



Diocese of Saint Thomas

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

Monday ..... No Mass  
Tuesday – Friday ..... 7:00 a.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  
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**Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Maria DN Blencowe

**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."

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 19, 2024**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## MAY 19, 2024

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:16-25

**Gospel:** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Reflection by Rev. Fr. Isaac Agbenohevi**

Theme: **“We have to live under the Dominion of the Holy Spirit”**

In Jewish worldview, the festival of Pentecost celebrated the giving of the Law (which derives from the Covenant) on Mount Sinai. This festival was (and is) a pilgrimage feast (which saw all the Jews in the world do a pilgrimage to the Holy City) was celebrated 50 days after the Passover Feast. It was on this day of the festival of Pentecost that the “Promise of the Father”, thus, the Holy Spirit, was sent to the apostles and disciples. The implication was that the Holy Spirit has become the Law of the disciples of the Lord. The members of the new Christian movement ought to live under the dominion of the Spirit. In other words, each disciple should avail himself or herself of the leadings and promptings of the Holy Spirit. The spirit has now become the agent of our guidance and direction as we walk the path the Lord has beaten for us. In being docile and receptive of the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, we bear the fruits of the Spirit, fruits which endure to eternal life. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit so that he will infuse us with all the graces and blessings that we need to carry our Christian responsibilities and bear fruits that will last.

**Prayer:**

Almighty ever-living God,

In the gifts of the Holy Spirit, you empower us for the work of mission.

Continue to fill us with the gifts and graces of the same divine Spirit, so that we may always live according to your will as we work for the expansion of the frontiers of your kingdom on earth.

**Amen!!**



The public phase of our Bishop's Appeal 2024 concludes this weekend, with parishes having collected \$98,675.87 as of May 10, 2024 reaching 48% of our goal for the year. We thank all those who have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. However, our schools, Catholic Charities, and Evangelization initiatives still need everyone's support! You can still pledge and contribute in installments or make a one-time donation. The Appeal will end on December 31, 2024, giving you time to fulfill your commitment.

Please pick up a brochure, fill out the form, and send it with your donation. We also accept electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.

### SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

**WEDNESDAY:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mk 9:38-40

**THURSDAY:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mk 9:41-50

**FRIDAY:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**SATURDAY:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 & 8; Mk 10:13-16

**NEXT SUNDAY: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY May 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM – **Tori McBean** → Belated birthday blessings rb his grandmother, Olga McBean

– **Olga McBean** → Birthday blessings

**SUNDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM – **Hamilton Joseph** → Birthday blessings rb his daughter & granddaughter

– **Agnes Canning** → Belated birthday blessings & God's continued guidance rb her family

10:00 AM – For the **Children of St. Jude Research Hospital** → rb Marylin Louis

– **Carmen White** → Birthday blessings, grace, & mercy rb Carmen

– **Eubald René & Steph René** → Belated birthday blessings rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Ricardo Leneus** → Birthday blessings rb Silia

**MONDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup> – NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Astriel Knight** → Belated birthday blessings & God's protection rb his parents

**WEDNESDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

† **Samuel “Jerry” Ottley** → Repose of Soul rb the Children of Mary

**THURSDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 AM – **The Pastoral Council** → God's continued guidance

**FRIDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – Fr. Modeste → God's continued blessings & guidance

**SATURDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM † **Emile Stridiron** → Repose of Soul rb the Johnson & Stridiron families

† **Alvin McBean** → Repose of Soul rb his wife, Olga

# Announcements

## Eternal Candle



**The Eternal Candle** which burns in the Sanctuary of our church, the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn throughout this coming week for God's continued blessings and protection for **Maurice Foy and Carmen White**, requested by Beverly McClendon.

**Altar Flowers:** This weekend's Altar flowers are sponsored by **Olga McBean** for God's continued blessings on her birthday. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** We will return to our regular weekday Mass schedule this week at 7:00 am, with no Mass on Mondays.

**Sacrament of Infant Baptism:** Infant Baptism will take place on **May 26, 2024**. Baptismal classes will be announced at a later time, please register your child now!

**Haitian Mother's Day:** Please join the Haitian community on **May 26** to celebrate their Mother's Day.

### **Schedule for meetings with the pastor, Fr. Modeste:**

- **Friday May 24, 2024** at 6:00 pm: all ushers and greeters at the Church.
- **Tuesday May 28, 2024** at 6:00 pm: with all new and old Lectors at lower Columban Hall. All Lectors are required to be present.
- **Wednesday May 29, 2024** at 6:00 pm: with the men of the parish and the members of Sons of Abraham at lower Columban Hall.

**Reminder:** Closing of the month of Mary on **May 31, 2024** at 6:00 pm at Cassi Hill Shrine. The program will be the Rosary and consecration to the Virgin Mary, Mass for the sick, and prayer of intercession.

**Women's Retreat:** We invite you to our Women's Retreat on **Saturday June 1, 2024** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at St Anne's Parish in Frenchtown.

**First Communion:** On **June 2, 2024**, there will be First Communion at 9:00 am.

**Combined Mass:** On **June 2, 2024**, the 7:30 am and 10:00 am masses will be combined into one Mass at 9:00 am. After Mass, there will be a procession to the Blessed Sacrament with four repositories. The itinerary will be indicated at the appropriate time.

**Thank you** to all the mothers who attended Mother's Day and to all those who supported the event.

**Fr. Isaac's Book:** The dedication and launching of Fr. Isaac's book is scheduled for **June 16**; you are all invited to attend at 5:00 pm at upper Columban Hall. See the poster on the bulletin board.

**250th Jubilee Dinner Dance:** The Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands invites you to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral with a Jubilee Dinner Dance on **Saturday, June 29th, 2024** at 6:00 pm at the Westin Hotel and Spa at Frenchman's Reef. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

# Parish Information

### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism:**

Infant Baptisms will take place on the **Fourth Sunday** of every month, parents and god-parents must attend two pre-baptismal classes prior to the Baptism. Please register your child.

### **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 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.

### **Cleaning of the Church**

The church is cleaned every Friday of the Month at 6:30PM. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

## **Announcements, cont'd .....**

**Non-Perishable Food Items:** Non-perishable food items will be collected **next weekend** at each Holy Mass during offertory, following the procession after the collection. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

# Catechesis

## Who is the Holy Spirit?

There are many misconceptions about the identity of the Holy Spirit. Some view the Holy Spirit as a mystical force. Others see the Holy Spirit as an impersonal power that God makes available to followers of Christ. What does the Bible say about the identity of the Holy Spirit? Simply put, the Bible declares that the Holy Spirit is God. The Bible also tells us that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, a being with a mind, emotions, and a will.

The fact that the Holy Spirit is God is clearly seen in many Scriptures, including Acts 5:3-4. In these verses Peter confronts Ananias as to why he lied to the Holy Spirit and tells him that he had “not lied to men but to God.” It is a clear declaration that lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God. We can also know that the Holy Spirit is God because He possesses the characteristics of God. For example, His omnipresence is seen in Psalm 139:7-8, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” Then in 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, we see the characteristic of omniscience in the Holy Spirit. “These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

We can know that the Holy Spirit is indeed a divine person because He possesses a mind, emotions, and a will. The Holy Spirit thinks and knows (1 Corinthians 2:10). The Holy Spirit can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30). The Spirit intercedes for us (Romans 8:26-27). He makes decisions according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Trinity. As God, the Holy Spirit can truly function as the Comforter and Counselor that Jesus promised He would be (John 14:16, 26; 15:26).

(Source: Christian Resources – Christianity.com).



# Parish Life

## Weekend Services & Activities



Mother's Day function



The Queens of the year



Closing remarks Mother's Day

### 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**

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**Meditasyon Par Pere Isaac Agbenohevi**

Tèm: "Nou dwe viv anba dominasyon Sentespri a"

Nan vizyon jwif lemond, fèt Lapannkòt la te selebre bay Lwa a (ki soti nan Alyans lan) sou mòn Sinayi a. Fèt sa a se te (e se) yon fèt pelerinaj (ki te wè tout jwif yo nan mond lan fè yon pelerinaj nan vil sen an) te selebre 50 jou apre fèt Pak la. Se jou sa a nan fèt Pannkòt la ke "Promès Papa a", kidonk, Sentespri a, te voye bay apot yo ak disip yo. Enplikasyon an te ke Sentespri a te vin Lalwa nan disip Senyè a. Manm nouvo mouvman kretyen an dwe viv anba dominasyon Lespri a. Nan lòt mo, chak disip ta dwe pwofite tèt li nan direksyon ak enspirasyon Sentespri a. Lespri a vin tounen ajan gidans ak direksyon nou kounye a pandan n ap mache sou chemen Senyè a te bat pou nou an. Lè nou dosil ak reseptif nan gidans ak direksyon Sentespri a, nou pote fwi Lespri a, fwi ki andire nan lavi etènèl. Se pou nou louvri kè nou bay Lespri Sen an pou li ba nou tout favè ak benediksyon ke nou bezwen pou nou pote responsablite kretyen nou yo epi bay fwi ki pral dire.

**REFERANS BIBLIK**

**Premye Lekti:** Travay 2:1-11

**Sòm repons:** Sòm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Dezyèm Lekti:** Galat 5:16-25

**Levanjil:** Jan 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA**

**LENDI:** Memoryal Vyèj Mari, Manman Legliz la  
 Gn 3,9-15, 20; Sòm 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jan 19:25-34

**MADI:** Jak 4:1-10; Sòm 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mak 9:30-37

**MÈKREDI:** Jas 4:13-17; Sòm 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mak 9:38-40

**JEDI:** Jak 5:1-6; Sòm 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20;  
 Mak 9:41-50

**VANDREDI:** Jak 5:9-12; Sòm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12;  
 Mak 10:1-12

**SAMDI:** Jak 5:13-20; Sòm 141:1-2, 3 & 8; Mak 10:13-16

**PROCHÈN DIMANCH:** Solènite Trinite Tre Sen an  
 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Sòm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22;  
 Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**Lapriyè:**

Bondye ki gen tout pouvwa a, ki toujou vivan,

Nan don Sentespri a, ou bay nou pouvwa pou travay misyon an.

Kontinye ranpli nou ak don ak gras menm Lespri Bondye a, pou nou ka toujou viv selon volonte w pandan n ap travay pou elaji fwontyè wayòm ou an sou tè a.

**Amèn!!**

## ANONS PAWAS YO

### Chandèl p'ap janm fini an

Bouji Etènèl ki boule nan Tanp legliz nou an, rapèl Prezans Senyè a nan Ekaristik ki pi Sen an, pral limen pandan tout semèn kap vini an pou benediksyon ak pwoteksyon Bondye kontinye pou **Maurice Foy** ak **Carmen White**, ke Beverly McClendon te mande.

**Flè Lotèl:** **Olga McBean** patwone flè Lotèl wikenn sa a pou kontinye benediksyon Bondye nan anivèsè nesans li. Mès paske w te bèl legliz la e ke Bondye kontinye beni w.

**Orè mès lasemèn:** Nou pral retounen nan orè mès regilye nou an jou lasemèn semèn sa a a 7:00 am, san yo pa gen mès lendi.

**Sentsèn Batèm Tibebe a:** Batèm Tibebe a pral fèt **26 me 2024**. Yo pral anonse klas batèm yo nan yon moman pita, tanpri enskri pitit ou a kounye a!

**Fèt Manman Ayisyen:** Tanpri rantre nan kominote ayisyen an le **26 me** pou selebre Jou Manman yo.

### Orè pou reyinyon ak pastè a, Pere Modeste:

- **Vendredi 24 me 2024** a 6:00 pm: tout moun k ap fè salitasyon nan legliz la.
- **Madi 28 me 2024** a 6:00 pm: ak tout nouvo ak ansyen Lektè nan pi ba Columban Hall. Tout Lektè yo oblije prezan.
- **Mèkredi 29 me 2024** a 6:00 pm: avèk mesye yo nan pawas la ak manm Pitit Abraram nan pi ba Columban Hall.

**Rapèl:** Fèm ti mwa Mari a **31 me 2024** a 6:00 pm nan Cassi Hill Shrine. Pwogram nan pral Rosary a ak konsekasyon bay Vyèj Mari a, Mès pou malad yo, ak lapriyè lapriyè.

**Retrè Fanm yo:** Nou envite w nan Retrè Fanm nou yo **samdi 1ye jen 2024** soti 10:00 am jiska 12:00 pm nan Pawas St Anne nan Frenchtown.

**Premye Kominyon:** Nan dat **2 jen 2024**, pral gen Premye Kominyon a 9:00 am.

**Mès Konbine:** Nan dat **2 jen 2024**, mès 7:30 am ak 10:00 am pral konbine nan yon sèl Mès a 9:00 am. Apre mès, pral gen yon pwosèsyon nan Sentsèn nan ak kat depo. Yo pral endike chimen an nan moman apwopriye a.

**Mès** ak tout manman ki te asiste fèt manman yo ak tout moun ki te sipòte evènman an.

**Liv Pere Isaac:** Dedikasyon ak lansman liv Pere Isaac pwograme pou **16 jen**; nou tout envite pou yo ale nan 5:00 pm nan upper Columban Hall. Gade afich la sou tablo afichaj la.

**250yèm Jubilee Dine Dans:** Dyosèz Katolik St. Thomas nan Zile Vyèj yo envite w selebre 250yèm anivèsè Sen Pyè ak Pòl Katedral la ak yon Dine Jubilee Dans **Samdi 29 jen 2024** a 6:00 pm nan Westin. Otèl ak Spa nan Reef Frenchman. Tanpri gade tablo afichaj la pou plis enfòmasyon.

**Atik manje ki pa gate:** Yo pral ranmase manje ki pa gate nan wikenn pwochen nan chak mès Sen pandan ofrann, apre pwosèsyon apre koleksyon an. Benefis yo pral benefisyè òganizasyon charitab Katolik ak fèm nan Pawas nou an. Nou remèsye ou pou jenerozite ou.

## MAS ENTANSYON

Entansyon mès la se pou benediksyon anivèsè nesans pou **Ricardo Leneus**, ke Silia 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.

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.



## KOLEKSYON SEMÈN NAN

### GESTION TREZOR

ÒF NAN WEKNEN, 4 - 5 me 2024

Ofri: \$3,988.00

Sam. 5:00 pm: \$557.00

7:30 am: \$1,330.00

10:00 am: \$908.00

5:00 pm: \$1,193.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$967.00

Don Espesyal: \$3,000.00

ÒF FEMENN, 11 - 12 me 2024

Ofri: \$6,001.00

Sam. 5:00 pm: \$734.00

7:30 am: \$1,907.00

10:00 am: \$3,158.00

5:00 pm: \$202.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$2,295.00

Pè George Franklin mès requiem:

30 avril 2024: \$248.00

Yo ka fè bay sou entènèt sou sitwèb nou an nan: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

Mès 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.

*Bòn ane 2024!*

# Parish Life



Parish Administrator  
Father Modeste  
Digwou



Associate Pastor  
Father Isaac  
Agbenohevi



Church Administrative  
Assistant  
Ms. Maria D. N. Blencowe

## Bible Reading Guide

### The Steps of Lectio Divina

- Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to pray.
- Place yourself in a quiet environment. Calm your anxieties and thoughts, and acknowledge God's presence.
- Offer a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance: *Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my heart and mind to listen to your Word.*

1. **Lectio:** Read the text slowly and prayerfully, constantly listening for that word that God has prepared for you. You may want to re-read the same text multiple times to help quiet yourself interiorly and focus on God's voice. Listen and receive the Word that God speaks to you.

2. **Meditatio:** When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it. Repeat the word or phrase to yourself. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by pondering the word in your heart, reflecting on what it means to you. Memorize it and repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires.

3. **Oratio:** Prayer is your response to God's word. It begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart. Formulate a prayer, as a response to God. *What do you want to say to the Lord in response to the Word spoken to you?* Enter into this loving conversation with God.

4. **Contemplatio:** Rest in God's presence and receive His transforming embrace. Sit still with God, realizing that in this deep and profound relationship, words are not necessary. Be content and at peace with a wordless, quiet rest in God, which brings joy to the heart. Remember that contemplation is not *your* action or doing, rather it is allowing God to act in you.

### Pastoral Executive Committee

Fr. Modeste Digwou  
Monique Ferrell  
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Louise Fontaine  
Jean Dragin  
Oliver "Bobby" Williams  
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### Economic Parish Council

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Angele Lundy

## Bishop Appeal Update

Please find below the Parish Summary Report as of April 16, 2024:

Organization	Goal	Total Paid	% of Goal paid	Goal Shortfall
Dioocese of St. Thomas	37,000.00	3,892.00	11	33,108.00
Holy Cross Church, Christiansted	25,000.00	22,313.00	89	2,687.00
Holy Family Church, Saint Thomas	25,000.00	4,766.00	19	20,234.00
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Saint John	14,000.00	5,110.00	37	8,890.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Saint Thomas	20,000.00	9,050.00	45	10,950.00
Sainte Anne Parish, St Thomas	6,000.00	5,900.00	98	100.00
St. Ann Church, Kingshill	25,000.00	16,530.00	66	8,470.00
St. Joseph Church, Kingshill	15,000.00	2,125.00	14	12,875.00
St. Patrick Church, Frederiksted	14,000.00	1,870.00	13	12,130.00
Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Charlotte Amalie	23,000.00	7,000.00	30	16,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>204,000.00</b>	<b>78,556.00</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>125,444.00</b>

# 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

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## HOSPITALIZED:

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

### Church Attendance:

427 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.  
247 persons attended Holy Mass the weekend of May 4 - 5.

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## SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Restoration Fund ..... May 4-5  
Catholic Communication Campaign ..... May 11-12  
Mother's Day..... May 11-12  
Monthly School Support ..... May 18-19  
Property Insurance ..... May 18-19  
Capital Improvements ..... May 25-26  
Restoration Fund ..... June 1-2

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WEEKEND OFFERINGS, May 4 - 5, 2024

Offering: \$3,988.00

Sat. 5:00 PM: \$557.00    7:30 AM: \$1,330.00  
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April 30, 2024: \$248.00

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## 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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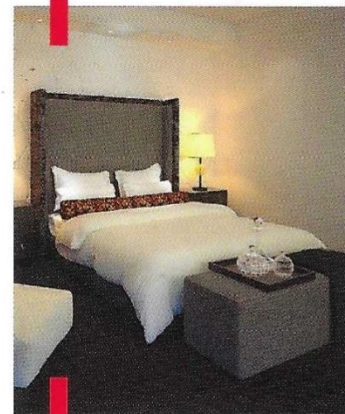
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