 10:00 AM Megan René \rightarrow Birthday blessings rb the René family
- 5:00 PM **Opener St. Fort** \rightarrow Repose of Soul rb Angie

MONDAY, January $15^{th} \rightarrow NO$ MASS

TUESDAY, January 16th 7:00 AM – Jennifer Johnson → Birthday blessings rb her children & grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, January 17th 7:00 AM **† Yvonne Freeman** → Repose of Soul

THURSDAY, January 18th

7:00 AM – Teachers of the Religious Education Program \rightarrow In thanksgiving

FRIDAY, January 19th

7:00 AM **† Yvonne Freeman** → Repose of Soul

SATURDAY, January 20th

- 5:00 PM Mary Wells \rightarrow Birthday blessings rb her sister, Paula, & family
 - Lewis Anthony → Birthday blessings rb Jane Ann Casey

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 **January 13th to January 19th** for God's continued blessings on Sonia Herbert, requested by Beverly McClendon.

Dates to Remember:

- Infant Baptism: Will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Preparatory classes will take place on Friday, January 12th and 19th at 6:00 PM in the lower Columban Hall. Register your children now.
- Sons of Abraham will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM in lower Columban Hall.
- Healing Mass: Our monthly Mass for the sick will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Restrooms: Let's keep our restrooms clean at all times.

Cash Raffle: The Students and Parents of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School are conducting a Christmas Cash Raffle. The breakdown is as follows: One ticket costs \$10.00; One book of 11 tickets costs \$100.00.

The prizes are: First Prize: \$10,000; Second Prize: \$3,000.00; Third Prize: \$1,500.00; Fourth Prize: \$1,000.00; Fifth Prize: \$500.00.

The drawing will take place on **Saturday, February 10th,** during our Annual International Dinner Event as usual in our School's Courtyard!!!! For additional information, call 340-626-3903.

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.

Liturgical Master Schedule for February: Leaders of Liturgical Ministries are requested to submit their respective schedules for February via the Church email by Wednesday, January 17, 2024. We thank you for your cooperation.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on **Monday**, **January 15, 2024**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Necrologium: The funeral service for **Merle Penha Murphy** will take place on **Friday, January 19, 2024** 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.

From the Pastor's Desk (Appointments)

Coordinator/Godmother, Altar Servers: Andrea Shillingford Parish Gift shop: Ivinia James / Saint Joseph Workers Hospitality lounge: Hilda Celestine / Saint Vincent de Paul / Ushers

Restrooms: Sons of Abraham

Cassi Hill Shrine: Orville "Sparrow" Rouse

Holy Family Statue Grotto: Saint Joseph Workers Coordinator, Altar Servers: Andrea Shillingford

Sacristy: Silia Erilis / Julio Comperè

Decoration Committee: Viola Williams / Hilda Celestine **Social Committee:** Felecine "Baby" Marcellin / Mia Pascal/

Alicia Douté

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 20 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

Liturgical Ordinary Time

Organization of Ordinary Time

The first part begins on the Sunday after Jesus' Baptism and ends on the eve of Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent (January 14 – February 14). The second period of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and continues until the end of the liturgical year, with the New Year starting on the first Sunday of Advent.

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time takes place during 2 distinct periods of the liturgical year. In fact, between the Lord's Baptism and Ash Wednesday, and between Pentecost and Advent, there is a time known as "Ordinary," in the sense of familiar habitual (ordinarius), close to the daily course of life.

Why Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time is the time when we can experience the riches of the liturgy at our ease, deepening and ruminating on them, so that they produce their full fruits in us. It offers us the opportunity to let down into our hearts all that the highlights of the liturgy have filled us with.

> **Question and Answer:** Q. What is the given name of Pope Francis? A. Jorge Mario Bergoglio



Parish Activities Work



Appreciation of Chief Constructor "Balbo" Castor



Holy Family statue



Completed security fence



Gift shop



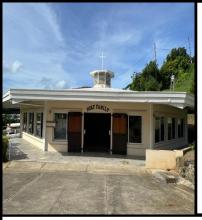
Female restroom







Hospitality Lounge



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LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

Deuxième Dimanche du Temps Ordinaire, Année B.



REFERENCES BIBLIQUES

Premye Lekti: 1 Samyèl 3:3b-10, 19 Sòm repons: Sòm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 Dezyèm Lekti: 1 Korentyen 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Levanjil: Jan 1:35-42

LEKTI EKRITI NAN SEMÈN LA

- LENDI: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sòm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mak 2:18-22
- MADI: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sòm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mak 2:23-28
- MÈKREDI: Sen Anton, Abba 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sòm 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mak 3:1-6
- JEDI: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sòm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mak 3:7-12
- VANDREDI: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sòm 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11; Mak 3:13-19
- SAMDI: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sòm 80:2-3, 5-7; Mak 3:20-21
- PROCHÈN DIMANCH: 3yèm Dimanch nan Tan Òdinè, ane B Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sòm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Kor 7:29-31; Mak 1:14-20

No. 010 DU DIMANCHE 14 JANVIER 2024

Meditasyon Par Pere Modeste

Depi lendi pase a, nou te tounen nan tan òdinè. Mwen renmen Sezon Litijik "Òdinè" sa a, paske se Sezon Sente Òdinè a.

Pawòl Bondye a pou 2yèm Dimanch nan Tan Òdinè sa a: "*Men mwen...*"

Istwa vokasyon Samyèl la fè eko pi popilè "*Men mwen ye*" yo jwenn nan sakreman Konfimasyon ak Òdinasyon. Yo mande Samyèl pou I reponn ak lanmou. Nan "*Men mwen ye,*" gen obeyisans, afeksyon ak disponiblite. Sa yo se enspire atitid espirityèl. Senyè a ka rele moun li vle, lè li vle. Sepandan, gen sikonstans favorab. Samyèl tande apèl Bondye pandan I nan yon atmosfè nan lapriyè. Li louvri pou tande Pawòl Bondye a. Kanta pou Apot Levanjil yo, konpayon Jan Batis, y ap chèche. Okòmansman, Samyèl pa konprann ke Bondye ap rele I. Repons li pran tan. Se tan spirasyon ak disènman. Èske nou ta dwe pè pafwa rete sou kesyon? Pafwa li difisil pou entèprete apèl Bondye a: twa fwa, Samyèl te panse se Eli ki t ap rele I. Finalman, prèt la konprann epi montre timoun nan atitid li bezwen adopte pou l ka reponn ak Bondye.

Entèmedyè yo esansyèl pou disènman. Yo pa nesesèman di nou sa pou nou fè: Jan Batis tou senpleman montre **ti Mouton Bondye** a, epi de disip yo kite l suiv Jezi. Eli pi presi: "Tounen nan kabann, epi si yo rele w, di: 'Pale, Seyè, sèvitè w la ap koute'." Yo nan sèvis relasyon ak Bondye. Yo konnen ki jan yo dwe prezan, men tou ki jan yo kanpe sou kote. Yo pa chwazi pou moun ki rele. Se yo pou yo di: "Men mwen ye." Amèn.

ANONS PAWAS YO

Dat pou sonje:

- Batèm Tibebe: Ap fèt dimanch 21 janvye 2024. Klas preparasyon yo ap fèt vandredi 12 ak 19 janvye a 6:00 pm nan Sal Columban ki pi ba a. Anrejistre pitit ou yo kounye a.
- Pitit Abraram pral rankontre **jedi 18 janvye 2024** a 6:00 pm nan pi ba Columban Hall.
- Mès Gerizon: Mès nou an chak mwa pou malad yo ap fèt **vandredi 26 janvye 2024** a 6:00 pm.

Twalèt: Ann kenbe twalèt nou yo pwòp tout tan.

Raf Lajan Kach: Elèv yo ak Paran Sts. Lekòl Katolik Pyè ak Pòl ap fè yon raf Nwèl. Dekonpozisyon an se jan sa a: Yon tikè koute \$10.00; Yon liv 11 tikè koute \$100.00.

Pwi yo se: Premye Pri: \$10,000; Dezyèm Pri: \$3,000.00; Twazyèm Pri: \$1,500.00; Katriyèm Pri: \$1,000.00; Senkyèm pri: \$500.00.

Desen an pral fèt **samdi 10 fevriye,** pandan Evènman Dine Entènasyonal Anyèl nou an kòm dabitid nan Lakou Lekòl nou an!!!! Pou plis enfòmasyon, rele 340-626-3903.

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

Orè Mèt Litijik pou Fevriye: Lidè Ministè Litijik yo mande pou yo soumèt orè respektif yo pou Fevriye atravè imèl Legliz la anvan Mèkredi 17 janvye 2024. Nou remèsye w pou koperasyon w.

Fèmti Biwo: Biwo legliz la ap fèmen lendi 15 janvye 2024, nan konsèvasyon Jounen Martin Luther King Jr.

Necrologium: Sèvis fineray pou **Merle Penha Murphy** ap fèt **vandredi 19 janvye 2024** a 10:00 am nan Holy Family Church. Se pou nanm li ak nanm fidèl yo te ale grasa mizèrikòd Bondye a repoze anpè. Amèn.

MAS MANDE

Entansyon an mas se pou repoz nan nanm nan Opener St Fort, mande pa Angie.

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

JOU ENDEPANDANS AYISYEN, 1E JANVYE Ofri: \$317.00 Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$80.00 ÒF NAN WEKEND PASE A, 6-7 JANVYE Ofri: \$9,754.89 5:00 pm: \$802.00 7:30 am: \$7,616.09 10:00 am: \$1,208.00 5:00 pm: \$128.00 Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$2,049.00 ÒF LA SEMÈN: 10/1: \$42.00 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.

Bon ane 2024!

Parish Life



Church Secretary

Ms C. A. White

Parish Administrator Father Modeste

Condolences from Father Collins Etienne Titsaning from Cameroon

Oh dear, it hurts to know that this mother *Mrs. Yvonne Freeman* who has always been with us is no longer. It's true that I saw her attentive and welcoming. That's it; it's our way. We pray to the Lord to forgive her sins and to welcome her into his paradise, and may her soul rest in peace.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." **(Mt 24:36)**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." **(Mt 24:42)**

Pastoral Executive Committee

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May her Soul rest in peace.



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: Blaizia Alcendor, 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)

Church Attendance:

362 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.

Praver 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,



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE **MONTH OF JANUARY**

Cost of Envelopes	January 1
Permanent Diaconate	January 6-7
Restoration Fund	January 6-7
Monthly School Support	January 13-14
Property Insurance	January 20-21
Security Fence	January 20-21
Capital Improvements	January 27-28

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, JANUARY 1		
Offering: \$317.00		
Second Collection: \$80.0	0	
LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS, JANUARY 6-7		
Offering: \$9,754.89		
5:00 PM: \$802.00	7:30 AM: \$7,616.09	
10:00 AM: \$1,208.00	5:00 PM: \$128.00	
Second Collection: \$2,049.00		
WEEKDAY OFFERINGS: 1/10: \$42.00		
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