



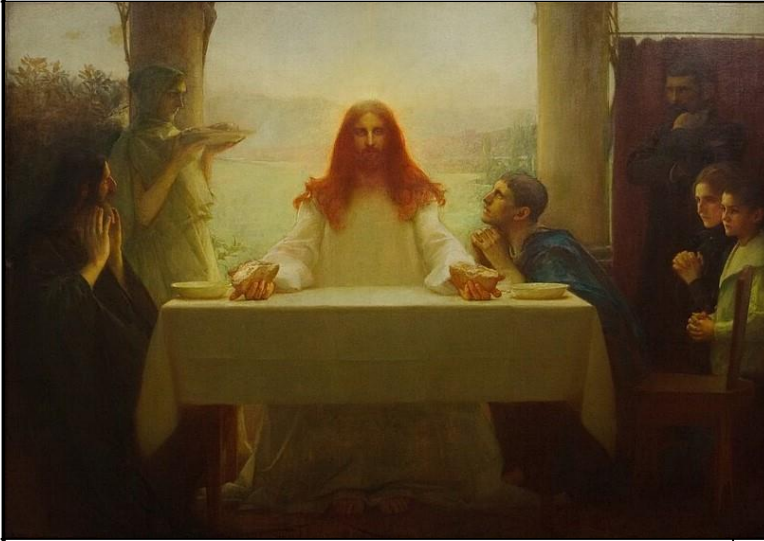
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**Holy Family
Church**



Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday – Friday 7:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:00 A.M. & 12:00 noon
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

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- Orville "Sparrow" Rouse (weekdays)

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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A
APRIL 19, 2026

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

By Fr. Modeste Digwou

Brother and sisters:

On this 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, the gospel directs our attention to the experience of the disciples of Emmaus who allowed themselves to be joined by the Risen One. It seems to me that we resemble the pilgrims of Emmaus because we live every day with the Risen Jesus? Two things on the menu of our meditation today:

- Walking with Jesus to find hope: our hearts are slow to open in his presence, but he is really there.
- To be converted by Mass: during the liturgical celebration, like the pilgrims of Emmaus, we listen to the Word of God and then proceed to the fraction of the bread, through which Jesus converts us (two important parts of the Mass).

My dear brothers and sisters, what we truly need is not just solutions. We need an encounter with the Risen Christ. Because only Jesus can: turn discouragement into hope, fear into courage, and being stuck... into new life. But there is one important question: Do we allow Jesus to lift us? Because sometimes He is already near—in His Word, in the Eucharist, in the people around us—but we do not recognize Him. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that every Christian and every community, by reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus, will rediscover the grace of the transformative encounter with the risen Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY: Acts 7:51—8:1a;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY: *Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist*

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

NEXT SUNDAY: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6;

1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, April 18th

5:00 PM † **Vera Brady** → Repose of the Soul rb her family

– **Jonathan Davis** → Birthday blessings & protection
rb his family

† **Michael Emmanuel Donovan** → Repose of the Soul
rb his mother, Eva Donovan

SUNDAY, April 19th

7:30 AM – **Orville Rouse** → Strength & faith rb the 7 AM Early
Risers

† **Riviere Casimir** → Repose of the Soul

10:00 AM – **Gilda Tousaint-Davis** → Birthday blessings rb the
René family

– **Beverly McClendon** → God's blessings &
protection

5:00 PM – **Denise Noel & Inalie Bohomme** → Birthday
blessings rb Silia

† **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** → Repose of the Souls

MONDAY, April 20th – no Mass

TUESDAY, April 21st

7:00 AM – **The sick & suffering** → God's blessings &
continued healing

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd

7:00 AM † **Lloyd Stridiron** → Repose of the Soul rb the Johnson
family

† **Peter Harrigan** → Repose of the Soul rb the Children
of Mary

THURSDAY, April 23rd

7:00 AM → Asking God to heal divisions & inspire reconciliation
among parishioners

FRIDAY, April 24th

7:00 AM – **Bridget Toussaint & Viola Williams** → God's
blessings rb the 7 AM Early Risers

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: As people of renewed hope, let us live a true spirituality of stewardship by being grateful and generous with the gifts God has entrusted to us. By supporting the Bishop's Appeal, you become an active part of our Church's pastoral work and evangelization efforts across the Virgin Islands.

Please take a brochure and envelope to place your contribution in the offertory basket or mail it directly. You may also give easily by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Thank you for embodying faithful stewardship through your generosity.

Month of April: April is the month of **Divine Mercy**.

From the Pastor's Desk:

- A preparatory meeting for the 50th anniversary of Holy Family is extended to ministry leaders on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** at 6 p.m. in lower Columban Hall.
- Holy Family Church will celebrate 50 years on **June 20 & 21, 2026**. Let us mobilize for this material and spiritual preparation. Any good initiative in this sense is welcome.
- Thank you for your prayers for our Bishop who celebrated his 5 years of Episcopal on the Washington side on Friday. Everything went well.

Wednesday Masses: Every **Wednesday, at noon time (12 o'clock) Mass** will be celebrated, along with the regular 7:00 am Mass.

Cassi Hill: Friends of Cassi Hill meet **Wednesdays 6:00 pm** at the SHRINE to recite the Rosary. Parishioners are encouraged to join the group led by Julie Harrigan.

Litter: Once again, parishioners are being reminded to take your water bottles, candy/cookie wrappers, and used facial tissue with you when leaving the church; **DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE PEWS!!**

Home Visitation: Family visits and blessings of the homes will begin shortly. Parishioners who would like the Pastors to visit with family and have their homes blessed are asked to complete the form provided in the back of the church.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet will take place on **Friday, May 22, 2026** in the Parish Hall of the church. Please RSVP no later than **April 30th** as seating is limited. Tickets are available at the Parish Office at a cost of \$75.

Parish Information

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism: Infant Baptisms will take place on the **Fourth Sunday** of every month, parents and godparents 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 at the Shrine.

Visiting the Sick: The parish priests visit the sick every Friday. Please call the office if you have a sick or shut-it that you would like added to the list for home visits.

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: 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 encouraged to complete a parish registration form. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all Holy Family parishioners. Registration helps in providing letters of request for proof of church membership. Also, if you have relocated or your mailing address or contact number has changed, please update it at the church office.

Church Cleaning: The church is cleaned every Friday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

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

Catechesis

by Fr. Modeste Digwou

Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist:

They recognized him in the fraction of the bread

According to the Catholic faith, Jesus is really, truly and substantially present in the Eucharist under the appearances of consecrated bread and wine. This presence is carried out by transubstantiation during Mass, where bread and wine become the Body and Blood.

- **Real Presence:** It is not a simple symbol, but of the presence of all Christ - body, blood, soul and divinity. In Luke 24:13-35, two disciples walking to Emmaus recognized the risen Jesus only when he blessed, broke, and shared bread with them at supper.
- **Institution:** Jesus instituted this sacrament during the last meal (Holy Thursday), saying "This is my body." (1 Cor 11:24)
- **Communion and Worship:** The Eucharist allows us to receive Jesus in communion to unite with him and worship him in the consecrated host.
- **Effects:** Eucharistic communion nourishes the soul, strengthens the spiritual life and gives back the peaches that have come.
- **Jesus remains present** in the consecrated hosts after the Mass, which allows the Eucharistic reserve in the tabernacles.

Bishop's Appeal

Our goal is \$35,000. We are all encouraged to make this goal.

Catholic Charities of the VI help the underserved. Gently used clothing, furniture, or mobility aids are always appreciated, as are in-kind services, food products, including vegetables, utilizing our barrel at The Market in Tutu Park Mall.

For additional information, contact us at catholiccharitiesvi.org or call 340-777-8518.

Thank you!

Parish Life

Youth Mass, March 15, 2026



Air Conditioning Fund as of April 12, 2026: **\$230,659.75**



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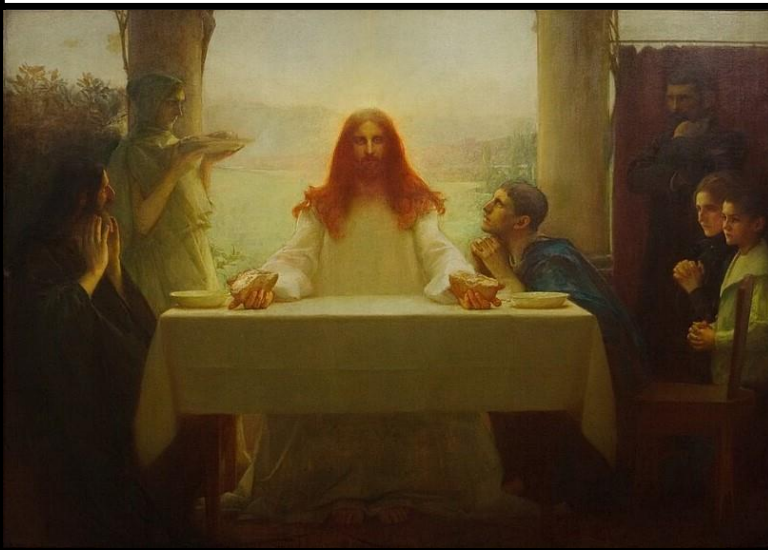
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Nimewo 128 Dimanch 19 Avril 2026 La



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Premye Lekti: Travay Apot yo 2:14, 22-33

Sòm Reponsyèl: Sòm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Dezyèm Lekti: 1 Pyè 1:17-21

Levanjil: Lik 24:13-35

LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

LENDI: Travay 6:8-15; Sòm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jan 6:22-29

MADI: Travay 7:51—8:1a;
Sòm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jan 6:30-35

MÈKREDI: Travay 8:1b-8; Sòm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
Jan 6:35-40

JEDI: Travay 8:26-40; Sòm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jan 6:44-51

VANDREDI: Travay 9:1-20; Sòm 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

SAMDI: *Fèt Sen Mak, evanjelis la*
1 Pyè 5:5b-14; Sòm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

PROCHÈN DIMANCH: *Katriyèm Dimanch Pak la*
Travay Apot yo 2:14a, 36-41;
Sòm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pyè 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Meditasyon par Pè Modeste Digwou

Frè ak sè m yo:

Nan 3yèm dimanch Pak Ane A sa a, levanjil la atire atansyon nou sou eksperyans disip Emayis yo ki te kite Moun ki resisite a vin jwenn nou. Li sanble m ke nou sanble ak pelegren Emayis yo paske nou viv chak jou ak Jezi ki resisite a? De bagay sou meni meditasyon nou jodi a:

- Mache avèk Jezi pou nou jwenn espwa: kè nou pran tan pou nou louvri nan prezans li, men li vrèman la.
- Pou nou konvèti pa Lamès: pandan selebrasyon liturjik la, tankou pelegren Emayis yo, nou koute Pawòl Bondye a epi answit nou kontinye nan fraksyon pen an, atravè ki Jezi konvèti nou (de pati enpòtan nan Lamès la).

Frè ak sè m yo, sa nou vrèman bezwen se pa sèlman solisyon. Nou bezwen yon rankont ak Kris ki resisite a. Paske se sèlman Jezi ki ka: transfòmè dekourajman an espwa, laperèz an kouraj, epi bloke... an nouvo lavi. Men, gen yon kesyon enpòtan: Èske nou kite Jezi leve nou? Paske pafwa Li deja pre—nan Pawòl li, nan Ekaristi a, nan moun ki bò kote nou—men nou pa rekonèt Li. Gras a entèseksyon Vyèj Mari a, nou priye pou chak kretyen ak chak kominote, lè yo reviv eksperyans disip Emayis yo, yo ka dekouvri ankò gras rankont transfòmè a avèk Senyè ki resisite a. Amèn.



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, ap kontinye boule pandan tout semèn k ap 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 Evèk la: Antanke moun ki gen yon espwa renouvle, an nou viv yon vrè espiyitalite jesyon lè nou rekonesan e jenere ak kado Bondye konfyè nou yo. Lè nou sipòte Apèl Evèk la, ou vin yon pati aktif nan travay pastoral Legliz nou an ak efò evanjelizasyon atravè Zile Vyè yo.

Tanpri pran yon bwochi ak yon anvlop pou mete kontribisyon ou nan panyen ofrann lan oubyen voye l dirèkteman pa lapòs. Ou ka bay fasilman tou lè w eskane kòd QR la oubyen lè w vizite sit entènèt nou an. Mèsi paske ou enkarne jesyon fidèl atravè jenewozite ou.

Mwa Avril: Avril se mwa Mizèrikòd Divin lan.

Soti nan Biwo Pastè a:

- Yo òganize yon reyinyon preparasyon pou 50yèm anivèsè Legliz Fanmi Sen an pou lidè ministè yo, **Madi 21 Avril 2026** a 6è nan aswè nan Sal Columban ki pi ba a.
- Legliz Fanmi Sen an ap selebre 50yèm ane li yo, **20 ak 21 Jen 2026**. Ann mobilize pou preparasyon materyèl ak espiyèl sa a. Nenpòt bon inisyativ nan sans sa a akeyi.
- Mèsi pou priyè nou yo pou Evèk nou an ki te selebre 5 ane Episkopal li nan bò Washington vandredi. Tout bagay te byen pase.

Mès Gerizon: Pwochen Mès gerizon an ap fèt **vandredi 24 avril a 6:00 pm nan Sanktyè a**.

Lamès Mèkredi yo: Chak Mèkredi, y ap selebre yon Lamès **midi (12è)**, ansanm ak Lamès regilye 7è dimaten an.

Cassi Hill: Zanmi Cassi Hill yo reyini chak **Mèkredi a 6:00 pm** nan LONDRES lan pou resite Chaplè a. Nou ankouraje pawasyen yo pou yo rantre nan gwoup Julie Harrigan ap dirije a.

Fatra: Yon lòt fwa ankò, n ap raple pawasyen yo pou yo pote boutèy dlo yo, papye sirèt/biswit yo, ak mouchwa figi yo avèk yo lè y ap kite legliz la; **PA KITE YO SOU BAN YO!!**

Vizit Lakay: Vizit fanmi yo ak benediksyon kay yo ap kòmanse byento. Moun ki nan pawas la ki ta renmen Pastè yo vizite fanmi yo epi beni kay yo, yo mande pou ranpli fòm ki nan dèyè legliz la.

MÈS ENTANSYON

Entansyon Lamès yo se pou benediksyon anivèsè nesans **Denise Noel** ak **Inalie Bohomme**, jan Silia te mande l; epi pou Repo **Nanm Sent yo nan Pigatwa**.

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 WIKENN, 11 – 12 avril 2026

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Mèsi pou jenewozite 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.

Banchè Selebrasyon 100yèm Anivèsè **Legliz Notre-Dame du Secours Pèpétuel** la ap fèt **vandredi 22 me 2026** nan Sal Pawas legliz la. Tanpri RSVP pa pita pase **30 avril** paske plas yo limite. Tikè yo disponib nan Biwo Pawas la pou yon pri \$75.

Manje ki pa gate: Nou pral kolekte manje ki pa gate **wikenn pwochen** an nan chak Sen Lamès pandan ofrann, apre pwosasyon an apre koleksyon an. Lajan yo pral benefisyè Òganizasyon Charite Katolik ak moun ki fèmèn nan Pawas nou an. Nou remèsye w pou jenewozite w.

Pray For the Sick & Shut-ins

OFF ISLAND: Signorah Baron, Helen Bruney, Leon Bryan, 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, Magdalene Felix, Winifred Garfield, John George, John & Norma Gimenez, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Vernelle Gumbs, Francis & Henrietta JohnBattiste, Owen Johnrose, Thomas Johnson, Marie Joseph, Bernice Knight, Cleopha Rawlings, Wende Rouse, Evelyn Simon, Paquita Steele, Iona Vanterpool.

(Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or require Communion or Anointing of the Sick.)

Church Attendance:

303 persons attended Holy Mass last weekend.

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