

Mass Intentions: March 27-April 2, 2021

Sat. March 27	6 p.m.	For Lebron Lewis for God's blessings and protection requested by Diane & Leopold Lewis
Sun. March 28	7:30 a.m.	For Alan Monell for God's healing and deliverance requested by Cynthia John
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Benedict Regis requested by the Regis family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. March 30	6 p.m.	For Virginie Cyntje for God's blessings
Wed. March 31	6 p.m.	For Abigail Cyntje for God's healing and deliverance requested by Virginie Cyntje
Thu. April 1	7 p.m.	In loving memory of Alana Liburd requested by Sandra Donaie; and anniversary blessings for Martin & Colleen Victorin
Fri. April 2	2 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	3 p.m.	SERVICE

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

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Thursday, April 1: Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 2: Good Friday

* Stations of the Cross: 5 a.m. from Caneel Overlook to Mongoose Junction

* Stations of the Cross: 2 p.m. in the church

* Service: 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil): 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday

7:30 & 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)

Daily Readings

Monday: March 29

Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: March 30

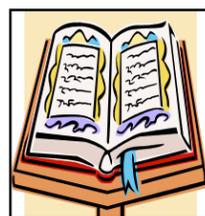
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: March 31

Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: April 1

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15



Friday: April 2

Is 52:13--53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: April 3

Gn 1:1--2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15--15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: April 4

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

Stewardship of Treasure

March 20	6 p.m.	\$191.00
March 21	7:30 a.m.	\$394.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,464.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$92.00

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.

Hayden Smith's retirement & 75th birthday



Surrounded by family and friends, Hayden Smith celebrated his 75th birthday and his retirement as acolyte on March 21, 2021. A get-together was held at the future site of St. Therese Chapel.

Bishop-elect Jerome Feudjio

Bishop-elect Jerome Feudjio is scheduled to be ordained on April 17, 2021. There will be a commemorative booklet. We are soliciting ads and patrons for the booklet. If you would like to purchase an ad or patron, forms are available at the back of the church. Patrons are \$20, \$50, \$100 and up. For more information, call the church office at 340-776-6339.



OLMC Member Birthdays March 27-April 2

- Thomas Schnell April 2

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

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- Gospel book cover - \$2,295.00
- Coral Bay office - \$7,979.00

Parish Announcements

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, IN LIGHT OF THIS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, PLEASE STAY SAFE. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.

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 husband, Alfred Watt; & Sherry-Ann Francis-Hill & family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Cedrick Matheson.
- **PALM SUNDAY:** A March of Witness & Ecumenical Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021. The procession will be from Mongoose Junction to Nazareth Lutheran Church, where the service will be held. All are invited.
- **FUNERAL SERVICES:** Funeral services for Athanase "Atto" Jones will be held on Tuesday, March 30 at OLMC. The viewing will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by the service at 10:30 a.m.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** There will be no Prayer Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** OLMC will hold the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2 at 5 a.m. from the Caneel Bay overlook to Mongoose Junction. All are invited.



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.
- * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
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'Enter Into Our Jerusalem'

By Adeline Jean

The Mass readings of this Palm Sunday provides the opportunity to consider our own personal call to enter into Jerusalem. God calls us to our own Jerusalem — the place where we have to journey to, physically or spiritually, to do a mighty work for Him. It's a place where God will bless others abundantly because of our work, but the personal cost will oftentimes be great. This cost could be betrayal, envy, jealousy, or mistrust. Whatever it is, we suffer because of our "yes" to God, just as Jesus suffered.

However, amid the sacrifices we have to make, God provides for us in incredible ways. When Jesus and His disciples entered Jerusalem, Jesus knew that God had already put things into place to help him. In the Gospel Reading for the Procession with Palms (Mark 11:1-10), Jesus told his disciples to go into the village and there they will "find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat." He asked them to untie it and bring it to Him. How could He have known about this colt? How could it be simply untied and taken away as if it had not no owner? This is because, it had no owner; it was divinely provided. In this instance, God provided for Jesus' need. In His divine nature, Jesus understood His Father's ways.

God also provided consolation for Jesus through an act of love. In the Gospel (Mark 1-15:47), when Jesus was at dinner at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil and poured it on His head. This act raises several insights. First, this woman came to the house of a leper despite the insults and ostracism she would face as a result. Second, she came uninvited to a place where possibly only men were present as guests. Third, she takes the chance to do something unimaginable — she touches a man's body. What could make a woman in that era take such a risk? One plausible reason could be that she had received much from Jesus. She possibly received Jesus' love and mercy.

When Jesus' disciples became upset by the actions of this woman, Jesus responded with surprising remarks. He began by saying, "She has done a good thing for me." He continued saying, "She has anticipated anointing my body for burial." He added, "She has done what she could." Then He made the most startling statement of all, "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." Let us consider a few things.

First, what is "the good thing" that this woman has done for Jesus? Maybe she has shown Him more love than anyone else because she went as far as risking condemnation and even her life for the sake of her love for and gratitude towards Him.

Second, Jesus reveals His imminent death. He makes it clear here that though many of us may be walking closely to Him, we really don't know Him or what to expect from Him. However, there are others, the people we least expect who are more in tuned with Jesus and have been given special insights that those who are supposedly pious and closely associated with Him do not receive. This makes us realize that pious actions do not matter as much as the degree to which we love God and others.

Third, Jesus says that the woman has "done what she could" suggesting that none of us are called to be the same when we have experienced the love and forgiveness of God. Each of us repent and move forward differently.

Fourth, Jesus promises that the action of this woman will always be remembered wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. This illustrates that the things we do out of pure love for God, where we stand to gain nothing in return, is the best gift we can give to God. Likewise, our actions can and should create a gospel that others can "read," so we should be on guard at all times to ensure we never fall short of what is expected of us as Christians. The gospel of our lives should be one of big praise of and for our merciful God!

God also provided consolations for Jesus amid His sufferings He faced in His human nature, and then granted Jesus ultimate victory. The First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7) describes the suffering servant introduced in previous chapters. This is an allusion to Jesus and His suffering. Despite his suffering, the servant says, "The Lord GOD is my help," which acknowledges that God does not abandon him. In the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22), we hear a prophetic word of the suffering that Jesus would endure when He enters Jerusalem. Still, we know that during His Passion, Jesus obtained consolations. He had the consolation of strength because He fell three times yet was able to get up and continue going. He was able to see His mother in the crowd. He also had the consolation of assistance as Simon of Cyrene helped Him to carry His cross. In addition, a perfect stranger took the time and risked punishment by the Roman guards by wiping the blood off of His face.

When God calls us to undertake a task for Him, no matter how difficult things become, He never abandons us. Instead, He sends us consolations. Like Jesus, who God "greatly exalted" because of His sacrifice, we too will receive our reward from God for persevering in tasks to which He has called us in spite of the sacrifices we have to make and the sufferings we have to undergo.

Prayer: Lord, "I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you." **Amen (Psalm 22)**

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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



Simonia Dagou
Administrative Assistant

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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Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



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