



Diocese of Saint Thomas

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family Church



“Waiting, hoping and watching”

## 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 (340) 203-0607

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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

**SEMINARIAN:** Jean Phito Orelus

**Administrative Assistant:** Tina Hodge

**Accountant:** Ms. Penrose Gardiner

**Religious Ed. Director:** Ms. Glendia Caines

**Music Director:** Mr. Francis Callwood

**Master of Ceremony & Public Relations:**  
Mrs. Monique Ferrell

### Sacristans:

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

### Office Hours:

Tue – Fri: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Sat: 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

### 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.”

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 1, 2024

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**By Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou**

**“Waiting, hoping and watching”**

Today we enter Advent Year C. We begin the journey that will lead us to the feast of Christmas. We wait, we hope and we watch.

What does **“waiting,” “hoping” and “watching”** mean for us in this Advent season? Going back to the world before? Wouldn't it be better to welcome God's newness into our personal and collective lives?

In this Sunday's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah proclaims to the people of Israel and the house of Judah: *“I will raise up a Branch of righteousness for David, and he will execute justice and righteousness in the land.”* The waiting we are experiencing is not “passivity.” We are called to conversion, to recognize God's way of coming to us.

In this Sunday's second reading, the apostle Paul calls the Thessalonians to deepen their fraternal life: *“May the Lord give you, among yourselves and towards all men, a love that is more and more intense and overflowing, like the one we have for you.”* Like the Thessalonians of old, we too can welcome this invitation to make our life of faith ever more concrete in our relationships with one another.

This Sunday's Gospel introduces this eve by referring to great cataclysms: the stars in the sky – sun, moon and stars – panic and the nations are seized with fear. We must not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by these terrifying events, the list of which we could easily extend. “Straighten up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is at hand,” Jesus tells his disciples.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we already know: the Prince of Peace will come to us in a child. He will not come to us with the power and majesty to which we pay so much attention in our human relationships but in a child. The shepherds and magi will recognize in this child the one who renews their lives in depth, the one who shows the way to life in God.

May we have the heart of the shepherds and magi to open ourselves, in this time of Advent, to the life of God .... even in the difficulties of our daily lives.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 8:5-11

**TUESDAY:** *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*  
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**FRIDAY:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**SATURDAY:** *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Second Sunday of Advent*

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Lk 3:1-6

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY November 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM † **Telas Giffit** → Repose of Soul rb the Giffit family

**SUNDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM – **Cynthia Charles, sons, & brothers** → Protection & deliverance rb Cynthia Charles

10:00 AM – **Jerome J. Bute** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

– **Yvonne Brutus** → Birthday blessings rb family

5:00 PM – →

**MONDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – No Mass

**TUESDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 AM →

**WEDNESDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Lornesha Henley** → Birthday blessing rb the Johnson & Henley families

– **Cynthia Charles, sons, & brothers** → Protection & deliverance rb Cynthia Charles

**THURSDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM →

**FRIDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM →

# 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 continue to burn throughout this coming week.

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

**Bishop's Appeal:** We thank each of you who have contributed and brought our donations to \$22,900.55, or 92% of our goal; we have \$2,099.45 more to go in order to accomplish our goal of \$25,000.00.

**CCD Religious Education/Faith Formation:** CCD classes take place every **Saturday** from 9:00 AM - 12 noon.

**Month of December:** December is the month of baby Jesus.

## **Church Air-conditioning:**

- The project will be launched **this Sunday** with the first fund-raising event. Those who can make a pledge will be welcome. Let's get ready. Envelopes are available.
- **Parish T-shirt:** Support our air-conditioning project.

**Ministry Leaders Meeting:** **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pre-Christmas Concert:** St. Joseph Workers presents a pre-Christmas concert **next Sunday, December 8, 2024** at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Columban Hall. Donation: \$25.00.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9, 2024** with Mass at 6:00 pm in the church.

**Youth Advent Mission:** **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Family Church. All youth are invited.

**Deck the Hall with Christmas Carols:** **SAVE THE DATE:** The Religious Education Ministry invites all to join us to decorate a table in Upper Columban Hall on **Sunday, December 15, 2024** at 3:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for details.

**Walkathon:** The next walkathon will be **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Sacrament of Infant Baptism:** The next infant Baptism will take place on **December 22, 2024** at the 10:00 AM Mass.

**Healing Mass:** The next healing Mass will be held on **Friday, December 27, 2024** at 6:00 PM.

**The History of Roman Catholicism on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John** is covered in a booklet, which you may purchase for \$20.00 from History Committee member Dr. Gloria Callwood.

**Magnificat:** The December *Magnificat* is currently available at the gift shop. Please purchase your copy.

**Food Drive:** Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands is seeking food donations to support those in need within our St. Thomas/St. John community. You can drop off your donations at any of the church offices during office hours or bring them with you to Sunday Service. For more information, please call (340) 777-8518.

# 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.

**Healing Mass:** A healing Mass is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at 6:00 pm.

**Visiting the Sick:** The parish priests visits the sick every Friday, please call the office with additional information.

**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. 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 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

## **Announcements, continued:**

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Clarissa T. Battiste**, who died on November 4, 2024. Her funeral service will take place on **Tuesday, December 10, 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.

# Catechesis

## Advent, 4 weeks to convert and welcome Christ

### Father Modeste Digwou

Advent is the period during which the faithful prepare inwardly to celebrate Christmas, an unprecedented and decisive event for mankind, since God became man among men: from his birth to his death on the Cross, he shared in everything the human condition, with the exception of sin. The beginning of Advent also marks the start of a new liturgical year.

Everyone is called to vigilance and a change of life. The words of the Prophets, which resound in every Sunday liturgy of Advent, reiterate the need for conversion and preparation of heart, we must live this time as a time of hope.

We ask ourselves how we are going to live this climb towards Christmas. The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a real source of joy.

To help us prepare, the texts for the various Sundays give us a few keys.

**On the first Sunday**, the prophet Isaiah calls us to let ourselves be shaped by God: "We are clay, and you shape us." The evangelist Mark, for his part, invites us to be ready, for "you do not know when the time will be." It's a time of waiting, which testifies to our trust, but also to our desire for God in us and around us.

**The second Sunday** in Advent is dedicated to John the Baptist. He announces the imminent coming of the Messiah and invites us to a baptism of conversion. We are preparing to welcome God. We want to prepare our hearts so that God's light shines within us.

**The third Sunday** is one of joy\*. The two readings and the psalm invite us to "exalt the Lord." This is the time when God "brings forth justice and praise before all nations." We are urged to "proclaim the good news." It's a time of hope. We believe in a glorious future, in the image of God.

**The fourth Sunday** of Advent is dedicated to the Visitation. Mary shows us the way: "May everything happen to me according to your word." This is a time of acceptance. We let ourselves be inhabited by Christ. God comes to influence us in our actions, in our lives, in our work. It's a time of acceptance. We accept that we cannot control everything, but that God guides our steps.

### Waiting, introspection, reconciliation, hope, welcoming:

these different times are essential to recharge our batteries. They enable us to take a step back, to look at the world differently, to take note of the little joys of everyday life, and to pay attention to those who are excluded. To listen to the Lord's voice is to find the path to happiness.

# Parish Life

## Weekend Services & Activities

### Pre-Thanksgiving Afternoon Tea Party



Tea cup swap



Miss Tea Cup



Kahoot tea party quiz



Best dressed male and female

## An Advent Mission of the Catholic Parishes In St. Thomas and St. John, VI

**Tuesday, December 10 2024 – 6:30 pm - Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral**

Jubilee Year- We are called to be pilgrims of Hope in our Diocese

**Wednesday, December 11 2024 – 5:30 pm - Holy Family Church, Tutu**

Living the Message of Hope for our young people

**Thursday, December 12 2024 – 6:30 pm - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. John**

Living the Message of Hope in our Families

### Haitian Creole Choir anniversary





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**LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE**

Premye Dimanch Lavan - Ane C

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"Atann, espere epi gade"

**Meditasyon par Pere Modeste Digwou**

"Atann, espere epi gade"

Jodi a nou antre nan Lavan Ane C. Nou kòmanse vwayaj ki pral mennen nou nan fèt Nwèl la. Nou tann, nou espere epi nou gade.

Ki sa "tann," "espwa" ak "gade" vle di pou nou nan sezon Lavan sa a? Ale tounen nan mond lan anvan? Èske li pa ta pi bon pou nou akeyi nouvo Bondye nan lavi pèsònèl ak kolektif nou an?

Nan premye lekti dimanch sa a, pwofèt Jeremi te pwoklame pèp Izrayèl la ak moun Jida yo: "M ap leve yon branch jistis pou David, e l ap fè jistis ak jistis nan peyi a." Atant n ap fè eksperyans la se pa "pasivite." Nou rele nan konvèsyon, pou rekonèt fason Bondye vin jwenn nou.

Nan dezyèm lekti dimanch sa a, apot Pòl rele Tesalonik yo pou yo apwofondi lavi fratènèl yo: "Se pou Granmèt la ban nou, nan mitan nou e anvè tout moun, yon lanmou ki vin pi entans ak debòde, tankou sa nou genyen pou nou." Menm jan ak Tesalonik nan tan lontan, nou menm tou nou ka akeyi envitasyon sa a pou n rann lavi lafwa nou toujou pi konkrè nan relasyon nou youn ak lòt.

Levanjil dimanch sa a entwodui lavèy sa a nan fè referans ak gwo kataklism: zetwal yo nan syèl la - solèy, lalin ak zetwal - panik ak nasyon yo sezi ak laperèz. Nou pa dwe kite tèt nou paralize pa evènman terib sa yo, lis kote nou ta ka fasilman pwolonje. Jezi di disip li yo: "Dwat, leve tèt nou, paske redanmsyon nou an ap pwoche.

Pandan n ap prepare nwèl la, nou deja konnen: Prens lapè a ap vin jwenn nou nan yon timoun. Li p ap vin jwenn nou ak pouvwa ak majeste ke nou peye anpil atansyon nan relasyon imen nou yo men nan yon timoun. Bèje yo ak maj yo pral rekonèt nan timoun sa a moun ki renouvle lavi yo an pwofondè, moun ki montre chemen lavi nan Bondye.

Se pou nou gen kè gadò mouton yo ak maji yo pou nou louvri tèt nou, nan tan Lavan sa a, nan lavi Bondye .... menm nan difikilte lavi nou chak jou.

Amèn.

**REFERANS BIBLIK**

**Premye Lekt:** Jeremi 33:14-16

**Sòm repons:** Sòm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

**Dezyèm Lekt:** 1 Tesalonisyan 3:12—4:2

**Levanjil:** Lik 21:25-28, 34-36

**LEKTI EKTRIT NAN SEMÈN LA**

**LENDI:** Is 2:1-5; Sòm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**MADI:** *Saint Francis Xavier, prèt*  
Is 11:1-10; Sòm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lik 10:21-24

**MÈKREDI:** Is 25:6-10a; Sòm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**JEDI:** Is 26:1-6; Sòm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**VANDREDI:** Is 29:17-24; Sòm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**SAMDI:** *Saint Ambrose, Evèk ak Doktè Legliz la*  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sòm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**PROCHÈN DIMANCH:** *Dezyèm Dimanch Lavan*  
Ba 5:1-9; Sòm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lik 3:1-6

## 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, ap kontinye limen pandan tout semèn kap vini an.

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

**Apèl Bishop's:** Nou remèsye chak nan nou ki te kontribye epi ki te pote don nou yo a **\$ 22,900.55**, oswa **92%** nan objektif nou an; nou gen **\$2,099.45** plis pou ale nan lòd reyalize objektif nou an **\$25,000.00**.

**CCD Edikasyon Relijye/Fòmasyon Lafwa:** Klas CCD yo fèt chak **samdi** soti 9:00 am - 12 midi.

**Mwa Desanm:** Desanm se mwa ti bebe Jezi.

**Legliz èkondisyone:**

- Pwojè a pral lanse **dimanch sa a** ak premye evènman pou ranmase lajan. Moun ki ka fè yon pwomès yo pral akeyi. Ann pare. Anvlòp yo disponib.
- **T-shirt Pawas:** Sipòte pwojè èkondisyone nou an.

**Reyinyon Lidè Ministè:** Vandredi 6 Desanm.

**Konsè Pre-Nwèl:** St. Joseph Workers prezante yon konsè avan Nwèl **Dimanch 8 Desanm 2024** pwochen a 4:00 pm nan Holy Family Columban Hall. Donasyon: \$25.00.

**Fèt Immaculate Konsepsyon** an pral selebre **lendi 9 desanm 2024** ak mès a 6:00 pm nan legliz la.

**Misyon Lavan Jèn yo:** **Jedi 11 Desanm** nan Holy Family Church. Tout jèn yo envite.

**Deck the Hall ak Nwèl Chant:** SOVE DAT LA: Ministè Edikasyon relijye a envite tout moun vin jwenn nou pou dekore yon tab nan Upper Columban Hall **dimanch 15 desanm 2024** a 3:00 pm. Tanpri gade tablo afichaj la pou plis detay.

**Walkathon:** Pwochen walkathon la pral samdi 21 desanm.

**Sentsèn batèm tibebe a:** Pwochen batèm tibebe a pral fèt **22 desanm 2024** nan mès 10:00 am.

**Mès gerizon:** Pwochen mès gerizon an ap fèt **vandredi 27 desanm 2024** a 6:00 pm.

**Istwa Katolik Women sou St. Croix, St. Thomas, ak St. John** kouvri nan yon ti liv, ou ka achte pou \$20.00 nan men manm Komite Istwa Doktè Gloria Callwood.

**Magnificat:** *Magnificat* Desanm lan disponib kounye a nan boutik kado a. Tanpri achte kopi ou a.

**Kondwi Manje:** Katolik Charities of the Virgin Islands ap chèche don manje pou sipòte moun ki nan bezwen nan St. Thomas/St. Kominote John. Ou ka depoze don ou yo nan nenpòt nan biwo legliz yo pandan lè biwo oswa pote yo avèk ou nan sèvis Dimanch. Pou plis enfòmasyon, tanpri rele (340) 777-8518.

## MAS ENTANSYON

### 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 WEEKEND, 23 – 24 Novanm 2024

Ofri: \$2,573.06

Sam. 5:00 pm: \$448.00

7:30 am: \$1,294.06

10:00 am: \$742.00

5:00 pm: \$89.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$756.87

MWA MOUN KI MOUN LA: \$60.00

ÒF LA SEMÈN: \$21.00

27 novanm: \$21.00

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

### ANONS, KONTINYE:

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community montre sensè senpati ak fanmi Clarissa T. Battiste, ki te mouri nan dat 4 novanm 2024. Sèvis finaray li a ap fèt **madi 10 desanm 2024** a 10:00 am nan Holy Family Church. Se pou nanm li ak nanm fidèl yo te ale grasa mizèrikòd Bondye a repoze nan lapè. Amèn.

# Parish Life



Parish Administrator  
Father Modeste Digwou



Associate Pastor  
Father Isaac Agbenohevi



Administrative Assistant  
Tina Hodge

## Parish Pastoral Council

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Modeste Digwou

**Pastoral Team:** Fr. Isaac Agbenohevi  
Jean Phito Orelus

**Chair:** Andrea Shillingford

**Vice-chair:** Francis Callwood

**Secretary:** Maria D.N. "Duchess" Blencowe

**Treasurer:** Cydrenia Ferness

**Pastor's Advisors:** Orville "Sparrow" Rouse  
Felicine "Baby" Marcellin

## **Members:**

Silia Erilis	Myrtha Bourdeau
Betty Bast	Olga McBean
Oliver "Bobby" Williams	Viola Williams

## Economic Parish Council

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Modeste Digwou

**Chair:** Cydrenia Ferness

**Co-chair:** Vincia St. Jean

**Secretary:** Dawn Callwood

**Treasurer:** Connal Alfred

## **Members:**

Mona Bedminster	Jean Dragin
Yvonne Brutus	Vilson By

## Pastoral Animation Team

Fr. Modeste Digwou

Monique Ferrell

Jean Dragin

Glendia Caines

Francis Callwood

Carmen White

Vincia St. Jean  
Oliver "Bobby" Williams  
Silia Erilis  
Mona Bedminster  
Michelle Stout

## Decoration Committee

Viola Williams

Hilda Celestine

Silia Erilis

Angele Lundy

Oliver "Bobby" Williams

McFarlane Babulal

Glendia Caines

## **Prayer During Hurricane Season:**

(To be said after Dismissal)

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of your love. May we be secure in your protection and turn our fears in to praise of your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.

## **Bingo Hosting Schedule**

Dec. 4, 2024 – Youth Group	Jan. 31, 2025 – Haitian Community
Dec. 18, 2024 – St. Vincent de Paul	Feb. 14, 2025 – CCD Program
Jan. 3, 2025 – Prayer Meeting Group	Feb. 28, 2025 – Ushers
Jan. 17, 2025 – Eucharistic Ministers	

All bingo nights are Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Lower Columban Hall.

## **October 2024 Financial Summary**

### **Income**

Parish Contribution	\$14,594.70
Donations/Other Revenue	\$7,732.99
Second Collections	<u>\$3,160.25</u>
Total	\$25,487.94

### **Expenses**

Administrative	\$12,119.27
Benefits	\$5,017.02
Taxes	\$767.70
Supplies/Office	\$2,637.39
Maintenance/Auto	\$6,290.05
Utilities	<u>\$2,940.66</u>
Total	\$29,772.09

**Net Income (Loss)**

**(\$4,284.15)**

## **Gift Shop Hours:**

- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Sunday: after the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

## Pray For the Sick & Shut-ins

**OFF ISLAND:** Signorah Baron, Helen Bruney, Eugenie England, Rose George, Olivia Gumbs, Allan Harrigan, Mercedes Hodge, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Anthony Stridiron Sr., Joseph Toussaint

**AT HOME:** St. Helaire Antoine, Carol Baron, François Baron, Philomen Baron, James Bellot, Fritznold Bredy, Rose Celestine, Docile Crepin, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Maggie Dolphin, Anthony Estime, Winifred Garfield, John George, John & Norma Gimenez, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Vernelle Gumbs, Gail Homer, Owen Johnrose, Thomas Johnson, Pauline Jolly, Bernice Knight, Rita Ledee, Vivian Overseen, Cleopha Rawlings, Evelyn Simon, Keith Steele, Paquita Steele, Iona Vanterpool.

### HOSPITALIZED:

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

### Church Attendance:

268 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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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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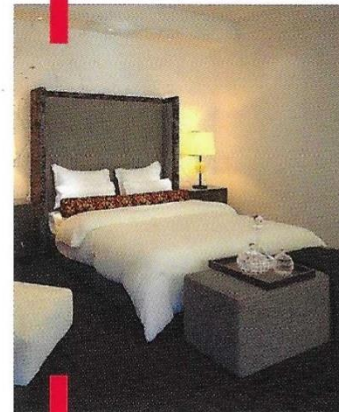
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