

Mass Intentions: Jan. 16-22, 2021

Sat. Jan. 16	6 p.m.	For Christine Barbich for God's blessings requested by Deborah Schnell; and for Lebron Lewis for God's blessings and guidance requested by Mary Dalmida
Sun. Jan. 17	7:30 a.m.	For Barbara LaRocca for healing requested by the Konchalski family; & for Lebron Lewis for God's blessings and guidance requested by Mary Dalmida
	9:30 a.m.	For Peter, George & Francis Sylvester for God's protection & deliverance requested by Agnes Sylvester; & for Catherine Celaire for healing requested by Rosie Boyd
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Jan. 19	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Lauren & Matthew Fogarty & John and Lesley Fuller
Wed. Jan. 20	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Gertrude Verdant, John & Mary Poppell & Thomas & Nan Coxe
Thu. Jan. 21	7 a.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings & guidance requested by Mary Dalmida
Fri. Jan. 22	7 a.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings & guidance requested by Mary Dalmida



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, 5 men are housed there. We have now opened the other side for women. One woman is housed 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
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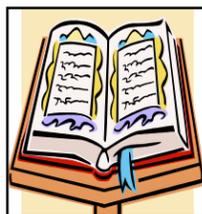
Monday: Jan. 18
 Heb 5:1-10
 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Jan. 19
 Heb 6:10-20
 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Jan. 20
 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Jan. 21
 Heb 7:25--8:6
 Mk 3:7-12

Daily Readings



Friday: Jan. 22
 Heb 8:6-13
 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Jan. 23
 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jan. 24
 Jon 3:1-5, 10
 1 Cor 7:29-31
 Mk 1:14-20

Stewardship of Treasure

Jan. 9	6 p.m.	\$135.00
Jan. 10	7:30 a.m.	\$323.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$739.80
	12:30 p.m.	\$70.00

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.



A day of pure bliss: a wedding and baptisms

The Ballowe family were happy this past weekend. Siena and William Ballowe were baptized and parents, Steven and Kimberly convalidated their marriage. The convalidation was officiated by Deacons Peter Laurencin and Evans Doway and the baptisms by Deacon Cassius Mathurin.

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Jan. 16-22

- Veronica Bell Jan. 18
- Kyon Louis Jan. 20

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

~ 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.

- **MASS:** Fr. Neil Scantlebury, the bishop-elect for the Diocese of Bridgetown, Barbados, will celebrate Mass at OLMC at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021. A special collection will be taken.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday Jan. 21, 2021. The speaker will be Deacon Peter Laurencin. The topic is "Spiritual Warfare."
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.



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.

"Come, and you will see"

By Adeline Jean

The Mass readings for this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time gives us an invitation as this new year 2021 begins: "Come, and you will see" (Gospel Reading, John 11:35-42).

You who are reading this reflection have already met the Lord because you may have obtained this reflection in the bulletin when you attended Mass. To you and many Catholics like you who attend Sunday Mass, this invitation of "come, and you will see" is a call to deeper intimacy with the Lord. Some of have met the Lord; now, you need to get to know the Lord. The current COVID-19 pandemic coupled with the troubled political climate in the United States must confront us with the reality that we have no control over the physical world in which we live so we must seek new ways of finding the peace that can no longer be found in this world.

One way to answer the invitation to "come, and you will see" and to find the peace that cannot be attained in the world, is to try going deeper within to connect with the Lord in an intangible spiritual space and state. Mystic and Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila, has revealed one method of accomplishing this. In her book, "The Interior Castle," she writes to provide a method of contemplative prayer that is quite intricate yet possible by human effort (15). The post Reformation context in which she lived influenced her in wanting to reform the Catholic Church so that she could help strengthen it in terms of its holiness and spiritual power. She sought to do this by teaching her Sisters at the Carmel and then the whole world a unique way to.

In so doing, she and her army of Sisters would pray the Church into new life — moving away from its medieval cave-dwelling eremitical life to one of solitary piety and spiritual experiences. In practicing her prayer method, our spiritual lives, and more so, our entire lives too, can be transformed.

St. Teresa starts with the basic premise that the human soul is a castle that is made out of a diamond or clear crystal that contains many rooms (35). The spiritual life that exists in this castle is quite intricate. Her spiritual doctrine states that the castle contains seven dwelling places, divided into two sections: the first three groups of dwelling places are those that are achievable by human efforts and by the ordinary help of grace, and the next four groups of dwelling places are connected with the passive or mystical elements of the spiritual life (19).

There are many dwelling places in this castle, just as there are many dwelling places in Heaven (18). In each of the dwelling places are many others (35), above, below, to the sides (36). One needs to understand this to see the stages the soul can journey through to get to the center of the castle, which is Christ (18), or God's dwelling place (19). This is "where God resides; secret communication between God and the soul take place there" (36). The "gate of entry" into this castle is prayer and reflection (38). It is vocal prayer accompanied by reflection (38). Once inside the castle, the soul can move from room to room; these rooms are countless.

If this brief introduction to St. Teresa of Avila's method of prayer teases you to want to truly go within to find the Lord in new and more mystical ways, this is a clear sign that God is indeed calling you to go deeper — to learn to hear and discern God's voice and calling in your life. Samuel heard that voice of the Lord in a dream, and through discernment with the help of the priest Eli, was able to respond, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19).

The fishermen, who would become the first disciples, as soon as they encountered Jesus and heard Him speak, also wanted more of Him so they started following Him (Gospel Reading). They didn't have to seek His voice within because they had Him in person. However, we do not have that benefit, so we must find ways to hear and to listen to God's voice.

Prayer: Lord, as I begin this journey of a new year with you, I also want to begin a new inner journey with you. **Amen**



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Masses

Weekend

Saturdays: 6 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)

Weekday

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. (Coral Bay)
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays at 7 a.m.

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Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment



Simonia Dagou
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Week in Preview

Youth Ministry:
Mondays at 5 p.m.

Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group:
Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



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