



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."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection by Rev Fr Modeste

“Walk, bow down, go back like the Magi”: Great mystery of God’s love.

Beloved, this Sunday is called Epiphany or Three Kings Magi Sunday. It is the manifestation of the light to mankind.

“By revelation, God has made known to me the mystery. This mystery is that all nations are associated with the same inheritance, the same body, sharing in the same promise, in Christ Jesus, through the proclamation of the Gospel,” this is what Saint Paul said to the Ephesians in our second reading. This is what we celebrate in the feast of Epiphany, the manifestation of God’s love for all mankind.

At the same time, we might ask why St. Paul speaks of a mystery revealed to him? Did Paul never read the Scriptures?

I/ All children of the same Father.

Paul is well aware that in Genesis, through the creation of Adam, the whole of humanity has already been brought forth by God. In his Gospel, Matthew takes up the third part of the book of Isaiah, an extract from which we read in the 1st reading. Universal salvation is not a discovery of Paul’s, an invention of the New Testament; it is a mystery that is present throughout Scripture, in the Law and the Prophets.

II/ The mystery of refusing the other.

Paul had to fight hard to get the nascent Church to accept that everyone, Jew or Gentile, man or woman, free man or slave, is a child of the same Father and the recipient of the same salvation. The Church of today is still asking itself whether it can welcome this or that category of people, as it did in other times for the American Indians. Are they really our brothers and sisters in Christ? Epiphany’s answer is that, yes, we are all children of the same Father and recipients of the same salvation. The great mystery is that we still find it so hard to hear this, to live it and to accept it in our lives.

III/ The universality of salvation.

Epiphany is the manifestation of light, the universality of salvation for all, represented in our Gospel by the Magi. The Magi – that’s the word of the Gospel, and popular devotion later turned them into kings – who came from who knows where, represent the whole of humanity. Over time, they were given names, and their diverse origins were marked by the inclusion of a black man among them. There are no limits to God’s salvation. His love knows no boundaries. His light shines for all nations.

Universality is inscribed in the Torah (the Law) and taught by the Prophets; it is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and all that remains is to live it and bear witness to it. He is in heaven in the glory of the Father, praying unceasingly for us and with us (cf. Hebrews 7:25). Through this Eucharist, we join him, becoming modern-day Magi for the greater glory of God.

Amen!

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: *The Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY: 1 Sm 4:1-11; 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mk 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 6th

5:00 PM – **Felix Renal** → God’s guidance & protection rb his mother, Marie Renal

– **Marie Freeman Anthony** → Birthday blessings rb her parents & her sons, Dominik & Elijah

† **Euralne Riviere** → Repose of Soul rb her daughter, Glenda

SUNDAY, January 7th

7:30 AM † **Oliver Francis** → Repose of Soul rb his daughter, Nazarine Blaize

† **Holy Souls in Purgatory** → rb Marcial La Place

10:00 AM – **Susan Pariall** → Birthday blessings rb Alleyne Thomas

5:00 PM – **Marie Romene Ismaelis & family** → In thanksgiving for all blessings received, & good health, rb Marie

– **Richard Badeau** → Birthday blessings & guidance rb his mother, Angele

MONDAY, January 8th → NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 9th

7:00 AM – **Juliot Voufon** → God’s guidance, protection, & blessings rb the 7 AM Early Risers

WEDNESDAY, January 10th

7:00 AM – **The children and grandchildren of Yvonne Brutus** → God’s guidance & protection

– **Simmons James** → Birthday blessings rb Ms. Paula & Viola

THURSDAY, January 11th

7:00 AM – **Balbo Construction** → In thanksgiving & God’s blessings

FRIDAY, January 12th

7:00 AM – In thanksgiving for the **church volunteers**

SATURDAY, January 13th

5:00 PM – **Marie Renal & family** → God’s protection & guidance rb Marie Renal

– **Duane Motta** → Birthday blessings rb Mom & family

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 6th to January 12th** for birthday blessings and God's continued guidance, protection, and a healthy and rewarding new year for **Henrique Foy**, requested by his mother.

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.
- **Healing Mass:** Our monthly Mass for the sick will be held on **Friday, January 26, 2024** at 6:00 PM.

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.

Necrologium: Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Hilda Celestine** and family on the passing of her uncle, **Glennis Celestine**, brother of Joachin Celestine. Glennis died on December 28, 2023 in Dominica.

Fr. Modeste Digwou, Holy Family Church Administrator, regrets to announce the death of **Mrs. Yvonne Freeman**, a parishioner of Holy Family Church, who passed away on the night of Thursday, January 4, 2024 after a restful sleep. While awaiting the program of her funeral, I ask you to join us in praying for the repose of her soul.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

From the Pastor's Desk (Appointments)

Manager, Shrine: Orville "Sparrow" Rouse

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

The church's mission is to protect and defend family life.

In the wake of the publication of the Vatican document ***"Fiducia Supplicans"***

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement emphasizing the "distinction between liturgical (sacramental) blessings and pastoral blessings": "The Church's teaching on marriage and sexuality has not changed, and this statement affirms that, while striving to accompany people with pastoral blessings, because each of us needs God's beneficent love and mercy in our lives."

Diocesan approaches have varied. Some bishops, like Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston (Minnesota), insist that the Church continues to prohibit homosexual activity: "It is impossible for us to bless a homosexual union (...) [but] we can bless people who are not yet living in full accord with the Gospel," said the bishop.

Other bishops, such as Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago, saw the Vatican document as a positive step for the Church. "We welcome this declaration, which will help many members of our community to feel God's closeness and compassion," said the cardinal.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, Filipino Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan, took a similar approach that emphasizes the Church's teaching on homosexual behavior, stating that appropriate blessings for couples in irregular situations would be to "ask God to have mercy on them and give them the grace of conversion so that they can regularize their relationships."

Bishop Barron as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Says New Vatican Document Affirms Church's Timeless Teaching on Marriage. *"The blessings that it allows for those in irregular relationships are not liturgical in nature and hence do not imply any approbation of such relationships. Rather, these benedictions are informal and spontaneous, designed to call upon God's mercy to heal, guide, and strengthen."*

In conclusion, ***"Fiducia Supplicans"*** is very much congruent with Pope Francis's long-held conviction that those who do not live up to the full demand of the Church's moral teaching are nevertheless loved and cherished by God and invited to accept the Lord's offer of forgiveness."

Parish Activities Work



Appreciation of Chief Constructor "Balbo" Castor



Holy Family statue



Completed security fence



Gift shop



Female restroom



Hospitality Lounge



Male restroom



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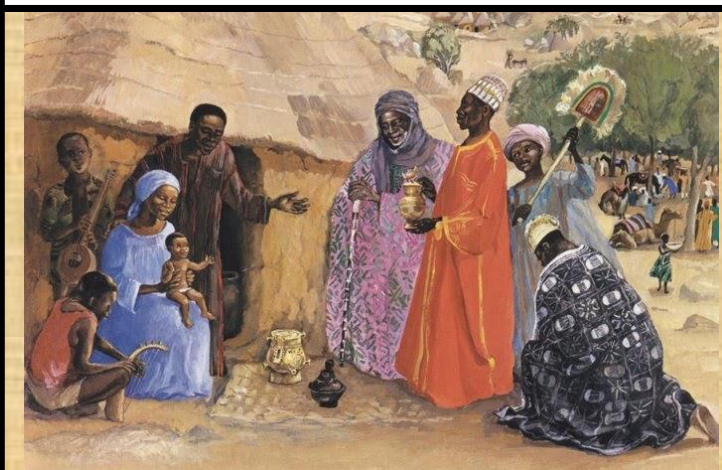
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LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

L'Épiphanie du Seigneur, Année B.

No. 009 DU DIMANCHE 7 JANVIER 2024



Meditasyon Par Pere Modeste

Epifani Senyè a oswa Fèt Twa Wa 2024 Anè B:

“**Mache, ajenou, tounen tankou maj yo**”: Gwo mistè lanmou Bondye. Mezanmi, dimanch sa a rele Epifani oswa dimanch twa wa maji. Li se manifestasyon limyè a pou limanite.

“*Grasa revelasyon, Bondye fè m konnen mistè a. Mistè sa a se ke tout nasyon yo asosye ak menm eritaj la, menm kò a, patisipe nan menm pwomès la, nan Jezikri, atravè pwoklamasyon Levanjil la,*” se sa Sen Pòl te di Efezyen yo nan dezyèm lekti nou an. Se sa nou selebre nan fèt Epifani a, manifestasyon lanmou Bondye pou tout limanite.

An menm tan, nou ta ka mande poukisa Sen Pòl pale de yon mistè revele li? Èske Pòl pa t janm li Ekriti yo?

I/ Tout pitit menm Papa.

Pòl byen konnen nan Jenèz, atravè kreyasyon Adan an, limanite antye te deja fèt pa Bondye. Nan Levanjil li a, Matye pran twazyèm pati liv Ezayi a, yon extrait nou li nan 1ye lekti a. Delivrans inivèsèl se pa yon dekouvèt Pòl la, yon envansyon Nouvo Testaman an; se yon mistè ki prezan nan tout Ekriti yo, nan Lalwa ak Pwofèt yo.

II/ Mistè refize lòt la.

Pòl te oblije goumen anpil pou fè Legliz la ki te kòmanse aksepte ke tout moun, jwif oswa moun lòt nasyon, gason oswa fanm, gason ki lib oswa esklav, se yon pitit nan menm Papa a ak moun k ap resevwa menm sali a. Legliz la jodi a toujou ap mande tèt li si li kapab akeyi sa a oswa yon kategori moun, jan li te fè nan lòt tan pou Endyen Ameriken yo. Èske yo vrèman frè ak sè nou nan Kris la? Repons Epifani a se ke, wi, nou tout se pitit menm Papa a ak moun k ap resevwa menm sali a. Gwo mistè a se ke nou toujou jwenn li tèlman difisil pou tande sa, viv li ak aksepte li nan lavi nou.

III/ Inivèsalite delivrans lan.

Epifani se manifestasyon limyè, inivèsalite delivrans pou tout moun, maj yo reprezante nan Levanjil nou an. Maji yo - se pawòl Levanjil la, ak devosyon popilè pita fè yo tounen wa - ki soti nan ki konnen ki kote, reprezante tout limanite. Apre yon tan, yo te ba yo non, ak orijin divès yo te make pa enklizyon de yon nonm nwa nan mitan yo. Pa gen limit pou delivrans Bondye. Lanmou li pa konnen limit. Limyè li klere pou tout nasyon.

Inivèsalite enskri nan Tora a (Lwa a) epi pwofèt yo anseye; li akonpli nan Jezikri, e tout sa ki rete se viv li epi rann temwayaj sou li. Li nan syèl la nan tout bèl pouvwa Papa a, li lapriyé san rete pou nou e avèk nou (cf. Ebre 7:25). Atravè Ekaristik sa a, nou vin jwenn li, nou vin tounen maj modèn pou pi gwo glwa Bondye a. Amèn!

REFERENCES BIBLIQUES

Premye Lekti: Ezayi 60:1-6

Sòm repons: Sòm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Dezyèm Lekti: Efezyen 3:2-3a, 5-6

Levanjil: Matye 2:1-12

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: Batèm Granmèt la Is 42:1-4, 6-7;

Sòm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mak 1:7-11

MADI: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Samyèl 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mak 1:21-28

MÈKREDI: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sòm 40:2 ak 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;

Mak 1:29-39

JEDI: 1 Sm 4:1-11; 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mak 1:40-45

VANDREDI: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; 89:16-17, 18-19; Mak 2:1-12

SAMDI: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mak 2:13-17

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: 2yèm Dimanch nan Tan Òdinè, anè B

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sòm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

1 Kor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jan 1:35-42

ANONS PAWAS YO

Mès chak jou: Nou ankouraje tout fidèl yo pou yo asiste mès Sen chak jou, madi rive jedi nan legliz la a 7:00 am ak vandredi 7:00 am nan Sanktyèl la.

Adorasyon Sentsèn ak Konfesyon yo fèt chak Mèkredi apre mès 7:00 am.

Antretyen Legliz ak twalèt: Twalèt nou yo fonksyone kounye a; ann byen sèvi ak yo. Lapwòpte twalèt nou yo, ak tout pawas la, depann de nou tout; evite jete sèvyèt men ak pwodwi fi nan bòl twalèt yo oswa sou planche a. Tanpri itilize poubèl yo bay yo. Epitou, pa kite boutèy dlo, tisi femenin, sirèt, oswa lòt fatra nan legliz la.

Dat pou sonje:

Batèm Tibebe: Ap fèt dimanch 21 janvyè 2024. Klas preparasyon ap fèt vandredi 12 ak 19 janvyè a 6:00 pm nan Sal Columban ki pi ba a. Anrejistre pitit ou yo kounye a.

Mès Gerizon: Mès nou an chak mwa pou malad yo ap fèt vandredi 26 janvyè 2024 a 6:00 pm.

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; Katyiyèm 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.

Necrologium: Kominote Pawas Fanmi Sen an bay Hilda Celestine ak fanmi l yon senpati sensè pou lanmò tonton li, Glennis Celestine, frè Joachin Celestine. Glennis te mouri 28 desanm 2023 nan Dominik.

Fr. Modeste Digwou, Administratè Legliz Sen Fanmi, regrete anonse lanmò Madan Yvonne Freeman, yon pawasyen Legliz Sen Fanmi, ki mouri nan nwit jedi 4 janvyè 2024 la apre yon dòmi repoze. Pandan m ap tann pwogram antèman li a, mwen mande w pou w vin jwenn nou nan priyè pou repo nanm li.

Se pou nanm yo ak nanm fidèl yo kite grasa mizèrikòd Bondye a repoze anpè. Amèn.

MAS MANDE

Entansyon mès la se pou Marie Romene Ismaelis ak fanmi, nan remèsiman pou tout benediksyon resevwa, ak sante, mande pa Marie.

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

ÒF WEKEND pase a, 31 DESANM

Ofri: 9:00 am: \$3,064.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$1,177.00

ÒF NOUVEL ANE A: \$2,780.00

9:00 pm Vigilye: \$1,644.00 9:00 am: \$1,136.00

2yèm KOLEKSYON NOUVEL ANE A: \$440.00

Ofri jou lasemèn: \$25.00

1/3: \$10.00

1/5: \$15.00

Yo ka fè bay sou entènèt sou sitwèb nou an nan: www.holyfamilystt.com

Mèsi pou jenerezite 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.

Bòn ane 2024!

Parish Life



Parish Administrator
Father Modeste



Church Secretary Ms C. A. White



Patronal feast Holy Mass



After Friday morning Mass at
the Shrine—our last celebration
with a seminarian.

Pastoral Executive Committee

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Glendia Caines
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Myrtha Bourdeau
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Bert Toussaint
Pierre Joseph
Francis Callwood
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Decoration Committee

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Hilda Celesstine
Silia Erilis
Angele Lundy
Oliver “Bobby” Williams
MacFarlane Babulal
Glendia Caines

FATHER MODESTE NEW YEAR 2024 WISHES.

Beloved brothers and sisters
Dear parishioners

The end of each year gives us the opportunity to take stock of the past year and better prepare ourselves to enter the New Year with faith and hope. We did this last night during our Holy Hour and New Year’s Eve Mass.

Today is also an opportunity for me to give thanks with you for the time we have together. It’s been a few months, less than six months, since I’ve been among you. Six months is not yet the time of maturity, nor of perfection. It’s a time when we’re still struggling, still discovering ourselves.

On this New Year’s Day, I’d like first of all to humbly ask your forgiveness for any misunderstandings that may have arisen, and to thank you for everything we’re doing together to ensure that God’s reign is built in our parish. A reign of peace, justice, unity and love.

I greatly appreciate your individual and collective efforts that can lead us to the fulfillment of our pastoral plan. I’d like to thank you once again for all you’ve done, for all you’re doing and for all you’re going to do to make this parish more and more beautiful. Yesterday at the Holy Family feast, I said that it was difficult for me to say thank you by name, because each of you is an actor in what we have done and what we are doing. May each of you find yourselves in my thank you. Thank you also for everything you do to support and encourage me in my always difficult task.

I love you all with all my heart, and my best wish for you is the one offered by the church today: *“May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you, may he grant you his grace and his peace.”*

Happy and fruitful year of good health, happiness and prosperity to each of you and your families.

May God bless you!

Rev Fr, Modeste Digwou. Parish Administrator

*Happy New Year
2024!*

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:

207 persons attended the patronal feast Holy Mass.

215 persons attended Holy Mass on Old/New Years.

123 persons attended Haitian Independence Day Holy Mass.

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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

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERINGS, DECEMBER 31

Offering: 9:00 AM: \$3,064.00

Second Collection: \$1,177.00

NEW YEAR'S OFFERING: \$2,780.00

9:00 PM Vigil: \$1,644.00 9:00 AM: \$1,136.00

NEW YEAR'S 2ND COLLECTION: \$440.00

Weekday Offerings: \$25.00

1/3: \$10.00

1/5: \$15.00

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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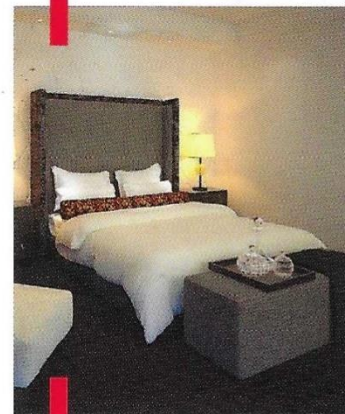
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