

## Mass Intentions: July 4-10, 2020

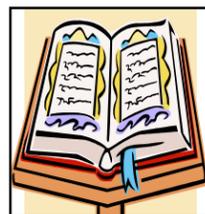
Sat. July 4	6 p.m.	For Mary Dalmida for God's blessings, healing & protection
Sun. July 5	7:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Derrell Smith requested by Alicia Doute
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Maggie Metor & Anniversary blessings for Georgia & Stanley Jean Bart requested by their families
Tue. July 7	6 p.m.	For Mary Salome for healing
Wed. July 8	6 p.m.	For Kimani Donovan for healing
Thu. July 9	7 a.m.	Birthday blessings & God's deliverance for Francine Francis requested by her family
Fri. July 10	7 a.m.	For those suffering from the coronavirus virus

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



**Monday: July 6**  
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22  
Mt 9:18-26

### Daily Readings



**Tuesday: July 7**  
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday: July 8**  
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12  
Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday: July 9**  
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9  
Mt 10:7-15

**Friday: July 10**  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday: July 11**  
Is 6:1-8  
Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday: July 12**  
Is 55:10-11  
Rom 8:18-23  
Mt 13:1-23

## Stewardship of Treasure

June 27	6 p.m.	\$243.00
June 28	7:30 a.m.	\$507.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$554.00

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:  
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Thank you for your generosity.

### OLMC Member Birthdays Week of July 4-10

- Maggie Metor July 4
  - Kenneth Brink July 8
  - Bianca Laurencin July 9
  - Francine Francis July 9
  - Cindy Antolino July 10
- 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.

# “Encountering the Trinity Again?” by Adeline Jean

The Sunday Mass readings appear to allow us to experience the Trinity yet again but from a different perspective.

In the First Reading (Zechariah 9:9-10), the prophet describes Jesus as the author of peace and this gives us reason to shout for joy. Does this seem far-fetched? Certainly not. All of us have experienced pain, hurt, disappointment, sadness, and the like that robs us of our peace. No one can say that he or she has had a life without any suffering. What is important is what we do in times of suffering, how we bear these sufferings. St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta can teach us valuable lessons on how to find peace within suffering. Spanish nun and mystic, St. Teresa of Avila, while living in Spain during the Catholic Reformation, tried to bring reform to the Carmelite order by restoring the austere and contemplative life that was apparently lost over time. She suffered persecution in the form of threats and enforced silence from within her own order as many rejected her call to change. Yet, she found great peace within, encountering God in silence, in the “interior castle.” She teaches us how to find peace amid suffering: “Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change.”

St. Therese of Lisieux suffered the loss of several of her loved ones — her mother to death, her father to mental disease, her sisters to the religious life. She also suffered false accusations by nuns in her convent. However, she encourages us, “Everything is a grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father’s love — difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul’s miseries, her burdens, her needs—everything.” Thus, we suffer because God loves us. St. Therese found peace in doing little things with great love. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta also suffered humiliation and rejection when she left the security of a convent to venture out into the slums of India to serve the poorest of the poor. She recounts that she even felt abandoned by God for many of those years that she tirelessly served the poor, her dark night of the soul. Despite this, she declares that “suffering is a great gift of God.” She admits that she found peace by sitting before Jesus in Adoration. No one rejects a gift, but welcomes it. Also, a gift is usually given with love and the giver often thinks of the perfect gift that is best suited for the person who is to receive it. This gives great insight into suffering.

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:9, 11-13) we are taught the value of the Spirit: “For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body.” The Holy Spirit allows us to die to the flesh, that is, not only to sin, but to the temptations of the flesh. We don’t realize that by simply making a little choice that God will not approve of is living in the flesh and blocking the promptings of the Spirit. St. Paul tells us that even he suffered this battle daily. What helps us fight this battle and win more than we lose is our openness to the Spirit dwelling within us, communicating with us, and guiding us.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 11:25-30) Jesus reveals: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.” This divulges how God our Father operates. He looks at our littleness, the simplicity of our hearts and actions, our humility, and these are the fuel that makes His hands move. He does not want us to study Him, analyze Him, and debate about Him from afar, hiding behind scholarly books and agendas. Instead, He wants us to purely see Him for who He is, Father of all, and to accept Him and honor Him as such. He needs our hearts, not our minds, to be consumed with Him.

**Prayer:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I pray that I will come to know you all in deeper ways and grow in a personal relationship with each of you.

**Amen**



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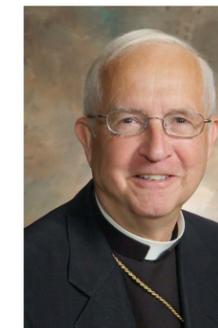
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## Masses

### 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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