

Mass Intentions: July 10-16, 2021

Sat. July 10	6 p.m.	For Diane Lewis for God's blessings requested by Mary Dalmida
Sun. July 11	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving to the Abraham and Snaggs family
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Lindon Dagou and Kitori Thomas requested by their families; & birthday blessings for Rufus Verdant requested by Gertrude Verdant & family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
Tue. July 13	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Wed. July 14	6 p.m.	For the homeless in our community
Thu. July 15	7 a.m.	For those suffering from the coronavirus
Fri. July 16	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to the Abraham and Snaggs family

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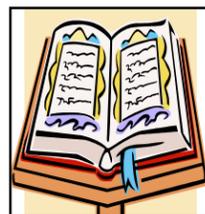
Monday: July 12
Ex 1:8-14, 22
Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: July 13
Ex 2:1-15a
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: July 14
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: July 15
Ex 3:13-20
Mt 11:28-30

Daily Readings



Friday: July 16
Ex 11:10--12:14
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: July 17
Ex 12:37-42
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: July 18
Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

Stewardship of Treasure

July 3	6 p.m.	\$301.00
July 4	7:30 a.m.	\$405.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1254.50
	12:30 p.m.	\$378.00

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.



OLMC received a bronze St. Michael the Archangel statue due to the generosity of the Abraham and Snagg families. Above, Fr. Anthony blesses the new statue.

OLMC Member Birthdays July 10-16

- Cindy Antolino July 10
- Kitori Thomas July 13

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

The University of the Virgin Islands and Iowa State University ask you to participate in a survey on how you handle beef products in your home. Scan QR code with your phone camera. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Questions to Lillian Nabwiire (+15156867174). Thank you.



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.

- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021. Ayanna Griffith will give a talk on "Spiritual Warfare and the family, the Domestic Church: The war of the bloods." This is the third in a four-part series. Bring your Bibles.
- **STEEL PAN:** OLMC will be offering steel pan classes to children, youth and adults. If you are interested in learning how to play the steel pan, please sign up at the back of the church.
- **BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY:** Mervin Berkeley will sponsor a Back to School Book Bag Giveaway at 1 p.m. July 11, 2021, at Frank Powell Sr. Park. Bring a non-perishable item to help the less fortunate.
- **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.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **PHONE CALLS:** Parishioners can expect to receive phone calls from Parish Council members just to check in and update your information.



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.

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'What Division Teaches Us'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings necessitate recounting some history of the Hebrew people, namely, what led them, after they had settled in the Promised Land and established a nation there under the rule of kings, to suddenly divide into two kingdoms. Recalling the history of what God did for humanity is also relevant. We learn from the readings that division that is ordained by God is constructive because its source is love, but division that derives from human beings is destructive because its source is sin.

In the Second Reading (Ephesians 1:3-14), we see constructive division at its very best. We read that "in love he [God] destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ...In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us." The Word we read about in John 1:1, references the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, who was with God from the time of creation. Throughout eternity and up until he took on the flesh and blood of humanity at the Incarnation, the Son of God existed in perfect relationship with the Trinity, though not in any material substance. However, Jesus, while on earth, lived a divided life because Jesus, though undergoing all the stages of human development from birth through childhood, teenager years, and adulthood, always remained divine. This division was constructive because it derived from the love of God for humanity.

The Gospel Reading (Mark 6:7-13) offers another example of constructive division that is divinely ordained. Here we read that "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick." After being appointed by Jesus (Mark 3:13-16), the apostles are now being sent out in pairs to preach repentance and to drive out demons. Even modern-day life experiences teach us that in order to grow in our ability to lead and to perform works for God we have been trained to do or called to do and divinely equipped to do, we need to step out on our own in faith. We rely on the source of our calling, training, and abilities — God Himself. This was the same with Jesus' apostles.

Jesus knew that His time on earth was limited, that He had come to prepare others so that the work that begun with Him could continue on, so Jesus was preparing the apostles for that work. The best training for the apostles was to go out and practice all they were taught and empowered to do. Jesus knew that going out alone would not only be intimidating to the apostles but also threatening to those to whom they would go. People are generally more at ease when there is someone at their side working together with them, and people are typically also more at ease with two strangers that are in close relationship with each other coming into their space as opposed to a lone stranger whose motives may seem dubious. Moreover, those who engage in the work of driving out demons need support, especially prayer support. This is not work that can be done alone. So, while it was necessary for the disciples to divide up as opposed to working as a group, it was also important that they divided into twos. Jesus was also indirectly teaching the apostles the necessity of community. Even the Trinity sets the model of community as Father, Son, and Spirit always work in close communion.

In the First Reading (Amos 7:12-15), we witness the result of destructive division brought about by the sin of human beings. The Hebrew people always lived together as one nation/kingdom until King Solomon died. The first king, Saul, had united the kingdom. The second king, David, had expanded the kingdom. However, King Solomon, though he had built the kingdom — particularly, a powerful and wealthy central government and the Jerusalem Temple — was also the cause of its division. Because of King Solomon's extravagance, he also lost land and caused his own people to be led into forced labor. As such, when King Solomon died, the ten tribes that made up the northern part of the kingdom, refused to give their allegiance to his son, King Rehoboam. This was because King Rehoboam vowed to continue the practices of his father and to be even worse. This led to the formation of two kingdoms: Israel in the north (with Samaria as its capital) and Judah in the South (with Jerusalem as its capital). The Southern Kingdom was now made up of only two tribes ruled by King Jeroboam. With this division, the Northern Kingdom no longer had access to the Jerusalem Temple, so they established a sanctuary at Bethel, which also became the name of the sanctuary. Bethel lay at the border between the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Bethel became the center for Amos' prophetic ministry. In the First Reading, Amaziah, priest of Bethel, who does not want to hear Amos' prophecies, accuses Amos of being a false prophet, a commercial prophet, who prophesies for money. Amos sets Amaziah straight, telling him that God called him to be a prophet and sent him to prophesy to Israel.

Prayer: Lord, use me as a source of love so that I can build up others with my words, my actions, and my prayers. Amen



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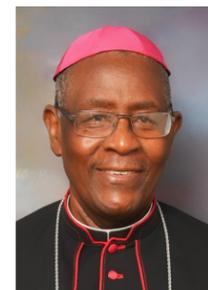
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Mondays - Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Sundays: 7:30 a.m.
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