

Mass Intentions: June 13-19, 2020

Sat. June 13	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Louise Philbert & Louisa Activille requested by Louise Philbert In loving memory of Lucius Calixte requested by his family
Sun. June 14	7:30 a.m.	For Francis & Eileen Fisher on their 56th wedding anniversary requested by Gail & Scott Killian In loving memory of Yvette Doway requested by her family
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Basil Athanase requested by his family
Tue. June 16	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Bishop George Murry
Wed. June 17	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Bishop George Murry
Thu. June 18	7 a.m.	In loving memory of Carolyn Etre requested by Lisa Etre
Fri. June 19	7 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Bishop George Murry



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has purchased land in Coral Bay to build this chapel, which will be named, St. Therese. To make a donation, make checks payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, memo line: Coral Bay Chapel. Donations are tax-deductible.

Daily Readings

Monday: June 15

1 Kgs 21:1-16
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: June 16

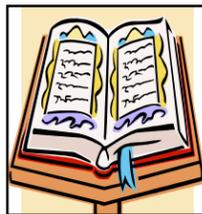
1 Kgs 21:17-29
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: June 17

1 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: June 18

Sir 48:1-14
Mt 6:7-15



Friday: June 19

Dt 7:6-11
1 Jn 4:7-16
Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: June 20

2 Chr 24:17-25
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: June 21

Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

Stewardship of Treasure

June 6	6 p.m.	\$191.00
June 7	7:30 a.m.	\$520.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$684.00

Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you.

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.



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To make a donation:

- A. Mail a check to:
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Thank you for your generosity.

OLMC 2020 Raffle

PRIZE: \$10 EACH or \$100 FOR A BOOK OF 11

PRIZE 1: Caribbean Cruise for 2
PRIZE 2: 2-night/3-day stay at Westin Resort
PRIZE 3: 2-night/3-day stay at Gallows Point
PRIZE 4: Picnic Snorkel Sail for 2
PRIZE 5: Sunset Sail for 2
PRIZE 6: Rental Car
PRIZE 7: Dinner for 2 at a St. John Restaurant
PRIZE 8: Dinner for 2 at a St. John Restaurant
PRIZE 9: 45-inch TV

All proceeds go towards the church's expenses. Person(s) need not be present to win. For more information, call 776-6339.

Drawing: April 12, 2020 NO. _____

NAME: _____
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NO. _____

OLMC fundraising raffle is now available. Tickets are \$10 for one or \$100 for a book of 11. The raffle will be drawn on July 19, 2020.

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of June 13-19

- Basil Athanase June 14
- Louise Philbert June 17
- Joe Paoli June 18

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel thanks all those who are donating plants to the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Charismatic Prayer group

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

Parish Announcements

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, IN LIGHT OF THIS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, PLEASE STAY SAFE. MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASSES. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. GOD BLESS.

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.

- **TRUCK FUNDRAISER:** OLMC has purchased a truck to meet the growing needs of the parish. So far, we have raised \$23,986.00. We are still seeking funds. The balance is \$14,702.40. To make a donation:
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- **RAFFLE TICKETS:** OLMC raffle will be drawn on July 19, 2020. Raffle tickets are still available.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are

sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

“No Second Guessing” by Adeline Jean

The Feast of Corpus Christi tends to pose a challenge to non-Catholics and to Catholics alike. Non-Catholics do not believe the “bread” that Catholics consume at every Mass could be anything but bread. It seems impossible that this could be the Body and Blood of Christ “in disguise.” Even some Catholics second guess that the communion they receive is the Body and Blood of Jesus. This Body and Blood is not “in memory of,” not “a symbol,” and not “a metaphor.” It is, plain and simple, the true presence of Jesus who makes Himself available to us in an intimate way through His Body and Blood.

In the Gospel Reading (John 6: 51-58) Jesus says: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” This is literal, not figurative language. That is why some of His followers left Him that day. They could not accept the reality of this teaching. This faith in the real presence of Jesus is what makes us “Catholic”; it is what defines us, what makes us unique among Christians.

At this present time of protests against injustice and racism in many parts of the world, we witness how many people are willing to risk their lives and the lives of their children by attending protest marches, not heeding the call to social distancing. We witness unity and unexpected alliances among protestors and in the events connected with protests. When people share a common faith in something, no matter the risks, the persecutions, the doubters, they stand firm and unwavering. This should set an example for us Catholics. We must be proud of our faith, not take it for granted, and defend it. Furthermore, we should not sell our faith and our communion short by offering it to Christians who do not believe in the real presence and more so to non-Christians who want to receive it just out of curiosity.

When we walk into any Catholic Church in the world, we come into contact with the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. This is not something that any other Christian enjoys in his or her church. We arrive at Mass every Sunday knowing that we are coming face-to-face with Jesus. This is why we “dress up” in what we refer to as our “Sunday best.” Why our best? It is because the Lord deserves our best. We come to visit and spend time with Him, so, like any important secular person we meet, we give Him our best.

Our best is reflected in the way we dress, which must be appropriate for church. It is seen in our punctuality, our attitude towards the Mass and towards receiving the Body and Blood in a state of grace and not as an entitlement. Our best is not being embarrassed to be seen adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament publicly, which can be done in the procession that takes place on Corpus Christi. Our best is going all out to celebrate and to preserve this faith in the real presence and more-over to pass it on.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to always remember that Your Body and Blood is what equips me for eternity, and, thereby, to live according to this belief.

Amen.

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Week in Preview

Youth Ministry:
Mondays at 5 p.m.

Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Hour & Evening Prayer:
Thursdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

Legion of Mary:
Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Masses

Weekend
Saturdays: 6 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
5:45 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday
Tuesdays & 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

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.

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Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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