



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.
Friday 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Isaac Agbenohevi
Emergency: (340) 203-3798

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Carmen A. White

Accountant: Ms. Penrose Gardiner

Religious Ed. Director: Ms. M. René

Music Director: Mr. Francis Callwood

Sacristans

- Ms. Silia Erilis • Orville "Sparrow" Rouse (weekdays)
- Mr. Julio Comperè • Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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."

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7th, 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024

WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4.13-15.22-24

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Theme: "The Mercy of God – Our Place of Refuge"

The Second Sunday of Easter is traditionally considered as the Divine Mercy Sunday. It celebrates the unconditional and immeasurable mercy and compassion of God which spring from his love for humanity. The entire paschal mystery, which we celebrate at Easter, is triggered by God's love, mercy and compassion. It is, in this context, that we discover our true selves, our identity and our mission as Christians. The Easter mystery challenges to live a new life in the light of God – the life of the resurrection. This new life is inspired by and lived in Jesus Christ, the author and perfect of our Faith. It is in living a life of love, mercy, and compassion that we truly live as the people of the resurrection. The Risen Lord, in the gospel, does not only empower the apostles to forgive sins, but also, by extension, challenges all of us to forgive those who have offended us and love one another. Let us ask the Lord for the grace of forgiveness confident of living a life of mercy, compassion and love. It is in the mercy of God that we find refuge and security in the different scenes of life.

Prayer:

Lord God,

In your unfathomable love and mercy, you forgive us our sins through Jesus Christ, our Passover lamb. Increase our love for you and for one another so that we will always find true communion and fellowship in you, our refuge and security.

Amen!!



Let us demonstrate our spirituality of stewardship in our church by being grateful and generous with the gifts we have received from God. Support our Bishop's Appeal and be an active part of our pastoral and evangelization efforts. Take a brochure and enclosed envelope for the offertory basket or mail contributions. Utilize the QR Code or our website for convenient online donations. Thank you for embodying stewardship through your generosity.

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps. 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;

Heb 10:4-10; Jn 1:14ab; Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:14-15;

Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26; Ps.34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16;

Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33; PS 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 20:29;

Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 4:4b; Jn 6:1-15;

SATURDAY: Acts 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Cf. Lk 24:32; Lk 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 6th

7:00 PM - **N'Koya Browne** → Birthday blessings rb Her mother and grandmother

- **Vivian Oversen** → Birthday blessings rb Giffit & Hodge Families

SUNDAY, April 7th

7:30 AM – **† McFarlane Henry Babulal** → Repose of Soul rb His Family

10:00 AM - **Edwina Fingal** → To Our Lady of Fatima rb Lola Warrington

- **Roland Adrienne** → Thanksgiving Celebration rb Irman Francis

5:00 PM – **Wesley By** → Birthday blessings rb his mother

MONDAY, April 8th – NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 9th – Fr. Modeste & family → God's blessings & healing – rb 7AM Early Risers

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

7:00 AM **† For the Holy Souls Purgatory** → rb Serge LaPlace

THURSDAY, April 11th

7:00 AM - **Alma Wells & Lola Warrington for God's continued blessing and protection**

FRIDAY, April 12th

7:00 AM - **Orville " Sparrow" Rouse**, rb Hilda Celestine, Ivinia James, Sharon & Derrick Davis & Julius Felix

SATURDAY , April 13th

5:00 PM **† Alvin McBean** → Repose of Soul rb His wife Olga

† Joseph Adrien Ledee → Repose of Soul rb his relatives

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 **April 6th to April 12th** for **Early Morning Risers**. God's continued blessings, guidance, and protection for



Altar Flowers: Parishioners are encouraged to assist in beautifying the church by sponsoring flowers for any special event. Please contact the office with your intent.

Bishop's Appeal – Week 9: Let us demonstrate our spirituality of stewardship in our church by being grateful and generous with the gifts we have received from God. Support our Bishop's Appeal and be an active part of our pastoral and evangelization efforts. Take a brochure and enclosed envelope for the offertory basket or mail contributions. Utilize the QR Code or our website for convenient online donations. Thank you for embodying stewardship through your generosity. Please remember to complete and return your **Bishop's Appeal envelope**.

The 250th Jubilee Anniversary Committee: Tickets for the dinner dance are now available for \$150.00 per person in the church office or from the members of the Jubilee Committee. You can also call 340-775-7547 or 340-244-2448 for more information.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Will be celebrated on **Sunday April 7, 2024** at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral at **2:00pm**. Confession and Adoration will be held after the Mass.

Youth Meeting: Fr. Isaac will meet with the youth of the parish, ages 6 to 45 years, **Friday, April 12, 2024** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Necrologium: Funeral Holy Mass and burial of Rev. Father George Franklin will take place on **Tuesday April 13, 2024** in St. Patrick Church, Frederiksted, St. Croix. If you would like to send a tribute, contact James Funeral Home in St. Croix.

Condolences to Rev. Fr. Modeste on the passing of his sister **Pauline Nana**, her holy funeral service will be held on **Tuesday April 13, 2024** in Cameroon. Let's keep Father Modeste and his family in our prayers..

Holy Family Parish community extends sincere sympathy to the families of:

- **Consula Ursula Bastien** whose funeral Holy Mass will take place on **Friday, April 19, 2024 – 10:00am** at Holy Family Church.
- **Melanie Charles** whose funeral Holy Mass will take place on **Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 10:00am** at Holy Family Church.
- **Cleota Cornelius Hill** whose funeral Holy Mass will take place on **Friday, April 26, 2024 – 10:00am** at Holy Family Church.

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

Parish Information

Sacrament of Infant Baptism:

Infant Baptism will take place on the **Fourth Sunday** of every month. A minimum of two (2) classes are required. Please register your child, a copy of their birth certificates is also required.

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.



Poor Box: Please show your support by donating to the Poor Box which has been mounted on the wall at the entrance of the Church. Give as you receive!

Catechesis

What Is Divine Mercy?

Divine Mercy has been called “the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church” and has changed millions of lives. But what is it? Divine Mercy gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture. In fact, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners” (1849). Right there: That summarizes it. Divine Mercy is the Gospel. It's the good news. And so, it gets to the very center of our faith. Moreover, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, “Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer.” Benedict even goes so far as to say, “Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message.”

So, what is Divine Mercy? What is this thing that gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture and to the very center of our faith? To begin, mercy is "love's second name," as John Paul II said. It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. In fact, because this side of eternity we're all sinners and because suffering is our lot in life, God's love for us here always takes the form of mercy. It's always the Lord stepping out in compassion to help us poor, weak, and broken sinners. From our perspective, then, every good we receive is an expression Divine Mercy.

Why the Message of Divine Mercy?

The message of Divine Mercy is something that's most associated with a Polish nun who died in 1938, about a year before the start of World War II. She's known today as St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Saint Faustina was a mystic. In other words, she received extraordinary experiences of the Lord Jesus in prayer. In fact, Jesus appeared to her and even spoke with her. Of course, Jesus didn't reveal some new Gospel when he appeared to St. Faustina. He already revealed everything He needed to say 2,000 years ago to the Apostles and through Sacred Scripture. So, why did He do it? Why did He appear to Faustina? Actually, why does He appear to any mystic for that matter? God sometimes appears to mystics because He has a prophetic message for a particular time in history, and He uses particular men and women to share His message. Sometimes it's to remind us of something that's been forgotten. Sometimes it's a warning. At other times, it's a message of comfort. Or it may simply be a call to conversion. Whatever it is, it doesn't change the Bible. Rather, it brings us back to it at a certain time in history.

Source: from Fr. Michael Gaitley's book Divine Mercy Explained.

Parish Life

Easter Weekend



Regina Caeli Queen of Heaven

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary alleluia
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Please say this prayer every day at noon during Easter Season.



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LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

Dezyèm Dimanch Pak - Ane B

Nimewo 021 Dimanch 7 Avril 2024



Meditasyon Par Pere Isaac Agbenohevi

Tèm: "Mizerikòd Bondye a - Kote nou an refij"

Dezyèm Dimanch Pak la tradisyonèlman konsidere kòm Dimanch Mizèrikòd Divine a. Li selebre mizèrikòd ak konpasyon enkondisyonèl ak san mezi Bondye ki soti nan lanmou li pou limanite. Tout mistè paskal nou selebre nan Pak la, deklanche pa lanmou, mizèrikòd ak konpasyon Bondye. Se, nan kontèks sa a, nou dekouvri vrè pwòp tèt nou, idantite nou ak misyon nou kòm kretyen. Mistè Pak la defi pou viv yon nouvo lavi nan limyè Bondye a - lavi rezirèksyon an. Nouvo lavi sa a se enspire ak viv nan Jezi Kris la, otè a ak pafè Lafwa nou an. Se nan viv yon lavi nan renmen, mizèrikòd, ak konpasyon ke nou vrèman viv kòm pèp la nan rezirèksyon an. Senyè ki leve soti vivan nan levanjil la, pa sèlman bay apot yo pouvwa pou yo padone peche, men tou, pa ekstansyon, li mande nou tout pou nou padone moun ki ofanse nou e ki renmen youn lòt. Se pou nou mande Senyè a favè padon an konfyans nan viv yon lavi mizèrikòd, konpasyon ak lanmou. Se nan mizèrikòd Bondye ke nou jwenn refij ak sekirite nan diferan sèn nan lavi yo.

REFERENCES BBILIKUES

Premye Lekt: Travay 4:32-35

Sòm repons: Sòm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Dezyèm Lekt: 1Jn 5:1-6

Sekans: Victimae paschali laudes

Alelouya: Jan 20:29

Levanjil: Jan 20:19-31

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps. 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Eb 10:4-10; Jn 1:14ab; Lik 1:26-38

MADI: Travay 4:32-37; Sòm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:14-15; Jn 3:7b-15

MÈKREDI: Travay 5:17-26; Sòm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jan 3:16; Jn 3:16-21

JEDI: Acts 5:27-33; PS 34:2 ak 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jan 20:29; Jan 3:31-36

VANDREDI: Travay 5:34-42; Sòm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 4:4b; Jn 6:1-15;

SAMDI: Travay 6:1-7; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jan 6:16-21

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: Travay 3:13-15, 17-19; Sòm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1Jn 2:1-5a; Cf. Lik 24:32; Lik 24:35-48

Lapriyè:

Seyè Bondye,

Nan lanmou insondab ou ak mizèrikòd ou a, ou padonnen peche nou yo grasa Jezikri, ti mouton Pak nou an. Ogmante lanmou nou pou ou ak youn pou lòt pou nou ka toujou jwenn vrè kominyon ak divizyon nan ou, refij ak sekirite nou.

Amèn!!

ANONS PAWAS YO

Flè Lotèl: Nou ankouraje pawasyen yo pou yo ede yo anbeli legliz la lè yo patwone flè pou nenpòt evènman espesyal. Tanpri kontakte biwo a ak entansyon ou.

Apèl Evèk la – Semèn 9: Ann demontre espiritualite nou nan entandans nan legliz nou an lè nou rekonesan ak jenere ak kado nou te resevwa nan men Bondye. Sipòte Apèl Bishop nou an epi vin yon pati aktif nan efò pastoral ak evanjelizasyon nou yo. Pran yon bwochi ak anvlòp ki fèmen pou panyen ofrann lan oswa kontribisyon pa lapòs. Sèvi ak kòd QR la oswa sit entènèt nou an pou yon don pratik sou entènèt. Mèsi paske w enkòpore intendans atravè jenerozite w. Tanpri sonje ranpli epi retounen anvlòp Apèl Bishop ou a.

Komite 250yèm anivèsè rejwisans lan: Tikè pou dine dans la disponib kounye a pou \$150.00 pou chak moun nan biwo legliz la oswa nan men manm Komite Jubilee a. Ou ka rele tou 340-775-7547 oswa 340-244-2448 pou plis enfòmasyon.

Dimanch Mizèrikòd Divine: Y ap selebre dimanch 7 avril 2024 nan St. Katedral Pyè ak Pòl a 2:00pm. Konfesyon ak Adorasyon ap fèt apre mès la.

Reyinyon Jèn yo: Fr. Isaac pral rankontre ak jèn pawas la, ki gen laj 6 a 45 an, Vandredi 12 Avril 2024 apati 6:30 pm pou 8:30 pm nan Holy Family Catholic Church.

Necrologium: Antèman Sen Mès ak antèman Pè George Franklin pral fèt madi 13 avril 2024 nan Legliz St Patrick, Frederiksted, St Croix. Si w ta renmen voye yon omaj, kontakte James Funeral Home nan St. Croix.

Kondoleyans pou Rev Fr. Modeste sou lanmò nan sè I Pauline Nana, sèvis antèman apa pou li a ap fèt madi 13 avril 2024 nan Kamewoun. Ann kenbe Papa Modeste ak fanmi li nan priyè nou..

Kominote Holy Family Parish montre sensè senpati bay fanmi yo:

Konsila Ursula Bastien ki gen antèman Sen Mès la pral fèt Vandredi 19 Avril 2024 - 10:00am nan Holy Family Church.

Melanie Charles ki gen antèman Sen Mès la pral fèt Jedi 25 Avril 2024 - 10:00am nan Holy Family Church.

Cleota Cornelius Hill ki gen antèman Sen Mès la pral fèt vandredi 26 avril 2024 - 10:00am nan Holy Family Church.

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

Bwat Pòv: Tanpri montre sipò w lè w fè yon don nan Bwat pòv ki te monte sou mi ki nan papòt Legliz la. Bay jan ou resevwa!



MAS ENTANSYON

N'Koya Browne → Anivèsè benediksyon rb Manman I ak grann li; Vivian Oversen → Anivèsè benediksyon rb Giff & Hodge Families

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.

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KOLEKSYON SEMÈN NAN

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
WEEKEND OFFERINGS, MARCH 28 - 31
Offering: \$11,563.16
5:00 pm: \$0 7:30 am: \$3233.31
10:00 am: \$2598.00 5:00 pm: \$0
Children's Collection: \$520.00
Second Collection: \$478.00
Holy Thursday & Good Friday: \$2797.00
WEEKDAY OFFERINGS:
4/5/24 - \$21.00
Gift Shop Sales March 2024: \$1,014.00

GESTION TREZOR

ÒF NAN WEKENDN, 23-24 MAS

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

NOUVÈL KOMINOTE A

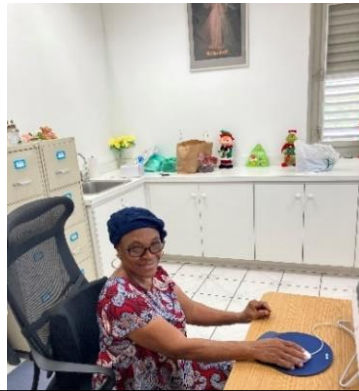
- Reyinyon koral: chak Mèkredi a 6:30 p.m.
- Netwayaj Legliz la pa kominote ayisyen an: chak 1ye vandredi nan mwa a a 6:30 p.m.

Bòn ane 2024!

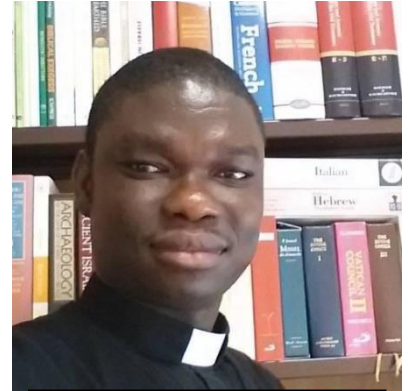
Parish Life



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Ms. C. A. White



Associate Pastor
Father Isaac Agbenohevi

Fr. Modeste & Fr. Isaac welcome Ms. Maria D. N. Blencowe to the Holy Family Church administrative family as the new Administrative Assistant, **effective Monday, April 22, 2024**. We sincerely thank Ms. Blencowe for answering the call for an assistant. We ask that you give her your greetings and support, to help us in our continued effort in moving the church forward.



Sunday Easter Children Corner



Pastoral Executive Committee

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