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Saint Thomas

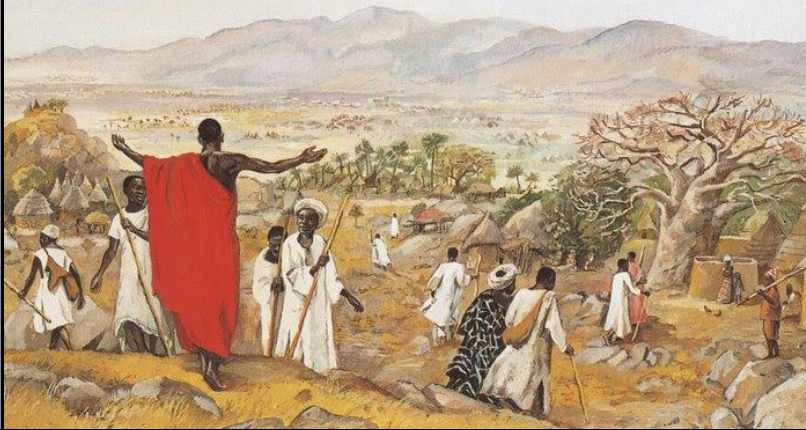
# Holy Family Catholic Church

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Holy Family  
Church

**“And behold, I am with you always, until  
the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:20**



## 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

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Fr. Yacob Lonfo Fopa

**Administrative Asst.:** Ms. Carmen A. White

**Accountant:** Dawn Callwood

**Religious Ed. Director:** Ms. Tamra Thomas

**Music Director:** Mr. Francis Callwood

### Sacristans:

- Ms. Silia Erilis
- Ms. Francesca Alcendor
- Mr. Julio Comperè
- 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.”

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A**  
**MAY 17, 2026**

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

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## WEEKLY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

By Fr. Jacob Lonfo

### Solemnity of the Ascension of our Blessed Lord Jesus

Beloved in Christ, traditionally celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, because of pastoral reasons, the Bishops in some of the dioceses in America, including ours, have decided to transfer this important Feast of the Ascension to this weekend, giving the opportunity to all believers to fully participate in the this Solemnity. Hence, we celebrate today, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in Heaven. Due to this shift, the readings are not of the seventh Sunday, also known as “Sunday of Christ’s priestly prayer” (where in the Gospel of John, the Lord prays for unity among believers), but instead of the Ascension itself.

Today’s liturgy focuses on the permanent and physical disappearance of the historic Jesus Christ as He ascends to His Father. On the other hand, Christ commissions His disciples to go into the entire world proclaiming the Good News of the Resurrection and God’s love to every creature, while He continues to be present differently in the world, but in a most powerful and effective way, being able to be everywhere at the same time by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through His disciples, but also through you and me as well.

In the first reading, St. Luke pays a tribute to Christ based on what He taught and did in the presence of His followers. The disciples had spent years following the Lord, listening to Him, relying on him. Now He entrust His mission to them, though imperfect men, fearful men, and ordinary people. This is so significant: because the Church has always been built by ordinary people who said yes to God regardless their limitations and weakness. Saint Matthew makes it clear: “They Worship, but they doubted.” Even standing before the risen Christ, some still struggle. Yet the Lord sends them. He does not wait for perfect faith before giving them a mission. The same is true for us; we may feel unworthy, uncertain, or spiritually weak and unequipped. Nevertheless, Christ still calls us to witness in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities.

The Ascension also reminds us where our true hope lies. Christ ascends to the Father not abandon humanity, but to bring humanity into the life of God. In Christ our head, and we His mystical body, human nature is lifted into heaven itself, where we belong. What a blessing to know that we are given the opportunity to be where Christ is, pleading for us before the Father as He reassures us “I am with you always, until the end of age.”

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**TUESDAY:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**THURSDAY:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

**FRIDAY:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**SATURDAY:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25

**SATURDAY:** *Pentecost Vigil*

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30;

Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 PM † **Alvin O. McBean** → Repose of the Soul rb his wife, Olga  
– **Mary Antoine & family** → God’s help, guidance, & protection  
– **Christiana Hicks & Jamal & Jamier Donovan** → Birthday blessings rb Eva Donovan  
† **Peter Anthony Harrigan** → Repose of the Soul rb Allan Harrigan & family

**SUNDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 AM – **Zyia Toussaint** → Birthday blessings rb her grandparents, Joe & Bridget Toussaint  
– **Melissa & Phil Mellon** → God’s guidance & protection rb their mother  
– **Joanna Alfred** → Birthday blessings rb her mother  
– **Ferdinand Richard** → Birthday blessings rb Urelca  
– **Tray Dolphin** → Birthday blessings rb his parents, Maggie & William Dolphin  
10:00 AM – **Kyla Cuffy & Lovenskina Cajuste, first Holy Communicants** → God’s blessings & grace as they come together for the first time to share in the Eucharist  
– **Kenneth Thomas** → Birthday blessings rb his family  
– **Kenneth & Lauren Thomas** → Anniversary blessings rb their family  
– **Kelisha, Denisha, & Denasha Blue** → Birthday blessings rb Eva Donovan  
5:00 PM † **Theresa Auguste & Augustin Marius** → Repose of the Souls rb Mari Antoinette Esperance Marius

**MONDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup> – no Mass**

**TUESDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Elsig VanCourt** → God’s healing & blessings

**WEDNESDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM † **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** → Repose of the Souls

**THURSDAY, May 21<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **The sick & shut-ins of our parish** → God’s blessings & continued healing

**FRIDAY, May 22<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – **Carmen White** → In thanksgiving for all blessings received, especially for the gift of life rb Carmen White

# 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 May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> for God's blessings and protection for the **Thomas family** on the celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Kenneth & Lauren Thomas**; high school graduation of **Immanuel**

**Christian & Javaut David**; and birthday blessings for **Mayah Williams**, requested by the Thomas family.

**Today's Altar flowers** are for birthday blessings, God's guidance, and protection for **Agnes Cannings**. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you.

**Bishop's Appeal:** As we enter the final week of the 2026 Bishop's Appeal public phase, we thank all who have already made a gift to support our Diocesan ministries. Your support sustains Catholic education, Catholic Charities, parish outreach, and evangelization. Contributions are gratefully accepted through December 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

**Month of Mary:** Parishioners and ministries are invited to participate in reciting the Rosary 5:30 pm daily at the Shrine. **May 29<sup>th</sup>** closes the Month of Mary.

**The Novena of the Holy Spirit** began on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, and will continue through **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** followed by Mass at 5:30 pm and **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:30 pm.

**Sacrament of Holy Confirmation** will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 10:00 am**.

**Volunteers:** We're in urgent need of **Counters for ALL** Masses to assist with the weekend's collection. We're also asking for **volunteers** to manage the **Gift Shop** on weekdays (hours to be negotiated) and weekends at 5:00 pm, 7:30 am, and 10:00 am. **Ushers and Lectors** are also needed. Don't just be a Sunday worshipper; get involved in your parish. Contact the church office at **340-775-1650** or email: [holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com)

**Haitian Mother's Day:** The Haitian Community will celebrate their **Mother's Day on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** beginning with a **Mass** at 4:00 pm followed by a reception at the Upper Columban Hall. Tickets are available at a cost of **\$25 for adults and children \$10**. Please support the Haitian Community by purchasing a ticket.

**From the Pastor's Desk:** After reflection and discussion, the Pastoral Council of the Parish has decided to reschedule the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**.

- New date: **Saturday, December 19, 2026**
- **Sunday, December 27, 2026** (Feast of the Holy Family Commemorative Mass; Celebrant, His Excellency Bishop Jerome Feudjio)

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this change may cause, but it's important that we allow ourselves sufficient time to prepare properly for this important celebration for our Parish. We look forward to your continued support.

**Upcoming Meeting:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the Lower Columban Hall.

**Next Infant Baptism: Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 10:00 am.**

**Weekday Masses:** Parishioners are encouraged to attend the **7:00 am daily weekday Masses; 7:00 am Wednesday with Devotions and noon time Mass.**

# Parish Information

**Sacrament of Baptism (Infant):** Our Baptisms are celebrated on the **fourth Sunday** of every month. Parents and godparents **are required** to attend **two (2)** preparation classes. Registration forms are available in the church office.

**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 Sick:** Please call the church office at (340) 775-1650 anytime for an anointing of the sick and dying. The priests visit our sick and shut-ins **every Friday with Holy Communion**.

**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 Matrimony:** Please contact the priest **six (6) months** prior to the date of the intended wedding. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans. **Marriage preparation is mandatory.**

**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.

**Masses at the Shrine** are held on **Fridays at 7:00 am**. Healing Masses are held on the last Friday of the month. The next Healing Mass will take place on **May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**.

**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.

**Necrologium:** Holy Family Parish Community extends sincere sympathy to **Cynesia, Croy, and Cleave McBean Jr.** and family on the passing of their father, **Retired Adjutant Major General Cleave McBean Sr.** His funeral will take place at **Holy Family Church at 10:00 am on Friday, May 22, 2026.** May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

# Catechesis

by Fr. Yacob Lonfo

## Reflection on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit

In preparation for the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, it is important to remind ourselves of what we are expecting to receive at such occasion. Consequently, a reflection on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit can be suitable. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract force, but the living presence of God active within us — guiding, strengthening, correcting, and transforming us into people who reflect divine love.

In Christian tradition, they are seven **gifts of the Holy Spirit** (Isaiah 11:2-3 and developed in Church teaching): Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

These gifts are not rewards for holiness; they are aids for becoming holy. They shape the inner life. *Wisdom* helps us see life from God's perspective. *Understanding* opens the heart beyond surface appearances. *Counsel* guides us in difficult choices. *Fortitude* gives courage when faith is costly. *Knowledge* teaches us to recognize God's hand in creation and daily life. *Piety* deepens reverence and love for God and others. *Fear of the Lord* is not terror, but awe — the humility that remembers God is greater than ourselves.

The **fruits of the Holy Spirit** are different. While the gifts are what the Spirit gives, the fruits are what grow in a life surrendered to God. From Galatians 5:22–23, they are: *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control*

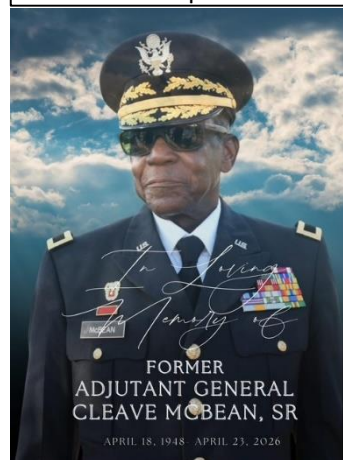
These fruits are evidence of spiritual maturity. It reminds us of the image of the vine and the branches; fruit appears naturally when the tree is healthy and rooted deeply. In the same way, when a person remains close to God through prayer, compassion, repentance, and trust, these qualities gradually emerge.

One of the deepest challenges in spiritual life is that we often want the fruits without allowing the Spirit to cultivate the roots. We want peace without surrender, patience without waiting, joy without trust, love without sacrifice. But the Holy Spirit works slowly and faithfully, often through ordinary experiences: disappointments, acts of forgiveness, hidden service, moments of silence, and daily choices to love.

The gifts strengthen us internally; the fruits become visible externally. The gifts are the Spirit at work *within* us, while the fruits are the Spirit seen *through* us.

# Parish Life

Rest in peace



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](http://catholiccharitiesvi.org) or call 340-777-8518.

Thank you!

## Bishop's Appeal

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

Air Conditioning Fund as of May 10, 2026: **\$231,659.75**



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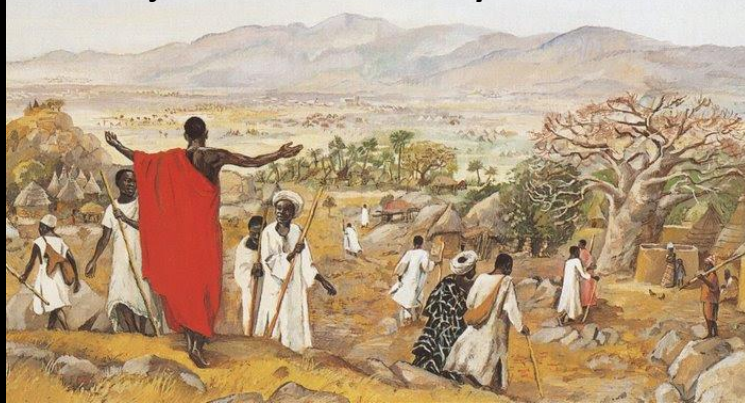


## LA VOIX DU DIMANCHE DE LA COMMUNAUTE HAÏTIENNE

Asansyon Senyè a – Ane A

Nimewo 132 Dimanch 17 Me 2026 La

“Chonje sa byen: mwen la avèk nou toulejou,  
jouk sa kaba.” —Matye 28:20



### REFERANS BIBLIK

**Premye Lekti:** Travay Apot yo 1:1-11

**Sòm Reponsyèl:** Sòm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**Dezyèm Lekti:** Efezyen 1:17-23

**Levanjil:** Matye 28:16-20

### LEKTI EKRTI NAN SEMÈN LA

**LENDI:** Travay 19:1-8; Sòm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jan 16:29-33

**MADI:** Travay 20:17-27; Sòm 68:10-11, 20-21; Jan 17:1-11a

**MÈKREDI:** Travay 20:28-38; Sòm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;  
Jan 17:11b-19

**JEDI:** Travay 22:30; 23:6-11; Sòm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Jan 17:20-26

**VANDREDI:** Travay 25:13b-21; Sòm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jan 21:15-19

**SAMDI:** Travay Apot yo 28:16-20, 30-31; Sòm 11:4, 5 & 7;  
Jan 21:20-25

**SAMDI:** *Vijil Pannkòt*

Jenèz 11:1-9; Sòm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30;  
Women 8:22-27; Jan 7:37-39

**PROCHÈN DIMANCH:** *Dimanch Pannkòt*

Travay Apot yo 2:1-11; Sòm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;  
1 Kor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jan 20:19-23

### Meditasyon par Pè Yacob Lonfo

Solanèt Asansyon Senyè nou Jezi a

Byenneme nan Kris la, tradisyonèlman selebre nan Jedi sizyèm semèn Pak la, akòz rezon pastoral, Evèk yo nan kèk dyosèz nan Amerik, tankou pa nou an, deside transfere fèt Asansyon enpòtan sa a nan wikenn sa a, pou bay tout kwayan opòtinite pou patisipe nèt ale nan solanèt sa a. Se poutèt sa, nou selebre jodi a, solanèt Asansyon Senyè a nan Syèl la. Akòz chanjman sa a, lekti yo pa pou setyèm dimanch la, ke yo rele tou "Dimanch lapriyè sacerdotal Kris la" (kote nan Levanjil Jan an, Senyè a priye pou inite nan mitan kwayan yo), men olye de Asansyon an li menm.

Lituji jodi a konsantre sou disparisyon pèmanan ak fizik Jezikri istorik la pandan l ap monte bò kote Papa I. Yon lòt bò, Kris la bay disip li yo misyon pou yo ale nan lemond antye pou pwoklame Bon Nouvèl Rezirèksyon an ak lanmou Bondye pou chak kreyati, pandan ke Li kontinye prezan yon fason diferan nan lemond, men nan yon fason ki pi puisan ak efikas, li kapab toupatou an menm tan grasa puisans Sentespri a k ap travay nan ak atravè disip li yo, men tou atravè ou menm ak mwen tou.

Nan premye lekti a, Sen Lik rann yon omaj bay Kris la ki baze sou sa Li te anseye ak sa Li te fè nan prezans disip Li yo. Disip yo te pase plizyè ane ap swiv Senyè a, ap koute Li, ap konte sou Li. Kounye a Li konfye misyon Li ba yo, byenke yo se moun enpafè, moun ki pè, ak moun òdinè. Sa a tèlman enpòtan: paske Legliz la te toujou bati pa moun òdinè ki te di wi pou Bondye malgre limit ak feblès yo. Sen Matye fè li klè: "Yo te adore, men yo te doute." Menm kanpe devan Kris ki resisite a, gen kèk ki toujou ap lite. Men, Senyè a voye yo. Li pa tann yon lafwa pafè anvan li ba yo yon misyon. Menm bagay la tou vre pou nou; nou ka santi nou endiy, ensèten, oswa fèb espiyityèlman e san ekipman. Malgre sa, Kris toujou rele nou pou nou temwaye lakay nou, nan travay nou, nan lekòl nou ak nan kominote nou yo.

Asansyon an raple nou tou ki kote vrè espwa nou ye. Kris monte bò kote Papa a, li pa abandone limanite, men li mennen limanite nan lavi Bondye. Nan Kris, tèt nou, epi nou menm, kò mistik li, nati imen an leve nan syèl la menm, kote nou fè pati. Se yon benediksyon pou nou konnen ke nou gen opòtinite pou nou kote Kris ye a, k ap plede pou nou devan Papa a pandan l ap rasire nou: "Mwen avèk nou toujou, jiska lafen tan an."

## 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 16 rive 22 me pou benediksyon ak pwoteksyon Bondye pou **fanmi Thomas** la nan selebrasyon 55yèm anivèsè **Kenneth ak Lauren Thomas**; gradyasyon lekòl segondè **Immanuel Christian ak Javaunt David**; ak benediksyon anivèsè nesans pou **Mayah Williams**, jan fanmi Thomas te mande l la.

**Flè Lotèl:** Flè lotèl jodi a se pou benediksyon anivèsè nesans, gidans Bondye, ak pwoteksyon pou **Agnes Cannings**. Mèsi paske ou te anbeli legliz la e se pou Bondye kontinye beni ou.

**Apèl Evèk la:** Pandan n ap antre nan dènye semèn faz piblik Apèl Evèk 2026 la, nou remèsye tout moun ki deja fè yon don pou sipòte ministè Dyosèz nou yo.

Si ou poko kontribye, gen tan toujou pou w patisipe nan efò enpòtan sa a pou renouvle espwa nan tout Zile Vyèj yo. Sipò w la soutni edikasyon Katolik, Charite Katolik, aktivite nan pawas yo, ak evanjelizasyon.

Tanpri pran yon bwochi ak yon anvlòp jodi a, oubyen bay sou entènèt lè w eskane kòd QR la. Nou aksepte kontribisyon avèk rekonesans jiska Desanm 2026. Mèsi pou jenewozite w.

**Mwa Mari:** Pawasyen yo ak ministè yo envite pou patisipe nan resite Chaplè a chak jou a 5:30 pm nan Sanktyè a. **29 me** a se fini Mwa Mari a.

**Nevèn Sentespri** a te kòmanse **vandredi 15 me** a, epi l ap kontinye jiska **vandredi 22 me** a, apre sa pral gen yon mès a 5:30 pm ak **samdi 23 me** a 4:30 pm.

**Sakreman Konfirmasyon** an ap fèt **Dimanch Pannkòt la, 24 Me, nan Notre-Dame du Secours Pèpètuel a 10:00 am.**

**Volontè:** Nou bezwen **kontwa ijan pou TOUT Lamès** pou ede ak koleksyon wikenn nan. N ap mande **volontè** tou pou jere **Boutik Kado** a pandan lasemèn (Madi - Samdi) ak wikenn a 5:00 pm, 7:30 am, ak 10:00 am. Nou bezwen **akomodasyon ak lektè** tou. Pa rete sèlman yon moun k ap adore legliz dimanch; enplike w nan pawas ou a. Kontakte biwo legliz la nan **340-775-1650** oubyen voye yon imèl nan: [holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyusvi@gmail.com)

**Fèt Manman Ayisyèn:** Kominote Ayisyèn nan pral selebre **Fèt Manman yo dimanch 31 me** a, kòmanse avèk yon mès a 4:00 pm epi apre sa, yon resepsyon nan Upper Columban Hall. Tikè yo disponib pou **\$25 pou granmoun ak \$10 pou timoun**. Tanpri sipòte Kominote Ayisyèn nan lè w achte yon tikè.

**Soti nan Biwo Pastè a:** Apre refleksyon ak diskisyon, Konsèy Pastoral Pawas la deside repwograme **Selebrasyon 50yèm Anivèsè** a.

- Nouvo dat: **Samdi 19 Desanm 2026**
- **Dimanch 27 Desanm 2026** (Mès Komemoratif Fèt Fanmi Sen an; Selebran, Ekselans Evèk Jerome Feudjio)

Tanpri aksepte eskiz sensè nou pou nenpòt deranjman chanjman sa a ka lakòz, men li enpòtan pou nou bay tèt nou ase tan pou nou prepare byen pou selebrasyon enpòtan sa a pou Pawas nou an. Nou espere sipò kontinyèl ou.

**Pwochen Reyinyon:** Komite 50yèm Anivèsè a ap reyini **madi 19 me** a 6:00 pm nan Lower Columban Hall.

**Pwochen Batèm Tibebe: Dimanch 24 Me 2026 – 10:00 am.**

## MÈS ENTANSYON

Entansyon Lamès la se pou Repo nanm **Theresia Auguste ak Augustin Marius**, jan Mari Antoinette Esperance Marius 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 WIKENN, 9 – 10 Me 2026

Òf: \$5,029.35

Sam. 5:00 pm: \$606.00      7:30 am: \$3,234.35

10:00 am: \$970.00      5:00 pm: \$219.00

Dezyèm Koleksyon: \$1,456.00

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- 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.

**Mès Jou Lasemèn:** Nou ankouraje pawasyen yo pou yo ale nan **Lamès 7:00 am chak jou pandan semèn nan; 7:00 am Mèkredi avèk Devosyon ak Lamès midi.**

**Mès yo fèt nan Sanktyè a vandredi a 7:00 am. Mès Gerizon** yo fèt dènye vandredi nan mwa a. Pwochen Mès Gerizon an ap fèt **29 Me** a 6:00 pm.

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

**Nekrolojyòm:** Kominote Pawas Fanmi Sent lan prezante sensè senpati li bay **Cynesia, Croy**, ak **Cleave McBean Jr.** ansanm ak tout fanmi an pou lanmò papa yo, **Adjidan Majò Jeneral Retrete Cleave McBean Sr.** Antèman li ap fèt nan **Legliz Fanmi Sent lan a 10:00 am vandredi 22 me 2026.** Se pou nanm li ak nanm fidèl ki mouri yo, grasa mizèrikòd Bondye, repoze anpè. Amèn.

# Parish Life



**Pope Leo XIV**



**Bishop Jerome Feudjio**



**Parish Administrator  
Father Modeste Digwou**

WELCOME to our Church. It is our heavenly Father's house. Here you will always find God, arms stretched out; 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into my joy.'

Come reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully, and come back gladly. Remain in Church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord, or exit quietly for fellowship and sharing. Whether you are a Registered Parishioner, new to our community, or a visitor, WELCOME!

## Parish Pastoral Council

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Modeste Digwou

**Pastoral Team:** Fr. Yacob Lonfo

**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

Silia Erilis

Mona Bedminster

Carmen White

Vincia St. Jean

Oliver "Bobby" Williams

Francis Callwood

Michelle Stout

## Decoration Committee

Viola Williams

Hilda Celestine

Silia Erilis

Angele Lundy

Oliver "Bobby" Williams

McFarlane Babulal

## **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.**

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

WEEKEND OFFERINGS, May 9 – 10, 2026

Offering: \$5,029.35

Sat. 5:00 PM: \$606.00

7:30 AM: \$ 3,234.35

10:00 AM: \$970.00

5:00 PM: \$219.00

Second Collection: \$1,456.00

Air Conditioning Fund: \$0.00

WEEKDAY OFFERINGS: \$129.00

5/13: \$25.00 5/14, 7 AM: \$73.00 5/15: \$31.00

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Catholic Communication Campaign .. May 16-17

Property Insurance ..... May 16-17

Capital Improvements ..... May 23-24

Restoration Fund ..... May 30-31

Restoration Fund ..... June 6-7

Bishop's Appeal ..... June 13-14

## **Gift Shop Hours:**

- Sunday: after the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

## **Upcoming Event Dates at Columban Hall**

- Sunday, May 24
- Thursday, May 28
- Friday, June 5
- Sunday, June 7
- Sunday, June 14

# 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:

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

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