

Mass Intentions: July 18-24, 2020

Sat. July 18	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Peter Luterek requested by Melissa Luterek
Sun. July 19	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Desmond Charles Sr. requested by Sandra Donaie OLMC Parish
	9:30 a.m.	OLMC Parish
Tue. July 21	6 p.m.	For Abigail Cyntje for God's healing & deliverance requested by Virginie Cyntje
Wed. July 22	6 p.m.	For Louise Killian for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian & in loving memory of Clayton "Daddy" Charles requested by Sandra Donaie
Thu. July 23	7 a.m.	In loving memory of Columbia Swinson requested by Joy Parton
Fri. July 24	7 a.m.	In loving memory of Dave Baldwin requested by Joy Parton

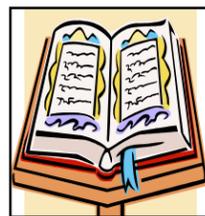
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Anniversary blessings

Sherry-Ann Francis-Hill and Elroy Hill and Georgia and Stanley Jean Bart recently celebrated their wedding anniversaries.

Daily Readings



Monday: July 20
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: July 21
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: July 22
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: July 23
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: July 24
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: July 25
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: July 26
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52

Stewardship of Treasure

July 11	6 p.m.	\$318.00
July 12	7:30 a.m.	\$478.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$680.00

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.

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.

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of July 18-24

- Desmond Charles Sr. July 19
- Vincentia Laurencin July 19
- LaNique Charles July 21
- Verna Dagou July 22

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.

- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020. Speaker will be Digna Doway. The topic will be "Faith and Prayer will sustain us."
- **CONCERT:** The "Celebrant Singers," a Christian Ministry Choir of 15 people from Visalia, Calif., will hold a concert at OLMC at 6 p.m. Friday, July 24. Admission is free. They have been in existence for over 40 years and led by Jon Stemkoski. They have performed in more than 100 countries around the world, including the Vatican for Pope John Paul and were especially requested by Mother Theresa at her Nobel Peace prize event.
- **MEMORIAL MASS:** A memorial Mass for Mr. Benedict Regis will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at OLMC.
- **MASS IN CORAL BAY:** We will resume Mass in Coral Bay on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 12:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m.



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.

'Not What We Expect' by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings allow us to view reality in ways that may make known not what we expect.

The First Reading (12: 13, 16-19) admits about God, "But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us." Why is God who is master of all things, lenient on all? Most people tend to assume that power gives a person the right to be dominant, to exercise their authority that derives from this power. The answer is given in the Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27): "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness."

Because the Lord has sent His Spirit to help us, He is compassionate with us because He knows that we have the help we need to say "no" to sin. St. Augustine admits that when he was lost in sin, he could not do anything on his own strength to bring himself out of the life of excess and sin he enjoyed. Only by the grace of God, he was able to change his life to choose God. This grace comes through the Holy Spirit. From my personal experience, God always gives us a way out of sin; it is up to us to make the right choice. I remember as a young adult I was about to commit a mortal sin.

Through the grace of the Spirit I was conscious of this sin, but the thought of the enjoyment of this sin consumed me. God sent law enforcers to interrupt my act of sin. Through the power of the Spirit I immediately discerned this as His giving me a way out. Yet, instead of accepting God's extended hand of mercy, I boldly and carelessly committed the sin anyway!

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:24-43) reveals that the Spirit also comes to the aid of our weakness, not just our weakness to sin but also purely because of our weakness as human beings. The Gospel's parable of the good seed growing side-by-side with the weeds indicate the helplessness of our life circumstances. No matter what we own, what titles we hold, how much we earn, there is a daily struggle between good and evil that we cannot avoid. The parable of the mustard seed teaches that this small seed has no control of what it becomes. Its life's destiny is predetermined, so what it seems to be is not what it actually becomes. The parable of the yeast likewise shows us that what we actually see is not what we think something is. How can one ingredient make such a difference?

We see the finished product, but we do not know what happened to make it become what it is. This is the same with people we meet. We can never tell what made this person who he or she is. Like yeast, there was one or more catalysts that came into his or her life circumstances that influenced how he or she developed or did not develop morally, spiritually, and otherwise. Sometimes we judge people who do not act and who do not live like we do, with our standards. However, when we take the time to find out what happened to a person that had a negative impact on his or her life and which resulted in his or her life choices, what we most often discover is not what we expect.

Prayer: Lord, you are good and forgiving. You are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **Amen** (Responsorial Psalm 86)



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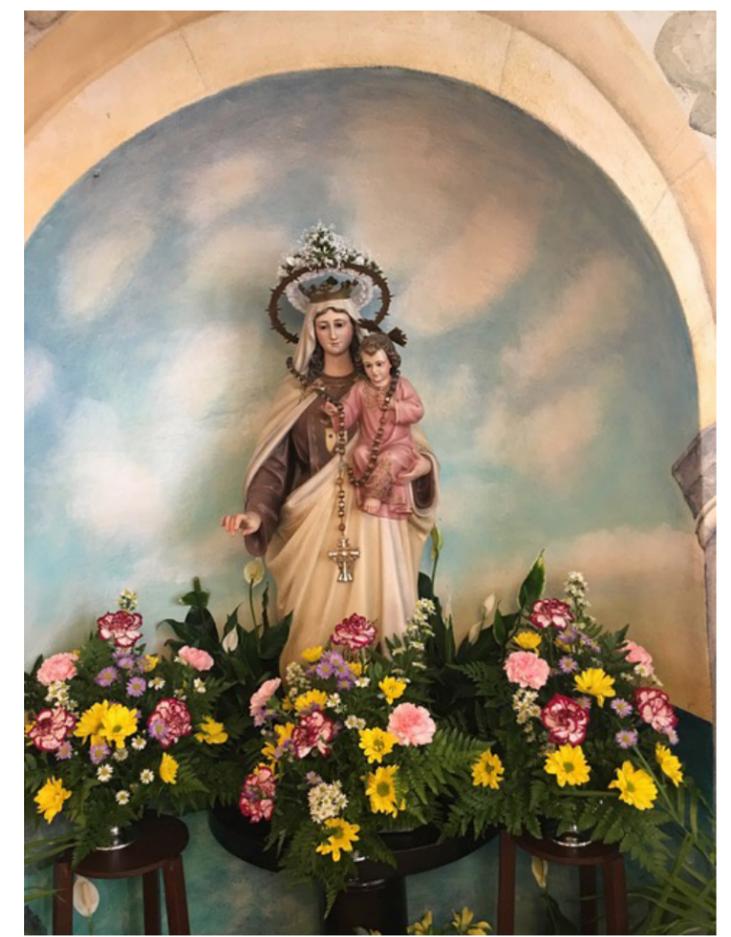
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