

Mass Intentions: February 26-March 4, 2022

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| Sat. Feb. 26 | 6 p.m. | In thanksgiving to Dave Minner, Mark Dail and Andy and Vicki Crider and in loving memory and in thanksgiving to Anne and Frank Heger |
| Sun. Feb. 27 | 7:30 a.m. | For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan and Cyril Delsol for God’s blessings |
| | 9:30 a.m. | In thanksgiving to Yuri Gaspar and Suzanne and William Osborn |
| | 12:30 p.m. | In loving memory of Betty Stypa and in thanksgiving to Jessica Schlott, Henry Tomasuolo, Richard and Mardell Baum and Robert and Barbara Glosniak |
| Tue. March 1 | 5:30 p.m. | For the Hispanic Community of St. John |
| | 6 p.m. | In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus requested by Carolyn Petenel; & in thanksgiving to Richard Dziurdzik & Manuel & Cynthia Chavez |
| Wed. March 2 | 7 a.m. | For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan & Cyril Delsol for God’s protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles |
| Thu. March 3 | 6 p.m. | OLMC parishioners and benefactors |
| | 7 a.m. | For Nadia Defoe-George & Nesha Defoe for God’s deliverance & protection; and in thanksgiving Jerome & Lynne Morea |
| Fri. March 4 | 7 a.m. | For Cynthia Charles, O’Ryan Joseph, Kishorn Duncan & Cyril Delsol for God’s protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles |

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



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.

Monday: Feb. 28
1 Pt 1:3-9
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: March 1
1 Pt 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: March 2
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20--6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: March 3
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Daily Readings



Friday: March 4
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: March 5
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: March 6
Dt 26:4-10
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Feb. 19 | 6 p.m. | \$492.00 |
| Feb. 20 | 7:30 a.m. | \$689.00 |
| | 9:30 a.m. | \$995.00 |
| | 12:30 p.m. | \$222.00 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | \$96.00 |

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.

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”
— Mark 1:15

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 A.M. (CRUZ BAY)
6:00 P.M. (CORAL BAY)

~ Fasting & Abstinence ~

- On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: Everyone ages 14 and up must abstain from eating meat.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone ages 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to a medical reason. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

~ Wish List ~

- 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.

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection this weekend is to assist with the poor and less fortunate.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Coral Bay. The speaker will be Deacon Cassius Mathurin. The topic will be "Crosswords in the Desert."
- **DAY OF PRAYER:** World Day of Prayer will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 at the Bethany Moravian Church.
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** A retreat for women will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Confession starts at 9:30 a.m.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays.
- **LENTEN MISSION:** The Diocese of St. Thomas will hold a Diocesan Lenten Mission from March 14 to 19. The guest speaker will be Most Rev. Kenneth Richards, Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica. The mission will be held on St. John on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in Coral Bay at the future site of St. Therese Chapel.
- **MUSICIAN NEEDED:** OLMC is seeking a musician to play at Masses. Call the church office at 776-6339 for more information.
- **SUNSET CONCERT:** St. John School of the Arts presents the American Spiritual Ensemble's free sunset concert at 5 p.m. March 12, 2022, in the area next to the visitors center at the National Park Ballfield.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

On Sept. 7, 2021, the Vatican released a preparatory document and handbook for the 2023 synod on synodality to be reviewed by all Catholic dioceses in the world over the next six months.

In that document synodality is described as “the form, the style, and the structure of the Church.”

The theme of this Synod is For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

The current Synodal Process is guided by a fundamental question: How does “journeying together” take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one),

allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? What steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2)

Each bishop is asked to undertake a consultation process with the local Church from Oct. 17, 2021, to April 2022.

Dioceses should organize local gatherings for “synodal consultation,” to enable individuals to give their feedback directly to the diocese.

Multiple parishes should come together for these “synodal consultation meetings” so that “a range of people from different socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, age groups” can take part.

'The Test of Authentic Christian Witness'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings identify the test of authentic Christian witness — preparedness for ministry.

The First Reading (Sirach 27:4-7) tells of the test that all Christian witnesses must go through before they themselves can stand the test of preparedness for ministry: We learn from this that suffering is the initial test that Christian witnesses must undergo in preparation for ministry.

Once we pass our test and are ready for Christian ministry as missionary disciples, we then face a lifelong test of our authenticity as Christian witnesses—that is, our preparedness for ministry test. This test is lifelong for two reasons. First, we are never fully prepared in that we are constantly learning new things and growing spiritually, so our preparedness to serve at different levels is measured using different standards.

Second, we are imperfect human beings who fall prey to sin on a daily basis, so we must take measures to safeguard our preparedness for ministry. As is first noted, Christians are constantly evolving — in our relationship with God and as we are spiritually fine-tuned. We cannot receive one form of spiritual training and expect this to last for a lifetime of service. In like manner, our testimony must also evolve. We cannot share the same testimony for years repeatedly!

The First Reading makes it clear that “the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.” These serve as the measure of the test. In the first instance, the “fruit” Christians produce can range from behaviors, to lifestyle choices, to actual works accomplished that reflect God is working in their lives and their behavior is bearing witness to God's working. Thus, Christians must behave differently to non-believers.

We Christians cannot expect to dress, act, go to places, or engage in activities that are offensive to God but which are normative in secular society. In the second instance, because our speech reveals how we think and what we embody, Christians must heed the advice given in James 1:19: We must be “quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”

These all suggest controlling the tongue. When one has control of the tongue, one will listen more, speak less, and be less prone to angry outbursts. James 3:5 adds, “Therefore, our preparedness for Christian ministry is a purification of self, inside and out. The outside purification will always be obvious, but the purification of the inside, while also displayed through outward manifestations, is revealed in the spoken.

In light of all of this, the Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:54-58) reminds us, we believe in Jesus, who overcame corruptibility and mortality and was victorious over death. When we walk closely with Jesus, we have victory in every area of our lives because Jesus is victory. Jesus' closeness empowers us to welcome and to benefit from suffering, purging, purification, and continuing spiritual transformation.

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 6:39-45), Jesus shares a parable with His disciples that is meant to prepare them for Christian ministry. Jesus questions, “Can a blind person guide a blind person?”

This simple question is actually spiritually loaded. Jesus is really saying that if Christian witnesses are not spiritually prepared for the work they have to do, they cannot help anyone because they will be on the same level with those whom they are trying to help and will mislead others. Jesus adds that “no disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.”

To earn a place of spiritual leadership, we must be willing to undergo suffering and the process of purification so that we can be prepared for service as Christian ministers/missionary disciples.

Prayer: Jesus, may I embrace suffering and purification with love and joy believing that you are not just molding me into a beautiful soul but also into a powerful witness. **Amen**

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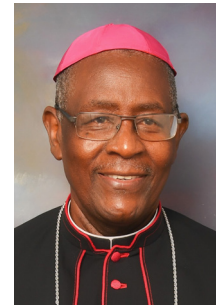
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Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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.

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Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
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Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

Week in Preview

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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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