



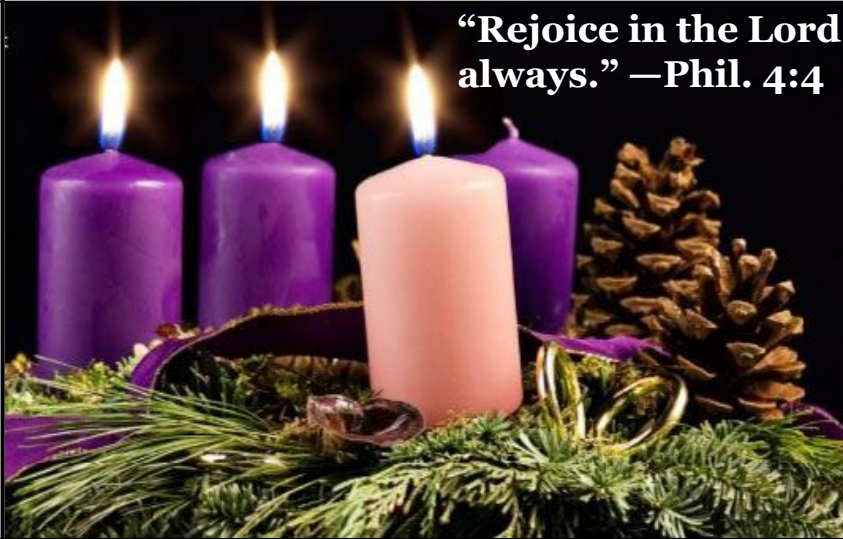
Diocese of Saint Thomas

# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family Church



“Rejoice in the Lord always.” —Phil. 4:4

## 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

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**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.”

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2024**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 15, 2024

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

By Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou

**“Rejoice in the Lord always.”**

Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the “Sunday of Joy.” If this Sunday is so designated, it’s because the Word of God, which is proposed for our meditation today, invites us to joy. Right at the start of the first reading, we hear the words: “Shout for joy, Daughter of Zion! Break forth into ovations, O Israel! Rejoice with all your heart, leap for joy” (Zeph. 3:14). There is a kind of redundancy of joy in this reading. And the second reading is no exception. Saint Paul repeats: “Rejoice!”

However, we need to understand one thing: the joy to which we are invited is the very joy of the Lord. St. Paul tells us in no uncertain terms: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4). For, in truth, the joy that should dwell in us is the joy we can find in this Son of God who has chosen to be born among us. It is the very joy of God. It is the Lord himself who rejoices in us and for us.

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent C,

The crowds who came to be baptized by John the Baptist asked him three times, **“What should we do?”** John gives them some wise advice. To the baptized: “He who has two garments, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise!” to the publicans: “Demand nothing more than what is set before you” and to the soldiers he will say: “Do no violence to anyone, accuse no one falsely; and be content with your pay.” What about you and me, what should I do?

On this third Sunday of Advent, halfway through the celebration of the Nativity, each of us is invited to ask ourselves what we can do to make our hearts a worthy home for the Child of Bethlehem.

Amen!

### SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**TUESDAY:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**WEDNESDAY:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**THURSDAY:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**FRIDAY:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**SATURDAY:** Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY December 14<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM – **Gloria Giff** → Birthday blessings rb her daughter & granddaughter

† **Veronica Casimir** → In remembrance rb her daughter & the Casimir family

**SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM – **Anny Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb her children

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

– In honor of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

† **Rita Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb by Jacques Ellel

10:00 AM – **Amalia G. Davis** → Birthday blessings rb the René family

– **The Louis family** → In thanksgiving

5:00 PM – →

**MONDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>** – No Mass

**TUESDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM † **Rita Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb by family

**WEDNESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Cynthia Charles, sons, & brothers** → Protection & deliverance rb Cynthia Charles

**THURSDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM † **Rita Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb by family

**FRIDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Sharon Davis** → Birthday blessings

† **Rita Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb by family

# 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.

**Parish T-shirt:** Available at the parish gift shop. Support our air-conditioning project.

**Deck the Hall with Christmas Carols:** The Religious Education Ministry invites all to join us to decorate a table in Upper Columban Hall **this Sunday, December 15, 2024** at 3:00 pm.

**Advent Mission for the Haitian Community:** on **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Shrine at 6:00 PM. Please join us.

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

**Sacrament of Infant Baptism:** The next infant Baptism will take place on **Wednesday, December 25, 2024** at the **9:00 AM** Mass. Register your child now.

**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 and January *Magnificats* are currently available at the gift shop. Please purchase your copy.

**Feast of the Holy Family:** Sunday **December 29<sup>th</sup>** 9 AM Mass.

**Priest Departure:** Fr. Isaac Agbenohevi will be departing the Parish; we will celebrate on **December 29<sup>th</sup>** after the 9 AM Mass.

**January 1st, Haiti's Independence Day:** Come celebrate with the Haitian community.

**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.

# 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

**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.

# Catechesis

# Parish Life

By Father Modeste Digwou

## What is the Third Sunday of Advent called?

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. In fact, in the Roman Missal, the introit for this Sunday’s Mass begins with the Latin phrase: “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete” (“Rejoice in the Lord always; I repeat, rejoice!”). This phrase recalls the joy of the Church as it awaits the coming of Christ.

This is why liturgical vestments, which are purple throughout Advent, may exceptionally be pink on this day. For the same reason, pink vestments are also permitted on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

## Upcoming Event Dates at Columban Hall

- Saturday, December 14, 2024
- Sunday, December 15, 2024
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024
- Thursday, December 19, 2024
- Saturday, December 21, 2024
- Sunday, December 29, 2024
- Saturday, January 11, 2024

## Weekend Services & Activities

Youth Mission, December 11, 2024



St. Joseph Workers pre-Christmas concert



## Air Conditioning Fund

Name/Ministry/Business	Amount	Pledge
St. Joseph Workers		\$1,400.00
Alma Wells	\$300.00	
Beverly McClendon	\$300.00	
Clarissa T. Battiste funeral	\$560.00	
Walkathon	TBA	
Bingo	TBA	
Other contributors	\$1,900	
Josette / Jeamiyah	\$20	



Rita Ledee passed on December 5, 2024.



Clarissa T. Battiste passed on November 4<sup>th</sup> – Funeral on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.



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

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**"Fè kè nou kontan  
 nan Senyè a toujou."  
 —Fili. 4:4**

**Meditasyon par Pere Modeste Digwou**

**"Fè kè nou kontan nan Senyè a toujou."**

Frè m ak sè m yo,

Jodi a se Gaudete Dimanch, "Dimanch lajwa." Si se konsa dimanch sa a deziyen, se paske Pawòl Bondye a, ki pwopoze pou meditasyon nou jodi a, envite nou nan lajwa. Nan kòmansman premye lekti a, nou tande pawòl sa yo: "Rele ak kè kontan, pitit fi Siyon! Fè ovasyon, O Izrayèl! Fè kè nou kontan ak tout kè nou, sote ak kè kontan" (Sef. 3:14). Gen yon kalite redondance nan lajwa nan lekti sa a. Epi dezyèm lekti a pa gen okenn eksepsyon. Sen Pòl repete: "Rejwi!"

Sepandan, nou bezwen konprann yon bagay: lajwa nou envite a se lajwa Senyè a menm. Sen Pòl di nou nan yon tèm san sèten: "Fè kè nou kontan nan Granmèt la toujou" (Fil. 4:4). Paske, an verite, lajwa ki ta dwe rete nan nou se lajwa nou ka jwenn nan Pitit Gason Bondye sa a ki te chwazi fèt nan mitan nou. Se kè kontan Bondye. Se Senyè a li menm ki kontan pou nou e pou nou.

Nan 3yèm Dimanch Lavan C sa a,

Foul moun ki te vin batize pa Jan Batis te mande l twa fwa: **"Kisa nou dwe fè?"** Jan ba yo kèk konsèy saj. Pou moun ki batize yo: "Moun ki gen de rad, se pou l pataje ak moun ki pa genyen; e moun ki gen manje, se pou li fè menm jan an tou!" bay piblikan yo: "Pa mande plis pase sa yo mete devan nou" epi sòlda yo li pral di: "Pa fè vyolans sou pèsonn, pa akize pèsonn bay manti; epi kontante w ak salè w." E ou menm ak mwen, kisa mwen ta dwe fè?

Nan twazyèm Dimanch Lavan sa a, nan mitan selebrasyon Nativite a, nou chak envite pou nou mande tèt nou kisa nou kapab fè pou fè kè nou tounen yon fwaye diy pou Pitit Betleyèm lan.

Amèn!

**REFERANS BIBLIK**

**Premye Lekti:** Sofonya 3:14-18a

**Sòm Responsoryal:** Ezayi 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**Dezyèm Lekti:** Filipyen 4:4-7

**Levanjil:** Lik 3:10-18

**LEKTI EKTRIT NAN SEMÈN LA**

**LENDI:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sòm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**MADI:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sòm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**MÈKREDI:** Jr 23:5-8; Sòm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**JEDI:** Jj 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sòm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lik 1:5-25

**VANDREDI:** Is 7:10-14; Sòm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lik 1:26-38

**SAMDI:** Ss 2:8-14; Sòm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lik 1:39-45

**PROCHÈN DIMANCH:** *Katriyèm Dimanch Lavan*

Mi 5:1-4a; Sòm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Eb 10:5-10; Lik 1:39-45

## 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.

**T-shirt Pawas:** Disponib nan boutik kado pawas la. Sipòte pwojè èkondisyone nou an.

**Misyon Lavan pou Kominote Ayisyen an: Mèkredi 18 Desanm** nan Sanktyè a a 6:00 pm. Tanpri rantrè nan nou.

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

**Sentsèn batèm tibebe a:** Pwochen batèm tibebe a ap fèt **mèkredi 25 desanm 2024** nan mès 9:00 am. Anrejistre pitit ou a kounye a.

**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 ak Janvyè yo disponib kounye a nan boutik kado a. Tanpri achte kopi ou a.

**Fèt Sentespri a: Dimanch 29 Desanm** 9 am Lamès.

**Prèt Depa:** Fr. Isaac Agbenohevi pral kite Pawas la; nou pral fete le **29 desanm** apre mès 9h am.

**1ye janvyè, Jou Endepandans Ayiti:** Vin fete ak kominote ayisyen an.

**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 rantrè nan kèk nan gwoup yo tankou gwoup koral la oswa vin tounen sèvè alter.



### KOLEKSYON SEMÈN NAN

#### GESTION TREZOR

ÒF WEEKEND, 7 – 8 Desanm 2024

Ofri: \$5,532.00

Sam. 5:00 pm: \$1,002.00 7:30 am: \$3,476.00

10:00 am: \$864.00 5:00 pm: \$190.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$1,593.00

AIR-KONDITONE: \$455.00

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11 desanm: \$32.00

13 desanm: \$26.00

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### 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:

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

# 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

### **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

## **Bingo Hosting Schedule**

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

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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,487.94</b>

### **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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,772.09</b>

**Net Income (Loss)** **(\$4,284.15)**

## 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, 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:

288 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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## SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE COMING MONTH

Property Insurance .....	December 14-15
Capital Improvements .....	December 21-22
Restoration Fund .....	December 29
Envelope System .....	January 1
Permanent Diaconate ....	January 5
Restoration Fund .....	January 5
Monthly School Support .....	January 12

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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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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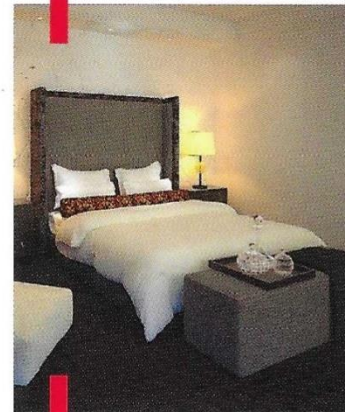
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