

# Mass Intentions: February 5-11, 2022

Sat. Feb. 5	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for O’Ryan Joseph requested by Cynthia Charles; and for Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan and Cyril Delsol for God’s blessings and deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
Sun. Feb. 6	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for John Donaie requested by Sandra Donaie; and birthday blessings for Missy Varlack and God’s blessings for a successful endeavor
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Matthew Harrington requested by Fred & Irene Kutner; & in loving memory of Leo & Peg Morrissey, Warren Kappeler & Pete Bowlin requested by Jim & Mary Mullins
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Feb. 8	6 p.m.	For Nadia Defoe-George & Nesha Defoe for God’s deliverance & protection
Wed. Feb. 9	6 p.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan & Cyril Delsol for God’s protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
Thu. Feb. 10	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan & Cyril Delsol for God’s protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
Fri. Feb. 11	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan & Cyril Delsol for God’s protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles



## St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the divine power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
**Amen.**

## Daily Readings



**Monday: Feb. 7**  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday: Feb. 8**  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday: Feb. 9**  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday: Feb. 10**  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday: Feb. 11**  
1 Kgs 11:29-32;  
12:19  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday: Feb. 12**  
1 Kgs 12:26-32;  
13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday: Feb. 13**  
Jer 17:5-8  
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

# Stewardship of Treasure

Jan. 29	6 p.m.	\$813.00
Jan. 30	7:30 a.m.	\$567.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,145.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$336.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$80.00

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 Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.  
Be with the families of those who are sick

or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

## ~ Wish List ~

### OLMC Member Birthdays Feb. 5-11

- John Donaie Feb. 8
- Dee Conrad Feb. 9
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If your birthday is not listed, call the office at 776-6339.

- Install fencing and 3 gates around front of the hall - \$11,503.87

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# Parish Announcements

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.

- **CONDOLENCES:** OLMC extends condolences to Helena Watt & family on the passing of her sister, Carmen Liverpool; and to Diane JnBaptiste & family on the passing of her brother, Anthony Elivique.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection this weekend is for the Maintenance Fund for the upkeep of the church.
- **STEEL PAN:** Steel pan for adults will resume at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 and for youth at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.
- **PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The speaker will be Sandra Donaie, who will give her testimony, titled "My Journey."
- **SPECIAL APPEAL:** Help save our schools! Your gift no matter how small can go a long way in enabling our children to continue to have access to Catholic Education in the Virgin Islands. We ask you to please take a brochure and prayerfully determine what sacrificial gift you can give to this worthwhile cause. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or online giving. Fill out the form in the brochure and make checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas."



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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## 'Allegory of Missionary Discipleship'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings present what can be likened to an allegory of a Christian disciple's call to service, a call to missionary discipleship.

An allegory arises when the characters and situations involved in a story all symbolize ideas, concepts, qualities, or other thoughts that tell a different story, and which communicate a doctrine, message, or moral principle.

In the First Reading (Isaiah 1-2a, 3-8), Isaiah has a vision of the Lord seated on the throne with seraphim praising Him saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"

As an allegory, Isaiah's experiences can be taken as describing the call to missionary discipleship. Each Christian experiences an encounter with the Lord beyond Baptism when they are at an age and/or level of wisdom to recognize, value, and to act upon that encounter. For Isaiah, a vision allowed him to encounter the living God. Some Christians have encounters with God through mystical visions and otherwise, some through prayer and meditation, but, for many, life situations lead them to encounter the Lord in their search of comfort, peace, healing, renewal, and forgiveness. Like Isaiah, some Christians may feel unworthy of the gift of encountering God, especially in mystical ways, but God ordains these encounters. God chooses the means, opportunity, and place of encounter. As Christians, we should always be vigilant to the closeness of God, but we must also be aware that at times God surprises us by revealing Himself in expected ways. We do not even have to be seeking God for God to reveal Himself to us. God decides. God came to Isaiah. God also determined that the time had arrived for Isaiah to do a mighty work for him, and God anointed Isaiah's mouth—purifying him and preparing him for mission. God likewise will come to us, reveal Himself to us in ways that we cannot deny or take for granted, and then God will prepare us for mission. Our free will determines if we will accept this call to become missionary disciples.

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 5:1-11), we meet Jesus when Jesus reveals Himself to His first disciples. Simon (Peter), James, and John were going about their everyday lives when Jesus entered their world (their physical place and spiritual space) and brought them to agency from being fishermen to being fishers of men [women].

As an allegory, this experience of Simon Peter further mirrors the call to missionary discipleship. Like Isaiah, Simon Peter is called despite his readiness and spiritual condition. However, unlike Isaiah who had the mystical experience of seeing the Lord on the throne and of the seraphim touching his mouth, Simon Peter experiences a real-life, real-time, up-close encounter with Jesus, the Second Person of the Godhead. Simon Peter's experiences tell that when we sense Jesus' closeness and/or Jesus' calling out to us in subtle ways and invite Jesus into our boat (our life), we will experience the miraculous. Our obedience is rewarded. Jesus will do amazing things for us. Going a step further, when we not only give Jesus a place in our space, but also say "yes" to allowing Jesus to now work through us, we will likewise experience the miraculous. Our work as missionary disciples will reap an abundant crop of saved souls for the Lord.

In the Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-5), Paul makes the First Proclamation (the message of hope in salvation won by the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus) to his early Church audience.

As an allegory, Paul's story is the story of all human beings because we are all sinners. Jesus extended His hand of mercy by choosing Paul, just as Jesus chose Isaiah and Simon Peter. Jesus extends that same hand to all. We just need the spiritual eyes and ears to recognize Jesus' call to us.

Pope Francis begins his writing of Evangelii Gaudium by encouraging all Christians: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (#1). Pope Francis also advises that as missionary disciples, we are "called to radiate light and to comminate life" (#83) and he cheers on all Christians by saying, "The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything" (#84).

**Prayer:** Jesus, may my life be a living Gospel to all who meet me. Amen



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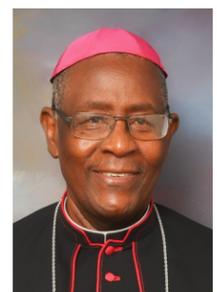
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### Hours

**The Church is open**  
Mondays - Fridays: 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Office Hours**  
Mondays - Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Pastor's Hours**  
Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Call to set up an appointment**

### 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.

### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

### Week in Preview

**Youth Ministry:**  
Mondays at 4:30 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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