

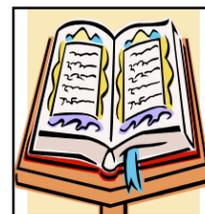
## Mass Intentions: June 27-July 3, 2020

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| Sat. June 27 | 6 p.m.    | For Angie Zareas for God's protection  |
| Sun. June 28 | 7:30 a.m. | For Mary Roberts and family  |
|              | 9:30 a.m. | For Avernell Nacis for God's blessings requested by Mary Roberts; & for Kimani Dovovan for God's healing |
| Tue. June 30 | 6 p.m.    | For Tonya Hess for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian                                     |
| Wed. July 1  | 6 p.m.    | For Ruth Olgren for God's healing requested by Mary Roberts  |
| Thu. July 2  | 7 a.m.    | For those suffering from the coronavirus virus   |
| Fri. July 3  | 7 a.m.    | For the sick in our parish   |

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



### Daily Readings



**Monday: June 29**  
Acts 12:1-11  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday: June 30**  
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12  
Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday: July 1**  
Am 5:14-15, 21-24  
Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday: July 2**  
Am 7:10-17  
Mt 9:1-8

**Friday: July 3**  
Eph 2:19-22  
Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday: July 4**  
Am 9:11-15  
Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday: July 5**  
Zec 9:9-10  
Rom 8:9, 11-13  
Mt 11:25-30

## Stewardship of Treasure

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| June 20 | 6 p.m.    | \$194.00 |
| June 21 | 7:30 a.m. | \$546.00 |
|         | 9:30 a.m. | \$821.00 |

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.



OLMC has purchased a truck to meet the growing needs of the church. So far, we have raised \$25,876.00. We are still seeking funds. The balance is \$12,812.40.

To make a donation:

1. Mail a check to:  
P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831
2. PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
3. Online giving:  
<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390>

Thank you for your generosity.

### OLMC Member Birthdays Week of June 27-July 3

- Jarvia Hodge June 29
- Sharifah Denis June 30
- LaQuoia Charles June 30
- Tyric Reggie June 30

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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.

- **TITHES/OFFERINGS:** If anyone would like to give their tithes, you can:
  - A. Drop your offering envelope in the church mailbox on the office door
  - B. Mail it to the church at P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831
  - C. PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
  - D. Online giving: <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390>
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **PANTRY:** Items for the soup kitchen pantry will be collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. The second collection is also for the soup kitchen.



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.

## 'Unlikely Story' by Adeline Jean

This Sunday Mass readings introduce three unlikely stories when viewed from a worldly secular perspective, yet they are amazing when considered with spiritual eyes because they tell of how God works: His ways are not our ways.

In the First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16), we hear the story of Elisha who was recognized as a holy man by a most unlikely person, a woman. Women in his day were not considered as important nor their opinion given much credence, yet this woman was described as a "woman of influence." She had invited Elisha to dine with her husband and herself and this invitation extended to every time he came to their town, so much so, that she also prepared a room that would be his whenever he visited. In return for this kindness bestowed on him, he predicted a miracle that came to pass: within one year she would conceive though she was unable to prior. This story reveals to us that God uses unexpected people and circumstances and that He does indeed work in mysterious ways, but what is vital is that He is always working. He uses every situation to achieve something good in our lives. What's important is our openness, our self-giving, our love.

In the Second Reading (Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11), we hear the story of the holiest of men, Jesus. Paul tells us that Baptism in Jesus assures us of "resurrection," that is, new life. He says, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" He continues, "We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him," so "consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." This is a story that many still have not heard and even those who have heard it still do not fully understand. This gift of new life comes from Baptism and the receipt of the Holy Spirit that is the pinnacle of Baptism. The gifts of the Spirit that are received prepares us for a life of holiness and of service in God's kingdom here on earth. However, these gifts are only realized to the extent that we open up ourselves to the Spirit. Like with Elisha's story, having met this "holy man" Jesus brings us benefits beyond our imagination if only we are in-tuned to His Spirit.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:31-42) a most unbelievable story is related. Jesus Himself gives us the high point of our total surrender. This is what it looks like: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." In order to "find" Him, we must lose ourselves. Focusing on ourselves and on Him at the same time is incompatible and counterproductive. It's all or nothing — no mother, child, and so on is important, nor is the desire for an easy life. We must embrace "the cross" in our daily lives as Jesus did. When we surrender our lives to God and allow Him to use us in His service we become "marked." This means God will always have a light shining on, in, and through us, so anyone who mistreats, rejects, or harms us, will have to answer to Him. On the other hand, anyone who welcomes, embraces, and encourages us will be blessed as the woman who provided for Elisha beyond what was necessary was.

**Prayer:** Father, allow my life to tell its own story of my love and commitment to You simply by the way I live. **Amen**



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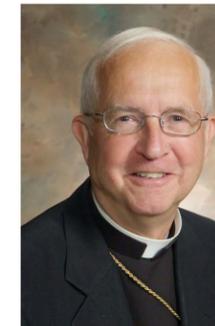
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### Masses

#### 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

### 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.

### 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**

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