

Diocese of Saint Thomas

# **Holy Family Catholic Church**

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Holy Family Church



# **Mass Schedule**

# **Devotions**

**Holy Hour** 

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

# **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou (340) 203-0607

#### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Fr. Yacob Lonfo Fopa

**SEMINARIAN:** Jean Phito Orelus

**Office Manager:** Carmen White **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:**

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."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 27, 2025

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# WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3,

6-7, 7-8

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

By Father Yacob Lonfo

As we reflect on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to contemplate the transformative power of prayer, divine mercy, and our relationship with God as a loving Father. The readings from Genesis, Colossians, and Luke weave a rich tapestry of intercession, persistence, and trust.

Abraham's bold intercession for Sodom reveals the depth of prayer as a dialogue with God, where persistence reflects unwavering trust in His justice and mercy. Through baptism, we are united with Christ, empowering our prayer life. Jesus teaches us the Lord's Prayer, a masterpiece of worship, praise, petition, forgiveness, and protection.

In this sacred journey, we discover that:

- Prayer is a relationship, not just a ritual, where we enter into divine intimacy with our loving Father.
- Persistence deepens our faith and dependence on God, and He responds generously to our supplications.
- God's generosity is boundless, giving us what we truly need, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let us approach prayer with boldness, like Abraham, interceding for others and trusting in God's mercy. May our prayer life be shaped by our identity in Christ, and may we persist in prayer, even when answers seem delayed. As children of God, we are reminded that we are brothers and sisters, united in love and faith.

As we pray, may we let go of grudges and trust in God's timing, knowing that He answers our prayers with perfect love and wisdom.

# SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

**TUESDAY:** Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;

Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27

WEDNESDAY: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**FRIDAY:** Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 26th

5:00 PM **† Eugenie Forde & children** → Repose of Souls rb the Forde & Gifft families

t Michael Donovan → Repose of Soul rb his mother

- Sarina McBean  $\rightarrow$  Birthday blessings rb her mother, Olga

SUNDAY, July 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM − Nieces & nephews of Francisca Henry → Guidance & protection

10:00 AM **† Arthur René** → Repose of Soul rb the René family 5:00 PM **– Odrigue Badeau Jr.** → Birthday blessings rb his mother, Angie

MONDAY, July 28th - no Mass

TUESDAY, July 29th

7:00 AM **† Cyril Abraham** → Repose of Soul

WEDNESDAY, July 30th

7:00 AM – Claudeja Brutus → Congratulations & thanksgiving to God on her accomplishment as a Licensed Registered Nurse rb Yvonne Brutus & family

THURSDAY, July 31st

7:00 AM − Cynthia Charles, Kishorn, Oryan & brothers → deliverance & protection rb Cynthia Charles

FRIDAY, August 1st

7:00 AM – **Sherica Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb Urelca JnBaptiste

# 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 from July 26th to August 1st for birthday blessings, good health and prosperity, requested by Joan Alfred.

Month of July: July is the month of the precious blood of Jesus and Jubilee of the public and private sectors.

Parish Calendar: All Ministries are being asked to please submit to the Church Office or to Fr. Modeste by the end of this month, their Pastoral Year Calendar for 2025/2026. That will help us to bring out our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2026 to submit to the Diocese.

Youth Ministry: On Saturday, August 2nd, the Youth Ministry will be hosting a beach party at Magens Bay Beach.

Cassi Hill Pilgrimage: Holy Family Parish invites its Parishioners, all Parishes, and the entire community to participate in the 78th Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, August 17, 2024, starting at 2:00 PM from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine.

Healing Mass: will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025-6:00 PM at the Shrine. Bring your sick and religious sacramental to be bless.

The Church is open every Wednesday from 7am to 3pm. Come and spend some valuable spiritual time with the Lord while meditating and reflecting.

Sts. Peter and Paul School is presently accepting students for PK-11 for the 2025 - 2026 school year. The school prides itself by focusing on Faith, Discipline, & Academics. Contact the school office at 340-774-2199 or 774-5662 for additional information.

Columban Hall's Furniture: Ministries/individuals are asked to please return tables and chairs to the respective floors of the Columban Hall after your event.

Hospitality Lounge: Thank you to Paula Luke for volunteering. Sister Paula also serves as an usher at the 7:30 am Mass. May God bless her as she serves in her ministries. Donations of sandwiches, pastries and juices are accepted.

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.

# 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 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.

# **Catechesis**

By Fr. Yacob Lonfo

In the liturgy of the Mass, we discover the profound beauty of prayer. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the pinnacle of prayer, encompassing five sublime forms: worship, praise, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving. Today, we explore the significance of Mass intentions, a deeply spiritual tradition in the Catholic Church.

A Mass intention allows the faithful to request a priest to celebrate Mass for a specific person, cause, or need, whether for the living or the deceased. This act is a profound expression of faith, intercession, and communion, channeling the Eucharist's grace toward someone in need of healing, peace, or remembrance.

The psalmist's words resonate: "How shall I give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for me? I will raise up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." The Mass intention reflects our belief in the transformative power of prayer, adding a personal dimension of love and care to every Mass.

Regarding donations, stipends support the priest and the Church's mission, not purchasing grace. No matter how much money can be nor gold, both can never pay grace or blessing. The Vatican intentions emphasizes that Mass are not commercial transactions, and priests encouraged to celebrate Mass for those who cannot truly afford a donation.

# **Parish Life**



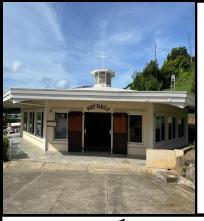


# **Upcoming Event Dates at Columban Hall**

- Monday, July 22, 2025
- Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Sunday, August 10, 2025

Air Conditioning Fund as of July 20, 2025: \$157,905.50

Please see the bulletin board for details.



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Nimewo 090 Dimanch 27 Jiyè 2025 La



#### **REFERANS BIBLIK**

Premye Lekti: Jenèz 18:20-32

Sòm Reponsyèl: Sòm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Dezyèm Lekti: Kolosyen 2:12-14

**Levanjil:** Lik 11:1-13

### LEKTI EKRITI NAN SEMÈN LA

**LENDI:** Egzòd 32:15-24, 30-34; Sòm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;

Matye 13:31-35

MADI: Sen Mat, Mari ak Laza

Egzòd 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;

Sòm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jan 11:19-27

**MÈKREDI:** Egzòd 34:29-35; Sòm 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Matye 13:44-46

**JEDI:** Sen Ignas de Loyola, Prèt

Egzòd 40:16-21, 34-38; Sòm 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11;

Mt 13:47-53

VANDREDI: Sen Alfons Liquori, Evèk ak Doktè Legliz la

Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Sòm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**SAMDI:** Lev 25:1, 8-17; Sòm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: 18yèm Dimanch nan Tan Òdinè

Eklezyas 1:2; 2:21-23; Sòm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;

Kolosyen 3:1-5, 9-11; Lik 12:13-21

# Meditasyon par Pere Yacob Lonfo

Pandan n ap reflechi sou disetyèm dimanch tan òdinè a, nou envite pou nou kontemple pouvwa transfòmasyon lapriyè a, mizèrikòd diven an, ak relasyon nou ak Bondye kòm yon Papa ki renmen nou. Lekti ki soti nan Jenèz, Kolosyen, ak Lik yo trikote yon richès entèsesyon, pèseverans, ak konfyans.

Entèsesyon kouraj Abraram nan pou Sodòm revele pwofondè lapriyè kòm yon dyalòg ak Bondye, kote pèseverans reflete yon konfyans san fay nan jistis ak mizèrikòd li. Atravè batèm, nou ini ak Kris la, sa ki bay lavi lapriyè nou pouvwa. Jezi anseye nou Priyè Senyè a, yon chèdèv adorasyon, louwanj, petisyon, padon, ak pwoteksyon.

Nan vwayaj sakre sa a, nou dekouvri ke:

- Priyè se yon relasyon, pa sèlman yon seremoni, kote nou antre nan yon entimite diven ak Papa nou ki renmen nou an.
- Pèseverans apwofondi lafwa nou ak depandans nou sou Bondye, epi Li reponn ak jenewozite a siplikasyon nou yo.
- Jenewozite Bondye a san limit, li ban nou sa nou vrèman bezwen, espesyalman kado Sentespri a.

Annou apwoche lapriyè avèk kouraj, tankou Abraram, entèsevwa pou lòt moun epi fè konfyans nan mizèrikòd Bondye. Se pou lavi lapriyè nou an fòme pa idantite nou nan Kris la, epi se pou nou pèsevere nan lapriyè, menm lè repons yo sanble an reta. Antanke pitit Bondye, li raple nou ke nou se frè ak sè, ini nan lanmou ak lafwa.

Pandan n ap priye, se pou nou kite rankin ale epi fè Bondye konfyans, paske nou konnen ke Li reponn priyè nou yo avèk lanmou ak sajès pafè.

# **ANONS PAWAS YO**

### Chandèl p'ap janm fini an

**Chandèl Etènèl** la ki boule nan Sanktyè legliz nou an, rapèl Prezans Senyè a nan Trè Sen Ekaristi a, pral boule soti 26 Jiyè rive 1ye Out pou benediksyon anivèsè nesans, bon sante ak pwosperite, jan **Joan Alfred** te mande l la.

Mwa Jiyè: Jiyè se mwa san presye Jezi a ak Jibile sektè piblik ak prive yo.

Kalandriye Pawas: Yo mande tout Ministè yo pou yo soumèt Kalandriye Ane Pastoral 2025/2026 la bay Biwo Legliz la oubyen bay Pè Modeste anvan fen mwa sa a. Sa ap ede nou prezante Plan Pastoral Pawas nou an pou 2026 pou nou soumèt bay Dyosèz la.

Ministè Jèn yo: Samdi 2 Out la, Ministè Jèn yo ap òganize yon fèt sou plaj Magens Bay.

Pelerinaj Cassi Hill: Pawas Sent Fanmi an envite pawasyen li yo, tout pawas yo, ak tout kominote a pou patisipe nan 78yèm Pelerinaj Anyèl Notre Dame de Cassi Hill la. Pelerinaj la ap fèt dimanch 17 out 2024, apati 2:00 pm soti nan Kat Van Plas pou rive nan Sanktyè a.

Mès Gerizon: ap fèt vandredi 29 out 2025—6:00 pm nan Sanktyè a. Pote sakraman malad ou ak relijye ou pou yo beni.

Legliz la ouvè chak mèkredi soti **7am** pou rive **3pm.** Vin pase yon bon moman espirityèl ak Senyè a pandan w ap medite epi reflechi.

Sent. Lekòl Peter ak Paul ap aksepte elèv pou jadendanfan jiska 11yèm ane pou ane lekòl 2025-2026 la. Lekòl la fyè dèske li konsantre sou Lafwa, Disiplin, ak Akademik. Kontakte biwo lekòl la nan 340-774-2199 oswa 774-5662 pou plis enfòmasyon.

Mèb Columban Hall: Nou mande ministè/moun yo pou yo tanpri retounen tab ak chèz yo nan etaj respektif Columban Hall la apre evènman an.

Salon Ospitalite: Mèsi a Paula Luke pou volontarya li. Sè Paula sèvi tou kòm yon akomodatè nan mès 7:30 am nan. Se pou Bondye beni li pandan l ap sèvi nan ministè li yo. Yo aksepte don sandwich, patisri ak ji.

Manje ki pa gate fasil: Manje ki pa gate fasil ki kolekte wikenn sa a pral benefisye Òganizasyon Charitab Katolik ak moun ki fèmen lakay yo nan Pawas nou an. Nou remèsye w pou jenewozite w.

# **MÈS ENTANSYON**

Entansyon Lamès la se pou benediksyon anivèsè nesans **Odrigue Badeau Jr.,** jan manman l, Angie, 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**

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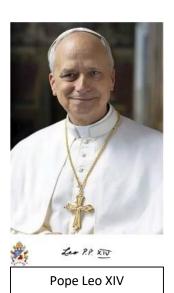
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# **NOUVÈL KOMINOTE A**

- 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.



# **Parish Life**





Parish Administrator
Father Modeste Digwou

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Parish Administrator: Fr. Modeste Digwou Pastoral Team: Yacob Lonfo, Jean Phito

Chair: Andrea Shillingford Vice-chair: Francis Callwood

**Parish Pastoral Council** 

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

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#### **Members:**

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

#### **Economic Parish Council**

Parish Administrator: Fr. Modeste Digwou

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**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

#### **Decoration Committee**

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# **Gift Shop Hours:**

Michelle Stout

• 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



#### **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.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OFFERINGS, July 19 – 20, 2025

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7/23: \$31.00

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# SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE COMING MONTH

Capital Improvements	July 26-27
Restoration Fund	August 2-3
Bishop's Appeal	August 9-10
Property Insurance	August 16-17
Capital Improvements	August 23-24

# **Pray For the Sick & Shut-ins**

OFF ISLAND: Signorah Baron, Helen Bruney, Rose George, Olivia Gumbs, Mercedes Hodge, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Joseph Toussaint

AT HOME: Malaine Alexander, St. Helaire Antoine, Carol Baron, François Baron, Philomen Baron, Madelene Bastien, James Bellot, Alix Bourdeau, Rose Celestine, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Maggie Dolphin, Anthony Estime, Winifred Garfield, John George, John & Norma Gimenez, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Vernelle Gumbs, Gail Homer, Francis & Henrietta JohnBattiste, Owen Johnrose, Thomas Johnson, Marie Joseph, Bernice Knight, Cleopha Rawlings, Wende Rouse, Evelyn Simon, Paquita Steele, Iona Vanterpool.

#### **HOSPITALIZED:**

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

#### **Church Attendance:**

**281** persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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