

Mass Intentions: May 22-28, 2021

Sat. May 22	6 p.m.	For Deacon Peter Laurencin for healing requested by Gertrude Verdant & family
Sun. May 23	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Alana Liburd requested by Sandra Donaie
	9:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ms. Martha Cherry
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
Tue. May 25	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ms. Martha Cherry
Wed. May 26	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Ms. Martha Cherry
Thu. May 27	7 a.m.	For the sick in our parish
Fri. May 28	7 a.m.	For souls in purgatory

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

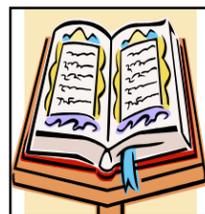


With the increase of homeless persons on St. John, OLMC in March 2020 opened a shelter to meet this growing need. Since then, we have housed 7 men. At present, 6 men are housed there. We are asking for your help prayerfully and financially. If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to:
 * OLMC and mail to P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831; memo: OLMC Shelter
 * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
 * Online giving: www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390

Monday: May 24
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Jn 19:25-34

Daily Readings

Tuesday: May 25
Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31



Wednesday: May 26
Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: May 20
Sir 42:15-25
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: May 28
Sir 44:1, 9-13
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: May 29
Sir 51:12cd-20
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: May 30
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

Stewardship of Treasure

May 16	6 p.m.	\$305.00
May 17	7:30 a.m.	\$905.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$794.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$152.00

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.

Daughters, sisters, wives, mothers

The Magnificat St. John, USVI chapter

invites you to

"Woman, you are well!"

Luke 13:12

A
grace-filled
journey and evening

Come. Receive. Be made well again

Venue: OLMC Parish Church
Facilitator: Ayanna Griffith
Date: 5.30.21
Time: 6pm

Please register with the Parish Office 340-776-6339
The journey begins on the 23/5/21

OLMC Member Birthdays May 22-28

- Felicie Burin May 22
- Landis Wallace May 23
- Cassandra Moore May 24

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

~ Wish List ~

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

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 Rosemary Joseph & family on the passing of her mother, Ms. Martha Cherry.
- **PENTECOST:** OLMC will celebrate Pentecost with an evening of praise and worship and healing at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2021. The theme is "Come Holy Spirit, we need Thee." All are invited.
- **FUNERAL MASS:** A funeral Mass for Clement Anthony "Tommy" Peltier will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2021, at OLMC.
- **ST. LUCIA:** The St. Lucia Association of St. John will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021, at the church.
- **RCIA:** OLMC has opened registration for our RCIA classes, which will begin on June 7. Pick up a registration form at the back of the church.
- **ITEMS NEEDED:** OLMC will hold an online auction to raise funds to build St. Therese Chapel. The auction will begin on June 20. We are seeking any service such as villa rentals, hotel stays, spa services, sunset sails, day sails, etc. to auction. If you would like to donate, call the church office at 340-776-6339.
- **SCHOLARSHIP:** The Young Adult Group is raising funds for the Ronald Lee Jr. Scholarship. This year, we have three graduates in our parish who have been accepted to many universities and colleges. All donations can be sent to OLMC with memo: Scholarship Fund.
- **RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** V.I. Housing Finance Authority has opened its Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist residents with their rent. Applications are available at the back of the church. Contact VIHFA at 340-777-4432, Catholic Charities on St. Thomas at 340-777-8518 or St. John Community Foundation at 340-693-9410.



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.

'Happy birthday to the Church!'

By Adeline Jean

This Pentecost Sunday allows for a greater understanding of the Church as God's family because we are all sons and daughters of the Lord. The term ekklesia that is used in the New Testament can refer to the church of God as the coming together of people either in a home, city, or region. This understanding makes it possible to conclude that the Church is a universal body of believers in Christ and what unites us believers is the Holy Spirit. Additionally, Christian believers are just one family subset within the larger set of humankind. At Pentecost, all Christians celebrate the birth of our Church, despite the different confessions of faith that may have emerged since then. What does it mean to celebrate a birthday? We can consider several things: the time that life began, a momentous moment; the beginning of a journey that has transforming moments; a celebration of life. All of these can be applied in acquiring a deeper understanding of the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

When we think of a birthday, it's, first of all, a memory of when a life began. For the Church, it is the memory of its birth — it's coming into being. God breathed life into Adam, the first human being and He does the same for each human being. In like manner, God breathed life into the Church. He sent His Spirit into the Church. Jesus had promised, "Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me" (Gospel Reading, John 7:37-39). This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. With the power of the Spirit working through the early disciples, rivers of living water did flow into the Church. First, they were emboldened. From living fearful of being found out as followers of Jesus and of possibly suffering His same fate, they became fearless. They began proclaiming Jesus as Lord and recounting all He had done despite the threat of imprisonment. They also began exercising their faith by allowing themselves to be used as instruments of healing. It was indeed a moment of birth for all the disciples. They went from being non-existent in terms of their identity as disciples because they were in hiding, to being alive — carefree in their movements, their preaching, their works. They were on fire to accomplish the mission of the Church — to proclaim the Gospel, the Good News. The Church's first breath, that of the Spirit, made it fearless, powerful, and unstoppable. Its destiny was established.

As with a birthday celebration, the birth of the Church was indeed a momentous moment. It was like nothing experienced before or would be experienced again in the life of the Church because a birthday marks one coming into being. Pentecost is significant because it not only gave the beginning of and identity to the Church, but it set a standard for all Christians to follow. The Church as we have come to know it began because as needs surfaced among the disciples and the new converts, a shift of focus to logistics was unavoidable. They had to determine how they would organize so as to serve the community effectively in various roles and levels, how they would practice daily living based on their new identity as Christ's emissaries and then as Christians, and how they would handle converts.

A birthday is moreover a celebration of life. We have each been given life for a reason. In the same way, the Church was also brought to life for a reason. All Christians, who share their beginnings in the early Church, need to recognize that the life that we truly celebrate is that of being sons and daughters of God. We are family, so the Catholic Church and all Christian churches should live like a family. Speaking of the Catholic Church today (and this message can include all Christian churches) Pope Francis, in his 2020 Solemnity of Pentecost homily at the Vatican, describes this celebration of life as a Church that extends to all Catholics (and, by extension, to all Christians).

Our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit. He reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord — Jesus — and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters! Let us begin anew from here; let us look at the Church with the eyes of the Spirit and not as the world does. The world sees us only as on the right or left, with one ideology or the other; the Spirit sees us as sons and daughters of the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus. The world sees conservatives and progressives; the Spirit sees children of God. A worldly gaze sees structures to be made more efficient; a spiritual gaze sees brothers and sisters pleading for mercy. The Spirit loves us and knows everyone's place in the grand scheme of things: for him, we are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind, rather we are irreplaceable fragments in his mosaic.

Prayer: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104)



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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

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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Week in Preview

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Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

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