

## Mass Intentions: March 12-18, 2022

Sat. March 12	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to James & Mary Campbell, Candace Puma, Robert & Nancy Moscardini, Paul, Cristie and Fadia Darden & David Campbell
Sun. March 13	7:30 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Li'Undray Dagou & Rosemund Boyd requested by their families; & in thanksgiving to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Danaher, Amelia Hippolyte, Faye Fredericks and Gayle Varlack
	12:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Alvis Christian; & in loving memory of Denise Daly Kirby requested by Donald & Deborah Schnell
Tue. March 15	5:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
Wed. March 16	6 p.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles
Thu. March 17	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Alma Wells, Dr. Maxine Nunez, Bernard & Brenda Gibs, Denis & Patricia Griffith, Alicia Doute & St. Joseph Workers of Holy Family Church
Fri. March 18	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested by Cynthia Charles

## Stewardship of Treasure

March 5	6 p.m.	\$385.00
March 6	7:30 a.m.	\$418.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$2,042.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$346.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$83.00

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.



## Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday Masses were held in Cruz Bay and in Coral Bay on March 2, 2022.

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, 6 men are 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  
\* PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)

## 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 Bianca Laurencin & Rosemary Joseph & their families on the passing of their aunt, Virginia Jean.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection this weekend is for the Bishop's Appeal. Brochures are available at the back of the church for you to make a donation at a later date.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2022, in Coral Bay.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.
- **MUSICIAN NEEDED:** OLMC is seeking a musician to play at Masses. Call the church office at 776-6339 for more information.
- **60th ANNIVERSARY:** OLMC will celebrate our 60th anniversary in July. We are inviting people to tell us how OLMC has made an impact in your lives. We will also accept photos. Email your story and pictures to olmc@hotmail.com.
- **HOUSING:** We are seeking housing for nuns, who will be coming to St. John. Call the office for more information.

## 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.**

## Lenten Mission 2022

The Diocese of St. Thomas will hold a Diocesan Lenten Mission from March 14 to 19.

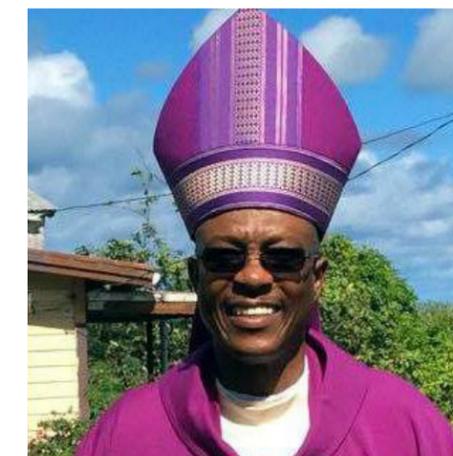
The guest speaker will be Most Rev. Kenneth Richards, Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica.

The mission will be held on St. John on Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at OLMC in Cruz Bay.

Richards was born in Linstead, St. Catherine, Jamaica. He is the oldest of seven children. When he was about 10 years old, he was converted to Catholicism.

Having completed his studies at St. Michael's Seminary in Kingston, he was ordained in 1985. He first served as associate pastor at Holy Cross Church in Half-Way-Tree, and later as pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Harbour View, and later as Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Waterhouse and St. Jude & Christ the Redeemer Church in Seaview Gardens.

He was appointed Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, before becoming rector of Holy Trinity Cathedral where he oversaw the restoration in time for its 100th anniversary in 2011.



Most Rev. Kenneth Richards  
Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica

In 2009, Richards became a Monsignor, and in December 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre with pastoral responsibility for Antigua & Barbuda, St. Kitts & Nevis and the three British dependent territories of Anguilla, Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands – a post which he held until his appointment as Archbishop of Kingston in 2016.

## Daily Readings



**Monday: March 14**  
Dn 9:4b-10  
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday: March 15**  
Is 1:10, 16-20  
Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday: March 16**  
Jer 18:18-20  
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday: March 17**  
Jer 17:5-10  
Lk 16:19-31

**Friday: March 18**  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,  
17b-28a  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday: March 19**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Sunday: March 20**  
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Lk 13:1-9

## ~ 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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**'Prayer: The Open Door'**

**By Adeline Jean**

This Sunday's Mass readings, show us Christians how prayer opens us up to experience the transcendent God, to receive more from God, and to be transformed through our experience of God.

The Gospel Reading (Luke 9:28-36) is situated almost immediately after Jesus first tells of His passion, death, and resurrection: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised" (9:22). This Gospel scene of Jesus' Transfiguration therefore provides confirmation from heaven that Jesus' announcement of His suffering will indeed lead to His being glorified in heaven. The Transfiguration is meant to propose that Jesus now supersedes the law and the prophets as the voice of God, which is highlighted in the words of God Himself: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." As such, the appearance of Moses and Elijah is meant to affirm that Jesus' mission is in accordance with the law and the prophets, and is, as such, God's will. More so, like Moses and Elijah who were rejected prophets, Jesus' association with them in His Transfiguration, symbolizes and foreshadows Jesus' ultimate rejection as a rejected prophet. The words, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17), given at the start of Jesus' public ministry, are now uttered as "this is my chosen Son" and portends the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus, a man of prayer, went up the mountain to pray, and through the power of His prayer, heaven was manifested on earth.

By no coincidence, Abram/Abraham, from whom Moses descended, and more so from whom Jesus descended, also had experiences of the glory of God in a vision (that must have come through prayer) as is described in the First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18). Abraham encounters God who makes him two promises — an heir and descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, as well as land that he will possess. Just as God brought Abraham out of Ur into a new land that will become his, God also brought Moses out of Egypt give to Moses and the Hebrew people a land that would become theirs—the Promised Land.

Both Moses and Abraham showed some hesitation and doubt regarding their mission and God's promises to them. When God commissions Moses and sends him to Pharaoh, Moses protested his ability to speak. The LORD said to him: "Who gives one person speech?" (4:10-11). God is reminding Moses that He is the one who holds the power, so Moses need not fear. Similarly, Abraham questions God's promise of land saying, "How am I to know that I shall possess it?" God then responds, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abraham brought him all these, split them in two." God makes this request of Abraham in order to show Him what He means. This ritual of cutting animals into two and walking between them (confirmed to in Jeremiah 34:18), is meant to indicate that the person doing the ritual is invoking on himself a similar death if he breaks the covenant. God Himself seals the covenant: "There appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces." Just as the cloud at the Transfiguration symbolizes God's presence, the fire here signifies God's presence. Thus, God is trying to show Abraham how authentic the covenant He was making with him was. Both Moses and Abraham had to exercise deep faith in order to accept their calls and to accomplish their missions.

In the Second Reading (Philippians 3:17-4:1), Paul appeals to the Philippians to "Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us." Like the prophets of old, Paul is a modern-day prophet in his time, so he has had his faith tested, he has been tried through sufferings, yet, he has not become an enemy of the cross nor has he kept his mind on earthly matters. Paul instead chooses to keep his eyes, mind, and heart on Jesus and all that Jesus taught; that is, Paul chooses a life of prayer. Paul asks the Philippians to do as he does — to not be "occupied with earthly things." This suggests that they need to instead look up to God who is in majesty above all earthly things. Prayer is what connects us to God above. As the Second Person of the Trinity, only Jesus has the power to change "our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the [divine] power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself."

Prayer changes situations, but, most of all, prayer changes us.

**Prayer:** Jesus, may I grow so fervently in my prayer life this Lenten season that prayer becomes a joy not an obligation and a time of giving, not asking. **Amen**



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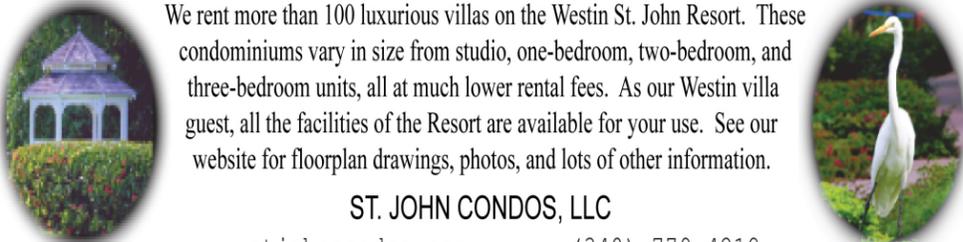
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*Week in Preview*

**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.

*Masses*

**Weekend**

Saturdays: 6 p.m.  
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. (CORAL BAY)  
5:30 p.m. (SPANISH)

**Weekday**

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.  
(CORAL BAY)  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Thursdays & Fridays at 7 a.m.

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*'This is my chosen Son; listen to him...'*



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