

## Mass Intentions: July 11-17, 2020

Sat. July 11	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Verneda Rowe requested by the Rector family
Sun. July 12	7:30 a.m.	Anniversary blessings for Mike and Cheri Jackson
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Lindon Dagou and Kitori Thomas requested by their families
Tue. July 14	6 p.m.	For Tyler Hess for God's blessings requested by Gail and Scott Killian
Wed. July 15	6 p.m.	For Beverly Terrilon for God's healing requested by Patty Konchalski
Thu. July 16	7 a.m.	OLMC parish
Fri. July 17	7 a.m.	For the sick in our parish

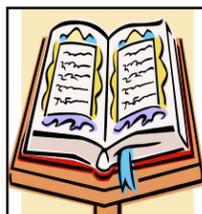
**Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.**

## Parish Announcements

- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will resume at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020. The speaker will be Bianca Laurencin. The topic is "Living gratefully and faithfully in the new normal."
- **RAFFLE TICKETS:** Anyone who has raffle tickets and raffle money are asked to bring them to the office. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, July 19, 2020.
- **ST. THERESA FUNDRAISING:** We are starting a fundraising campaign committee for St. Theresa in Coral Bay. If you are interested in being on the committee, call the church office.
- **ADVERTISING:** The ordination of Michael Jackson Sr. to the Diaconate is scheduled for Aug. 15 at OLMC. If you would like to place an ad in the booklet, call the church office at 776-6339.

**Monday: July 13**  
Is 1:10-17  
Mt 10:34--11:1

### Daily Readings



**Tuesday: July 14**  
Is 7:1-9  
Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday: July 15**  
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16  
Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday: July 16**  
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday: July 17**  
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday: July 18**  
Mi 2:1-5  
Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday: July 19**  
Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43

## Stewardship of Treasure

July 4	6 p.m.	\$189.00
July 5	7:30 a.m.	\$293.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$537.00

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.



**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.**

## OLMC Member Birthdays Week of July 11-17

- **Kitori Thomas** July 13
- **Janice Mathurin** July 17

**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.**

## OLMC Novena ~ Feast Day is July 16

### First Day ~ July 7

O Beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure virgin, assist us in our necessity! O Star of the Sea, help and protect us! Show us that you are our Mother!  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

### Second Day ~ July 8

Most Holy Mary, Our Mother, in your great love for us you gave us the Holy Scapular of Mount Carmel, having heard the prayers of your chosen son Saint Simon Stock. Help us now to wear it faithfully and with devotion.  
May it be a sign to us of our desire to grow in holiness.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

### Third Day ~ July 9

O Queen of Heaven, you gave us the Scapular as an outward sign by which we might be known as your faithful children. May we always wear it with honor by avoiding sin and imitating your virtues. Help us to be faithful to this desire of ours.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
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### Fourth Day ~ July 10

When you gave us, Gracious Lady, the Scapular as our Habit, you called us to be not only servants, but also your own children. We ask you to gain for us from your Son the grace to live as your children in joy, peace and love.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
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### Fifth Day ~ July 11

O Mother of Fair Love, through your goodness, as your children, we are called to live in the spirit of Carmel. Help us to live in charity with one another, prayerful as Elijah of old, and mindful of our call to minister to God's people.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

### Sixth Day ~ July 12

With loving provident care, O Mother Most Amiable, you covered us with your Scapular as a shield of defense against the Evil One. Through your assistance, may we bravely struggle against the powers of evil, always open to your Son Jesus Christ.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

### Seventh Day ~ July 13

O Mary, Help of Christians, you assured us that wearing your Scapular worthily would keep us safe from harm. Protect us in both body and soul with your continual aid. May all that we do be pleasing to your Son and to you.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

### Eighth Day ~ July 14

You give us hope, O Mother of Mercy, that through your Scapular promise we might quickly pass through the fires of purgatory to the Kingdom of your Son. Be our comfort and our hope. Grant that our hope may not be in vain but that, ever faithful to your Son and to you, we may speedily enjoy after death the blessed company of Jesus and the saints.  
*(Mention your request here)*  
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### Ninth Day ~ July 15

O Most Holy Mother of Mount Carmel, when asked by a saint to grant privileges to the family of Carmel, you gave assurance of your Motherly love and help to those faithful to you and to your Son. Behold us, your children. We glory in wearing your holy habit, which makes us members of your family of Carmel, through which we shall have your powerful protection in life, at death and even after death.  
Look down with love, O Gate of Heaven, on all those now in their last agony! Look down graciously, O Virgin, Flower of Carmel, on all those in need of help! Look down mercifully, O Mother of our Savior, on all those who do not know that they are numbered among your children. Look down tenderly, O Queen of All Saints, on the poor souls!  
*(Mention your request here)*  
Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be...  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

# 'The Word as Spirit Language' by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings have one thing in common — their focus on God's creative Word. According to theologian Rev. Fr. George Montague in his book, *Riding the Wind*, one way this Word can be understood is as Spirit Language, that is, as creative Word.

Montague explains that "praying in tongues" is the Spirit's prelude to the Lord's Word because it allows all that blocks a person from praising God to be dispelled while allowing him/her to in turn process into praise all of these blockages.

Montague adds that praying in tongues enables the Spirit to hover over's one's chaos thereby enabling that person to hear the creative word, whether from the Bible, from the voice of someone speaking a "word of the Lord," or from an ordinary experience that teaches something about the Lord.

In the first instance, the Word is experienced when one can open the Bible and read it like a personal letter written by a dear friend. This gives a "now" meaning, something that a reader in any generation can relate to, grasp, and appreciate. It can thus change a person's life. Second, the Word can be a human voice. Hearing the words spoken changes a person's understanding of God and motivates him or her to change his or her life. Third, the word can come through an experience or event that allows a person to be converted thus desiring to know the Lord better and to live his or her life more in according to God's ways, and, in turn, joyfully.

But, what is this gift of tongues that enables such amazing realizations and outcomes? It is a special gift of prayer by which a person's spirit may be activated with the language of the Spirit. This activation facilitates a conversation between deity and human spirit within the depths of that person. Notably, tongues is what it is identified as—a gift.

Speaking in tongues does not allow for intelligible, rational prayer or communication, yet, what is important is the fact that it allows a person to speak with God and not with each other. It is his or her private, personal, creative way to commune with the divine in ways he or she will never understand, but which leads him or her to levels of spirituality and connection with God that cannot be put into words. "He [she] who speaks in tongues utter mysteries in the Spirit" (1 Cor. 14:2). These mysteries are a combination of the mysteries of God and that of oneself in that it permits a release of unconscious, unanalyzed, and non-understood depths that become prayer.

We are all daily barraged by this creative word. We become tuned in to this word to the extent that we are open/disposed to the Spirit.

**Prayer:** Lord, may I recognize your creative word everyday of my life.

**Amen.**



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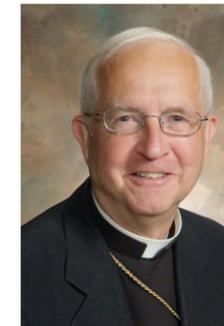
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## Masses

### 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.  
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