

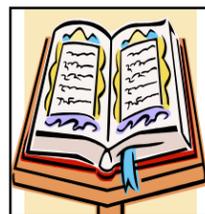
## Mass Intentions: May 29-June 4, 2021

Sat. May 29	6 p.m.	For God's continued blessings on Deacons Peter Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin and Evans Doway on the fifth anniversary of their diaconate ordination
Sun. May 30	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Julia Bobb requested by the Bobb & Joseph families & for God's continued blessings on Deacons Peter Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin and Evans Doway on the fifth anniversary of their diaconate ordination
	9:30 a.m.	For God's continued blessings on Deacons Peter Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin and Evans Doway on the fifth anniversary of their diaconate ordination
	12:30 p.m.	For God's continued blessings on Deacons Peter Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin and Evans Doway on the fifth anniversary of their diaconate ordination
Tue. June 1	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Wed. June 2	6 p.m.	For the homeless in our community
Thu. June 3	7 a.m.	For Nathalie Zephyr for God's healing & deliverance
Fri. June 4	7 a.m.	For Nathalie Zephyr for God's healing & deliverance



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](http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390)

### Daily Readings



**Monday: May 31**  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday: June 1**  
Tb 2:9-14  
Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday: June 2**  
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a  
Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday: June 3**  
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde; 9-17; 8:4-9a  
Mk 12:28-34

**Friday: June 4**  
Tb 11:5-17  
Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday: June 5**  
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20  
Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday: June 6**  
Ex 24:3-8  
Heb 9:11-15  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## Stewardship of Treasure

May 22	6 p.m.	\$240.00
May 23	7:30 a.m.	\$806.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,256.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$93.00

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.



**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.**

### "Come, Holy Spirit"



OLMC held a Pentecost Rally on Sunday, May 23, 2021. More than 30 people were in attendance. The theme was "Come Holy Spirit, we need Thee."

### OLMC Member Birthdays May 29-June 4

- William Tapping May 31

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.

- CLOSINGS:** In observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, OLMC offices and Catholic Charities office and soup kitchen will be closed.
- ALL-NIGHT VIGIL:** All-night vigil will be held on Friday, June 4 beginning at 8 p.m. Please sign up at the back of the church.
- FUNERAL MASS:** A funeral Mass for Martha Cherry will be held on Saturday, June 5 at OLMC. The viewing will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- 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.
- PERPETUAL ADORATION:** We would like to resume perpetual adoration. Sign up 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,

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# 'The Inescapable Trinity'

By Adeline Jean

On this Trinity Sunday, we reflect on the theme of the inescapable nature of the Trinity. The context on which I base my reflection is that of the reality of the Trinity in scripture and the understanding of the Trinity in ordinary lives of Christians. While the scriptures provide no clear teaching on the Holy Trinity. However, there is evidence of the workings of the Trinity within scripture.

First, the Trinity is introduced in Genesis 1 as instrumental in the creation of the world:

- God present.
- The Word of God (Logos or Jesus) brings creation into being.
- (In the Gospel of John, we read: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...All things came to being through Him" (John 1:1-2)

- The Spirit hovers over the formless void.

Second, the Trinity is also present at the birth of Jesus — the creation of God made flesh.

In the Gospel of Luke (1:26-35) we can identify the presence of the Trinity: We read that the angel Gabriel was sent by God, and he told Mary, "The Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel told her that she would conceive and bear a Son, who will be called, "Son of the Most High" and who is to me named Jesus. When Mary asks how this would be possible, the angel Gabriel explained how she would conceive: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

Third, the Trinity manifests itself at the creation of Jesus' public ministry:

- In Luke 3:22 we read, "The holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Fourth, at the creation of the Church, the Trinity can be seen as present:

- Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Apostolic Nuncio of Trinidad and Tobago, at the Fire, Fire, Fire Conference for Pentecost on May 22nd, 2021, provided his understanding of the presence of the Trinitarian God at Pentecost:

- o In scripture, God has been depicted as fire, so at Pentecost, God is present in the tongues of fire.

- o The Spirit is present as the wind.

- o Jesus is present as the gift of prophetic word understood by all.

Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis in their edited work, "Exploring Ordinary Theology," highlight the importance of the beliefs and ordinary theology of lay churchgoers and others who have received little to no academic theological education, like those of myself when I wrote my book "JESUS Speaks to Me: Whispers of Mercy, Whispers of Love." They define Ordinary Theology as "the theological beliefs and processes of believing that find expression in the [reflected] God-talk of those believers who have received no theological education" (1). They explain that the theological reflection of Ordinary Theology is beyond cognitive faculties alone and is "ultimately intended for every believer" rather than for experts (1). The God-talk of believers who try to understand and to explain their faith that seeks to understand God is relevant to make sense of the Trinity, the understanding of which, poses problems for some Christians.

In the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33) we read, "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." We know from John 15:16 that we did not choose God; it was He who chose us and appointed us to bear fruit.

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:14-17) we learn that we "did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear." We instead "received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, 'Abba, Father!'"

In the First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40), Moses reminded the people of how blessed they were to have experienced the power of God in so many ways, and because of this, we must keep His commandments.

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 28:16-24) tells of one of Jesus' appearances to the apostles after His resurrection. Here he commissions them: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

**Prayer:** I pray for the grace to think like the Father, to act like the Son, and to give like the Spirit. Amen



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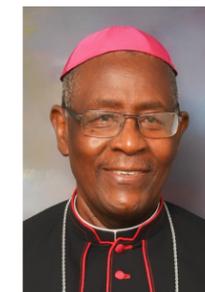
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## Hours

**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 5 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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