

Mass Intentions: June 4-10, 2022

Sat. June 4	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Paulinus and Cornelius Longueville
Sun. June 5	7:30 a.m.	For Brenda Wallace for God's blessings requested by Jan Rector
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Martha Cherry requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. June 7	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Johnson Chico
Wed. June 8	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Spice requested by Louise Philbert
Thu. June 9	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Maurice & Sharon Bokhart & Stephen & Maria Hull
Fri. June 10	7 a.m.	In loving memory of Frank Steinmann requested by Jan Rector; & in thanksgiving to Drs. Richard and Teresa O'Flynn and Milo Schumacher

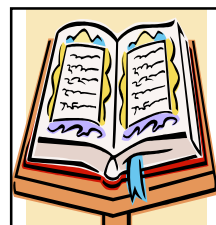
Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.



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.

Daily Readings



Monday: June 6
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: June 7
1 Kgs 17:7-16
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: June 8
1 Kgs 18:20-39
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: June 9
1 Kgs 18:41-46
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: June 10
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: June 11
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: June 12
Prv 8:22-31
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

Stewardship of Treasure

May 21	6 p.m.	\$688.00
May 22	7:30 a.m.	\$335.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,617.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$209.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$97.00

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.

Generator removal



OLMC is in the process of getting another generator. The old generator was removed on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Thank you to Christian Loranger, Ryan Blackwood, Deacon Michael Jackson and Michael Marsh, who all assisted with the removal, and the V.I. Police Department, who assisted with blocking the street.

~ Altar Flowers ~

If anyone would like to make a donation towards altar flowers, please call the church office at 340-776-6339.

~ Charismatic Prayer Group ~

You are invited to come pray, praise, and worship our Lord with us every Thursday at 7 p.m.

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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.

- **CONDOLENCES:** OLMC extends condolences to Sharifah James-Denis on the passing of her grandmother, Ahgatin James.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection is for Diocesan Seminarians.
- **PENTECOST RALLY:** Catholic Charismatic Renewal St. Thomas-St. John will hold their annual Pentecost Rally on Sunday, June 5, 2022, in the Frank Powell Park. The rally will kick off at 3:30 p.m. with a procession from OLMC to the park. The guest speaker is Artherly Nicholas of Trinidad.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022, in Cruz Bay.
- **SYNOD:** A meeting regarding the Synod on Synodality will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 10 at the church.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** If anyone is interested in joining the St. Vincent De Paul Society, please sign up at the back of the church or call the church office. St. Vincent De Paul Society helps those in need while maintaining confidentiality.
- **60th ANNIVERSARY:** OLMC will celebrate our 60th anniversary in July. We are inviting persons to tell us how OLMC has made an impact in your lives. We will also accept photos. Email your items to olmc@hotmail.com.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** If anyone would like to volunteer in the parish, please call Fr. Anthony in the church office.
- **HOUSING:** We are seeking housing for nuns, who will be coming to St. John. Call the office for more information.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.

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 Holy Spirit Takes Christians Off the Bench and Unto the Playing Field' By Adeline Jean

The Mass readings of this Pentecost Sunday permit a consideration on the working of the Spirit, which makes possible Christian transformation — from lethargy to alertness.

In the Gospel Reading (John 20:19-23) Jesus appears to His disciples on the same evening of His resurrection and He leaves them a special gift. Jesus had made it clear to His disciples before that He must depart for the Spirit to come (Luke 24:7). As Jesus is crucified, has died, and is buried, Jesus physically departs, but Jesus resurrects. One can interpret Jesus' coming to His disciples on the day of His resurrection as Jesus keeping His promise, without hesitation, of sending the Spirit. Here Jesus models that when we have a work to do for the Father, we must not hesitate or delay, but act with expediency and haste. Jesus Himself comes to His disciples in a way that they cannot doubt His divinity as He enters their upper locked room by supernatural means.

Jesus also shows them His wounds as proof of His authenticity. Jesus immediately keeps His promise to His disciples. He brings them the Spirit. "He breathed on them." Jesus did not tell them He was about to give them the Spirit. Jesus did not ask them if they wanted to receive the Spirit. Jesus just breathed on them, imparting the Spirit. Jesus again models how the Father works—the Father gifts us in ways we cannot imagine, do not expect, and more so do not deserve. However, He does this for a reason: to prepare us for service.

In the First Reading (Acts 2:1-11), on the other hand, it is plausible to propose that at Pentecost the disciples, like all the devout Jews in Jerusalem, receive the outpouring of the Spirit because this imparting of the Spirit offers each believer the personal and enduring gift of the presence of the divine. This is done in a communal context because the Spirit is given to all in different measure as all are expected to work together to contribute towards the building up of the Church. However, Jesus had already prepared His disciples for this moment that would be the culmination of all He had taught them, including during the forty days of His post-Resurrection appearances that began with His breathing on them. As the Spirit comes with "a noise like a strong driving wind," "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Jesuit theologian, Francis Sullivan, and a group of German theologians propose one Catholic interpretation of the Baptism in the Spirit from the perspective of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which can be applied in understanding Jesus' giving of the Spirit to His disciples as "breath" and the giving of the Spirit to all devout Jews in Jerusalem, including the disciples, as "wind." Sullivan explains that though a person receives the Holy Spirit during the sacraments of initiation when a person is Baptized in the Spirit, this is a new sending of the Spirit (Reginald Alva, The Spirituality of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement 2014, 51).

Based on these understandings of how the Spirit works in a new way when a person is Baptized in the Spirit can be applied to understand how Jesus' apostles received a new sending of the Spirit at Pentecost, which can be considered as a Baptism in the Spirit. Though the apostles had already received the Spirit when Jesus breathed on them preparing them to answer His call to follow Him, as the Spirit comes as wind, a more powerful force, they are being empowered for greater works as leaders, teachers, preachers, and missionaries in the Church in the name of Jesus. This powerful outpouring of the Spirit with the force of the wind can be interpreted as meant to drive all new believers regardless of their origin to agency in different capacities. The Spirit is seen as given in His fullness to all without distinction because the work of God must be carried out without discrimination.

In the Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:3b-8, 12-13) Paul explains the universal nature of the Spirit, this universal nature of the Spirit gives to the Church its universal identity. The Spirit also creates a brotherhood and sisterhood among all believers who share in the power of the Spirit that enables them to acknowledge that "Jesus is Lord," which further suggests that they will live, serve, and worship as if Jesus is truly Lord in their lives.

When believers acknowledge "Jesus is Lord," as the apostles and then all the baptized did, they cease being lethargic and inactive believers and worshippers. They are instead driven to action as believers alert to the needs of the Church and of those in need in different capacities, but also alert to the tactics of the evil one to deceive and bring them to ruin. They cease to be "benchwarmers." They instead become "players" on the field in the Church and in every area of life.

Prayer: Breathe on my breath of God! Spirit of the Living God, I welcome you into my heart and life today! **Amen**

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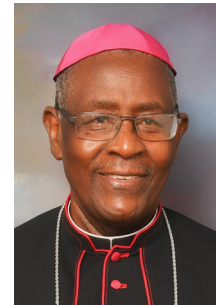
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Most Rev.
Jerome Feudjio, Bishop

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)

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Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
(CORAL BAY)
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