

Mass Intentions: Jan. 2-8, 2021

Sat. Jan. 2	6 p.m.	For Kimo St. Luce & family for God's guidance & protection requested by Lucy St. Luce
Sun. Jan. 3	7:30 a.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings & guidance requested by Mary Dalmida
	9:30 a.m.	For Gerard Elbourne in thanksgiving to God
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Jan. 5	6 p.m.	For Scott & Gail Killian for God's blessings
Wed. Jan. 6	6 p.m.	For Peter Zareas for healing requested by Angie Zareas
Thu. Jan. 7	7 a.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings & guidance requested by Mary Dalmida
Fri. Jan. 8	7 a.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings & guidance requested by Mary Dalmida

Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.



With the increase of homeless persons on St. John, OLMC in March 2020 opened a shelter to meet this growing need. Since then, we have housed 7 men. At present, 3 men are housed there. We have now opened the other side for women. One woman is house there. We are asking for your help prayerfully and financially. If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to:
 * OLMC and mail to P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831; memo: OLMC Shelter
 * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
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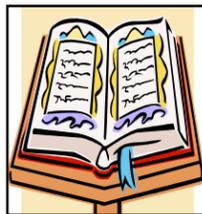
Monday: Jan. 4
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: Jan. 5
 1 Jn 4:7-10
 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: Jan. 6
 1 Jn 4:11-18
 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: Jan. 7
 1 Jn 4:19--5:4
 Lk 4:14-22

Daily Readings



Friday: Jan. 8
 1 Jn 5:5-13
 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: Jan. 9
 1 Jn 5:14-21
 Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Jan. 10
 Is 55:1-11
 1 Jn 5:1-9
 Mk 1:7-11

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 26	6 p.m.	\$106.00
Dec. 27	7:30 a.m.	\$357.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$691.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$123.00

Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you.

If you would like to donate the SANCTUARY CANDLE or ALTAR FLOWERS in memory of someone or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the office and schedule a date. A free will donation is welcome.

Happy New Year to all!
Blessed and grateful!



Some homeless persons receive Christmas gifts thanks to the Barone family.

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Jan. 2-8

- Marcella Calixte Jan. 2
- Amelia Hippolyte Jan. 5
- Magdalene Charles Jan. 6

If your birthday is not listed, call the office at 776-6339.

~ CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

- Gospel book cover - \$2,295.00
- Coral Bay office - \$7,100.00

Parish Announcements

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, IN LIGHT OF THIS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, PLEASE STAY SAFE. MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASSES. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. GOD BLESS.

Continue to pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering both on and off island. May we keep them in our hearts and in our minds. The names of the sick are posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will resume on Jan. 14, 2021.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Religious Education will resume on Jan. 9.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **TITHES/OFFERINGS:** If anyone would like to give their tithes, you can:
 - A. Drop your offering envelope in the church mailbox on the office door
 - B. Mail it to the church at P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831
 - C. PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel has purchased land in Coral Bay to build this chapel, which will be named, St. Therese. We need your financial support to make this a reality.

- To make a donation,
- * Make checks payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831; memo line: Coral Bay Chapel.
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- Donations are tax-deductible.

"An Epiphany of the Epiphany"

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings for the Epiphany of the Lord evokes another epiphany — the recognition that Jesus is a gift who has been given to us. As God chose the wise men to bring gifts to Jesus, He chooses people around us to bring Jesus to us in such a way that we recognize Him as the King of Kings.

In everyday life, an epiphany is understood to mean coming to a sudden realization on a matter that was previously obscure. For Christians, the term "Epiphany of the Lord" has been accepted to mean the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, which is accounted for in the Gospel Reading (Matthew 2:1-12).

The First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6) tells of that coming and describes what this coming means. It means an end to darkness as "the glory of the Lord" shines upon all. Jesus is the light of the world. With Him there is no darkness.

Just as the Magi brought gifts to Jesus as a symbol and confirmation of the message given to the shepherds that Jesus was the long-awaited-for king, so too Jesus Himself is like a gift brought to us that confirms our sonship with the Father. We are sons and daughters of the Lord Most High!

Like every parent who wants the best for his/her child, so too our heavenly Father wanted the best for us as imperfect, sinful human beings so He provided a way for us to attain eternal life with Him though we don't deserve it — the free and sacrificial gift of His Son.

Similarly, Jesus' kingship was announced to poor shepherds and gifts were brought to him by possibly astrologers (they were not kings as is commonly believed) who were considered as kings or wise men because of the richness of the gifts they bore and/or because of their skill in locating Jesus' place of birth. This selection of unlikely people in connection with the birth of Jesus can be likened to the way in which the Lord sends us the gift of His Son. He chooses the most unlikely people to be bearers of this good news.

These are people who most times come into our lives just for this purpose and then exit, never to be seen again. However, the gift of Jesus to whom they introduce us, like the gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus at His birth, is priceless. Like the Magi, these people come into our lives from one direction such as through a retreat experience, church ministry involvement, or the like, and they exit our lives just as mysteriously as they come in, often with no indication of where they are heading next.

Let us take the time on this feast of the Epiphany to consider the epiphany that Jesus is the priceless gift that is given to us and what this should mean to us. Like typical gifts that we receive, He should be treasured.

Prayer: Jesus, I welcome you into my heart in a new way today. Let me and every person and nation come to adore you. **Amen.**



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