



Diocese of
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Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family
Church



Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday – Friday 7:00 A.M.
Saturday vigil 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. English
5:00 P.M. Creole/French

Devotions

Holy Hour

Wednesday following Holy Mass

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday..... 7:00 A.M.

Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday..... 7:00 A.M.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Closed Sunday and Monday.

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
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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we celebrate the second Sunday of Easter, Year C, we're invited to reflect on God's boundless mercy. Today, we observe Divine Mercy Sunday, a Feast instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II to remind us that the Risen Christ brings not only glory, but also forgiveness, peace and healing.

In the first reading from Acts, we witness the transformative power of God's mercy. The apostles, once fearful, now boldly perform signs and wonders, and the early Church becomes a haven of healing and restoration. It's striking to see how God's mercy has transformed the apostles, empowering them to become agents and instruments of mercy. Indeed, mercy is contagious when lived fully, inspiring others and bringing hope.

In the second reading from Revelation, John's vision of the risen Christ is a profound reminder of God's compassion. Christ stands among the faithful, bearing the wounds of His Passion, demonstrating that God doesn't shy away from our suffering but embraces it with tender care. As we trust in His mercy, we find the courage to face our own challenges, just as Thomas did when he proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" This declaration of faith reminds us that God's mercy can transform doubt into devotion.

In John's Gospel, we're transported to the upper room where the disciples hid in fear of the Jews, and crippled by a guilty conscience. Significantly, this is where Jesus instituted the First and Last Holy Mass. In that same upper room, the Resurrected Lord will institute the Sacrament of Penance, also called Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation (Jn 20:19-31). In Hebrew, *Shalom* means *Peace*. It's an exchange of peace between two entities that were in war; two persons who were in conflict. It symbolizes an end to conflict of any sort. In breathing on His apostles and wishing them peace, Christ reconciles them with Himself and the Father. They are therefore, given the authority to reconcile us with God.

As Catholics, it's essential to understand that Confession is a divine institution, rooted in Christ's teachings. Unfortunately, some Catholics have been influenced by misconceptions Protestant belief, diminishing the importance of this Sacrament. However, rejecting Christ's teachings raises a profound question: Who are we to disregard the words of our Lord?

Some Catholics mistakenly believe the Bible says, "**Confess your sins to no man.**" This saying is nowhere to be found. However, Scripture actually encourages confession: "**Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed**" (James 5:16): meaning confession to a valid ordain catholic priest. Yet, some pretend to have no sins to confess. Saint John reminds us in his first letter: "**If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, 'We have not sinned,' we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us**" (1 John 1:8-10). Unconfessed sins can weigh us down, like an overflowing "trash bin" of guilt and shame. Let's choose forgiveness and healing through confession. Let's choose not to retain our sins by not confessing or hiding them from priests (who are God's representatives), rather revealing them in order to avoid God's justice, but relying solely on His mercy.

Heavenly Father,

We come together as your family, offering praise and thanksgiving this month of April, dedicated to the missionaries – priests, religious, deacons, and catechists – who have tirelessly worked to sow the seeds of Christianity in our parish. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we earnestly beg of you: pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire us to become heralds of the new evangelization, just as our founders were, in our community and neighborhood.

As the Scripture says: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can we hear the Word of God if it is not preached? And how can we preach if we are not sent and willing to go?

Virgin Mary, Mother of the New Evangelization, help us to be opened to hearing the Gospel, just as you were open to God's Will. Grant us the confidence and boldness to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to others: our children, siblings, neighbors, coworkers, and all fallen-away Catholics in our diocese and especially Holy Family Parish.

Father of mercies, may your loving forgiveness be bestowed upon the souls of priests, religious, deacons, and catechists who have served our parish and have not yet experienced the beatific vision in heaven. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY: *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY: *Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

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

SATURDAY: *Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

NEXT SUNDAY: *Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 26th

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

SUNDAY, April 27th

7:30 AM † **Simone Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb a relative

– **The grandchildren of Nazarine**

Blaize → God's blessings, guidance & protection

† **Patrick Bruney** → Repose of Soul rb Ivinia James, Gweneth Aushie, & Sandra Aushie

10:00 AM † **Cyrille Joseph** → Repose of Soul rb the René family

5:00 PM – **Edline & Melissa Piton** → God's continued blessings & protection rb Edline

MONDAY, April 28th – no Mass

TUESDAY, April 29th

7:00 AM – **Natalie Antoine** → Birthday blessings rb her mother, Urelca JnBaptiste

† **Rene Adolphe Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb a relative

WEDNESDAY, April 30th

7:00 AM – **The children & grandchildren of Jennifer Johnson** → God's blessings, guidance, & protection

THURSDAY, May 1st

7:00 AM † **Holy souls in purgatory** → rb a parishioner

FRIDAY, May 2nd

7:00 AM † **Louis Denis Ledee** → Repose of Soul rb a relative

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 continue to burn throughout this coming week.

Bishop's Appeal: This Easter, we rejoice in the promise of new life and renewed hope through the Resurrection. As we celebrate the Risen Lord, let us continue to bring His light to others through our support of the 2025 Bishop's Appeal.

Your generosity sustains Catholic Education, Outreach through Catholic Charities, and the Evangelization Mission of our Diocese. Together, we renew hope in hearts and transform lives across the Virgin Islands.

Gone is the time of Lent that invited us to penance and sharing. Let's take advantage of this Easter time to return our Bishop Appeal envelopes.

Thank you for sharing the joy of Easter through your faithful support.

Month of April: As we continue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our parish, the month is dedicated to the Priests, Deacons, and evangelization. The Heavenly Father prayer will be recited after communion prayer after all the Masses.

Weekday Mass will resume with our ordinary program of celebrations: **NO MASS** on Mondays; Friday 7:00 AM Mass at the Shrine.

Prayers: Let us pray for those of our parishioners and the diocese who are on pilgrimage to Rome.

St. Joseph Workers

- The raffle to benefit the air conditioning of the church has been rescheduled for **July 2025**.
- The monthly meeting will be held next **Sunday, May 4, 2025** after the 7:30 AM Mass.
- All mothers are invited to a FREE Mother's Day breakfast on **Sunday, May 11, 2025** after the 7:30 AM Mass in the upper Columban Hall.

Sacrament of Infant Baptism: The next infant Baptism will take place on **May 25, 2025** at the 10:00 AM Mass. Please register your child now.

Healing Mass: The next healing Mass will be held on **Friday, May 30, 2025** at 6:00 PM.

Kon Tiki Boat Ride: On **Sunday, June 1, 2025** from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Boarding will begin at 2:00 PM at the West Indian Company Dock. Tickets are \$30 and are available from members of the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral and all Parish Offices.

Mount Calvary Cross: We now have a cross implanted in our flower garden; we named it Mount Calvary Cross. Be free to visit, pray, and take pictures. Do not hesitate to make a sign of the cross every time you enter the area.

Benefiting in Easter Time: Priests will take this Easter time to visit families and bless Christian homes. Register on the list by indicating your address and phone number; the visits will start from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral Fundraising Committee will be holding an Old-Fashioned soup Sale on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Holy Family Church office. If additional information is needed, please call 340-513-4817.

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.

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

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 last 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.

Ministry Schedules: Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Cantor/Media are reminded to forward your schedules to the church office for incorporation into the master schedule. Your cooperation is expected.

Church Air-conditioning:

- Please return your A/C envelopes to Fr. Modeste or to the office.
- **Parish T-shirt:** Available at the parish gift shop to support the project and the Jubilee Year. We encourage parishioners to wear the parish T-shirt for the boat ride.
- **St. Joseph Workers' Raffle:** Available from members, proceeds to benefit the installation of air conditioning in the church. There will be great prizes. Please support.

Gift Shop: Please visit and support our gift shop on **Wednesday, Saturday**, or after the **Sunday** morning Masses. There are various religious items on sale. **Jubilee T-Shirts** are available at the Gift shop for **\$30 regular** and **\$40 rash guard (long sleeve)**.

Non-Perishable Food Items: Non-perishable food items collected this weekend will benefit Catholic Charities and shut-ins of our Parish. We thank you for your generosity.

Catechesis

By Father Yacob Lonfo

Divine Mercy Sunday Is Finally Here!

We've been eagerly awaiting another Divine Mercy celebration since last year. Whether you're a seasoned devotee or new to this beautiful tradition, welcome! You're in the right place on the highway to heaven, with a second chance to deepen your faith.

Let's refresh our understanding of Divine Mercy:

Origin

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, born in 1905, received messages and visions from our Blessed Lord between 1931 and 1938. Her experiences led to the institution of Divine Mercy Sunday by Saint Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the day of her canonization.

Content

Our Lord instructed Sr. Faustina about the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion, emphasizing:

- The Feast of Mercy as a reminder of God's tenderness
- The Image of the Divine Mercy with the signature "Jesus, I trust in You"
- The importance of faith and good works and the call to show mercy to others. We can easily understand how serious these instructions of our Blessed Lord are, based on this excerpt from Sr. Faustina Diary: **"The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. [...] I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere."**

Purpose

Complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion

Parish Life

Weekend Services & Activities

Upcoming Event Dates at Columban Hall

- Saturday, April 26, 2025
- Sunday, May 4, 2025
- Sunday, May 11, 2025
- Saturday, May 17, 2025
- Saturday, May 24, 2025
- Sunday, May 25, 2025

Baptisms at the Easter Vigil



Baptism of Christine Lafortune



Let's Make a Good Confession.

To prepare for this special day, a confession sheet is attached to the bulletin. May you experience the joy and peace of Divine Mercy's message.

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to all!

Air Conditioning Fund as of April 27, 2025

Name/Ministry/Business	Cash Amount	Pledge	Name/Ministry/Business	Cash Amount	Name/Ministry/Business	Cash Amount
Gerard Castor Sr.	\$500.00		Daniel Quigley	\$250.00	Ralph & Bethys	\$500.00
Brenda Smith & Khama Smith	\$100.00		William Parrett	\$5,000.00	Haitian Community bingo	\$158.00
Melicia Prince	\$100.00		Steven Siebers	\$1,500.00	Marie Blaise	\$100.00
Julienne Haitian Community	\$303.00		Renee Greig	\$500.00	Leon Lafond	\$1,800.00
and WAPA's colleagues			Veda Henry	\$300.00	Alberto & Nina A. Zimmerman	\$500.00
Dolores Velazquez	\$250.00		Cheryl Malone	\$400.00	Guerda Conseillant	\$100.00
Olga McBean & Eugenia	\$430.00		Joan Thomas Alfred	\$40.00	RHM Construction Cydrenia Ferness	\$300.00
Betty Bast	\$400.00		Anne Brandt	\$150.00	Arisol Desir (Cydrenia)	\$300.00
Matilda Huyghue	\$20.00		Polo benefit sale	\$108.00	Georgia Pierre Gumbs (Cydrenia)	\$20.00
Lana Williams	\$20.00		Special collection November 30	\$108.00	Roxanne Gumbs (Gumbs)	\$20.00
Gerard	\$20.00		Holy Family Church Choir	\$260.00	Vincia & Agnes	\$300.00
Magdalene Thomas	\$20.00		Viola E. Smith	\$100.00	Felecita Richards	\$300.00
Adriana & Riviere Casnis	\$300.00		Melicia Prince	\$20.00	Clovis Martin Emmanuel	\$50.00
Zernard	\$45.00		SJW Christmas concert	\$269.00	Linda P. LeBlanc	\$50.00
Total cash on December 15, 2024	\$452.00		Lita Daniel	\$100.00	Maynor Eusebe	\$50.00
St. Joseph Workers		\$14,000.00	Alicia Douté	\$150.00	Christine S. & Charles N. Paull	\$300.00
Alma Wells	\$500.00		Haitian Community	\$400.00	Myrrtha Bordeaux	\$300.00
Beverly McClendon	\$300.00		January 18 – 19 collection	\$1,320.00	Margaret Lawrence	\$100.00
Clarissa T. Battiste funeral	\$80.00		Tony E. & Susan Isabella	\$150.00	March 15 – 16 collection	\$1,176.00
Walkathon (Finance Committee)	\$2,300.00		Marie Ismaelis	\$100.00	The Community Foundation	\$25,000.00
Tea party (Finance Committee)	\$2,430.00		Chrisminte Mombia	\$200.00	Jose V. & Jolly Kuppamala	\$200.00
Other Contributors	\$1,900.00		Edline Pitoa	\$140.00	Ann Theophile	\$200.00
Josette & Jeanyiah	\$20.00		Wilson By	\$300.00	Chris Tarvernier (Cydrenia)	\$50.00
Cecelia Cruz	\$300.00		Dulnor Noel	\$200.00	Haitian Community	\$500.00
Joseph & Bridget Tousaint	\$300.00		D. Bruge & Kathryn Van Ness	\$50.00	Beverly & Joseph R. St. Thomas	\$300.00
Merle Adams-Smith	\$100.00		Paula Andrews	\$300.00	April 20 collection	\$182.25
Mr. & Mrs. Theresa Fattle	\$300.00		February 15 – 16 collection	\$1,701.00		
Total amount as of April 27, 2025: \$72,462.25						



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REFERANS BIBLIK

Premye Lekti: Travay 5:12-16

Sòm repons: Sòm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Dezyèm Lekti: Revelasyon 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Levanjil: Jan 20:19-31

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: Travay 4:23-31; Sòm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9;
Jn 3:1-8

MADI: *Saint Catherine nan Sienne, Vyèj ak Doktè Legliz la*
Travay 4:32-37; Sòm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

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

JEDI: Travay 5:27-33; Sòm 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36

VANDREDI: *Sen Atanazi, Evèk ak Doktè Legliz la*
Travay 5:34-42; Sòm 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15

SAMDI: *Fèt Sen Filip ak Jak, Apot yo*
1 Kor 15:1-8; Sòm 19:2-3, 4-5; Jan 14:6-14

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: *Twazyèm Dimanch Pak*
Travay 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sòm 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jan 21:1-19

Meditasyon par Pere Yacob Lonfo

Chè Frè ak Sè m yo, pandan n ap selebre dezyèm Dimanch Pak la, Ane C, nou envite pou nou reflechi sou mizèrikòd san limit Bondye a. Jodi a, n ap obsève Dimanch Mizèrikòd Divin nan, yon Fèt Sen Pap Jan Pòl II te etabli pou fè nou sonje Kris ki resisite a pa sèlman pote glwa, men tou padon, lapè ak gerizon.

Nan premye lekti ki soti nan Travay Apot yo, nou temwen pouvwa transfòmasyon mizèrikòd Bondye a. Apot yo, ki te pè yon lè, kounye a yo fè siy ak mèvyè avèk kouraj, epi Legliz premye syèk la vin tounen yon refij gerizon ak restorasyon. Li frapan pou wè kijan mizèrikòd Bondye a te transfòme apot yo, li ba yo pouvwa pou yo vin ajan ak enstriman mizèrikòd. Anfèt, mizèrikòd kontajye lè nou viv li nèt ale, li enspire lòt moun epi li pote espwa.

Nan dezyèm lekti ki soti nan Revelasyon an, vizyon Jan an sou Kris ki resisite a se yon rapèl pwofon sou konpasyon Bondye. Kris la kanpe nan mitan fidèl yo, li pote blesi Pasyon li yo, li demontre ke Bondye pa pè soufrans nou yo men li anbrase li avèk tandrès. Lè nou mete konfyans nou nan mizèrikòd li, nou jwenn kouraj pou nou fè fas ak pwòp defi nou yo, menm jan Toma te fè lè li te pwoklame: "Senyè mwen ak Bondye mwen!" Deklarasyon lafwa sa a fè nou sonje mizèrikòd Bondye a ka transfòme dout an devosyon.

Nan Levanjil Jan an, nou transpòte nan chanm anwo a kote disip yo te kache poutèt yo te pè Jwif yo, epi yo te andikape pa yon konsyans koupab. Sa ki enpòtan, se la Jezi te etabli Premye ak Dènye Sen Lamès la. Nan menm chanm anwo sa a, Senyè resisite a pral etabli Sakreman Penitans lan, ke yo rele tou Sakreman Konfesyon oswa Rekonsilyasyon (Jn 20:19-31). Nan lang ebre, Shalom vle di Lapè. Se yon echanj lapè ant de antite ki te nan lagè; de moun ki te nan konfli. Li senbolize yon fen nan nenpòt kalite konfli. Lè Kris la souffle sou apot li yo epi li swete yo lapè, li rekonsilye yo avèk li menm ak Papa a. Se poutèt sa, yo resevwa otorite pou rekonsilye nou avèk Bondye.

Antanke katolik, li esansyèl pou nou konprann ke Konfesyon se yon enstitisyon divèn, ki anrasinen nan ansèyman Kris yo. Malerezman, gen kèk Katolik ki enfluyans pa move konpreyansyon sou kwayans Pwotestan yo, sa ki diminye enpòtans Sakreman sa a. Sepandan, lè nou rejte ansèyman Kris la, nou poze yon gwo kesyon: Kiyès nou ye pou nou inyore pawòl Senyè nou an?

Gen kèk Katolik ki kwè, nan erè, Bib la di: "Pa konfese peche nou bay pèsonn." Pawòl sa a pa jwenn okenn kote. Sepandan, Bib la ankouraje konfesyon an reyalite: "Se poutèt sa, konfese peche nou yo youn bay lòt epi priye youn pou lòt pou nou ka geri" (Jak 5:16): sa vle di konfesyon bay yon prèt katolik ki valab. Men, gen kèk ki fè tankou yo pa gen peche pou yo konfese. Sen Jan raple nou nan premye lèt li a: "Si nou di nou pa gen peche, nou twonpe tèt nou, verite a pa nan nou. Si nou rekonèt peche nou yo, Li fidèl epi li jis, li pral retire peche nou yo epi li netwaye nou anba tout move zak. Si nou di: 'Nou pa peche,' nou fè l pase pou mantè, Pawòl li pa nan nou" (1 Jan 1:8-10). Peche nou pa konfese yo ka peze nou sou do, tankou yon "poubèl" kilpabilite ak wont ki debòde. Ann chwazi padon ak gerizon atravè konfesyon. Ann chwazi pou nou pa kenbe peche nou yo lè nou pa konfese yo oswa kache yo devan prèt yo (ki se reprezantan Bondye), okontrè nou revele yo pou nou evite jistis Bondye, men nou konte sèlman sou mizèrikòd li.

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.

Apèl Evèk la: Pak sa a, nou kontan nan pwomès lavi nouvo ak esperans renouvle atravè Rezirèksyon an. Pandan n ap selebre Seyè ki resisite a, ann kontinye pote limyè li bay lòt moun grasa sipò nou nan Apèl Evèk 2025 la.

Jenerozite w soutni Edikasyon Katolik, Sensibilisation atravè òganizasyon Charitab Katolik, ak Misyon Evanjelizasyon Dyosèz nou an. Ansanm, nou renouvle espwa nan kè epi transfòme lavi atravè Zile Vyèj yo.

Tan Karèm nan ki te envite nou fè penitans ak pataj la fini. Ann pwofite tan Pak sa a pou nou retounen anvlòp Apèl Evèk nou yo.

Mès paske w pataje lajwa Pak la grasa sipò fidèl ou.

Mwa avril: Pandan n ap kontinye selebre 50yèm anivèsè pawas nou an, mwa a dedye a prèt yo, dyak yo, ak evanjelizasyon. Lapriyè Papa nou ki nan Syèl la pral resite apre lapriyè kominyon apre tout mès yo.

Lamès pandan semèn nan ap rekòmanse ak pwogram selebrasyon òdinè nou yo: PA GEN LÈS lendi; Vandredi, lamès 7:00 am nan Sanktyè a.

Priyè: Ann priyè pou moun nan pawasyen nou yo ak dyosèz la ki an pelerinaj nan Wòm.

Travayè Sen Jozèf yo

- Yo repwograme tombola a pou benefis klimatizasyon legliz la pou **Jiyè 2025**.
- Reyinyon mansyèl la ap fèt **dimanch pwochen, 4 me 2025**, apre mès 7:30 am nan.
- Tout manman yo envite nan yon dejene GRATIS pou Fèt Manman **dimanch 11 me 2025**, apre mès 7:30 am nan Sal Kolonban anwo a.

Sakreman Batèm Tibebe: Pwochen Batèm tibebe a ap fèt **25 me 2025** nan lamès 10:00 am. Tanpri enskri pitit ou a kounye a.

Lamès Gerizon: Pwochen lamès gerizon an ap fèt vandredi **30 me 2025** a 6:00 pm.

Vwayaj Bato Kon Tiki: Dimanch 1ye jen 2025 de 2:00 pou rive 6:00 pm. Anbakman ap kòmanse a 2:00 pm nan waf West Indian Company. Tikè yo se \$30 epi yo disponib nan men manm Katedral Sen Pyè ak Pòl ak nan tout Biwo Pawas yo.

Lakwa Mòn Kalvè: Kounye a nou gen yon kwa ki plante nan jaden flè nou an; nou rele l Lakwa Mòn Kalvè. Ou lib pou vizite, priyè, epi pran foto. Pa ezite fè siy kwa a chak fwa ou antre nan zòn nan.

Pwofite pandan peryòd Pak la: Prèt yo pral pwofite peryòd Pak sa a pou vizite fanmi yo epi beni kay kretyen yo. Enskri sou lis la lè w endike adrès ou ak nimewo telefòn ou; vizit yo ap kòmanse soti 6:00 pm pou rive 8:00 pm.

Komite pou Ranmase Fon pou Katedral Sen Pyè ak Sen Pòl la pral òganize yon Vant Soup Ansyen Modèl samdi 10 me 2025. Tikè yo koute \$15 epi yo disponib nan biwo Legliz Fanmi Sen an. Si ou bezwen plis enfòmasyon, tanpri rele 340-513-4817.

Orè Ministè yo: Nou raple sèvè lotèl yo, lektè yo, minis ekaristik yo, ak kantor/medya yo pou yo voye orè yo bay biwo legliz la pou yo ka mete yo nan orè jeneral la. Nou atann kolaborasyon ou.

MAS ENTANSYON

Entansyon Lamès la se pou Bondye kontinye beni **Edline ak Melissa Piton** epi pwoteje l, jan Edline te mande l la.

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

ÒF NAN WEKNEN, 19 – 20 avril 2025

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Sam. 5:00 pm: TBA

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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

Boutik Kado: Tanpri vizite epi sipòte boutik kado nou an **mèkredi, samdi**, oswa apre mès **dimanch** maten yo. Gen plizyè atik relijye ki disponib pou vann. **Mayo Jibile** yo disponib nan boutik kado a pou **\$30 regilye** ak **\$40 mayo manch long**.

Èkondisyone legliz:

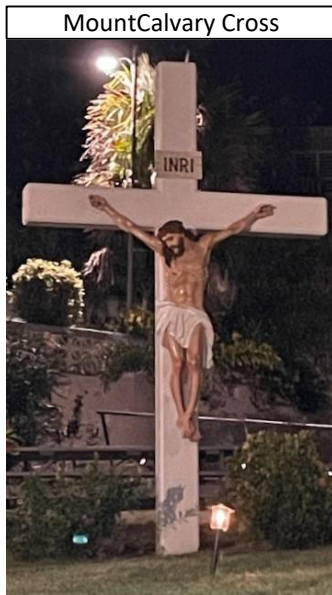
- Tanpri retounen anvlòp A/C ou yo bay Fr. Modeste oswa nan biwo a.
- **T-shirt Pawas:** Disponib nan boutik kado pawas la pou sipòte pwojè a ak Ane Jubilee a. Nou ankouraje pawasyen yo mete mayo pawas la pou woulib bato a.
- **Raf Travayè Sen Jozèf:** Disponib nan men manm yo, lajan an benefisyè enstalasyon èkondisyone nan legliz la. Pral gen gwo pri. Tanpri sipòte.

Atik manje ki pa gate: Atik manje ki pa gate yo kolekte nan wikenn sa a pral benefisyè òganizasyon charitab Katolik ak fèmèn pawas nou an. Nou remèsye ou pou jenerozite ou.

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Restoration Fund	May 3-4
Catholic Communication Campaign	May 10-11
Mother's Day	May 10-11
Monthly School Support	May 17-18
Property Insurance	May 17-18
Capital Improvements	May 24-25

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HOSPITALIZED:

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

Church Attendance:

601 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

117 persons attended Holy Mass on Holy Thursday.

186 persons attended the Good Friday service.

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