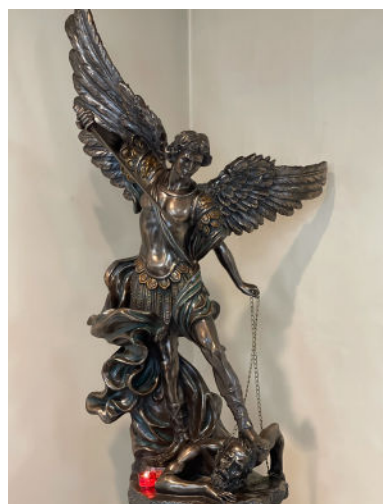


## Mass Intentions: July 15-21, 2023

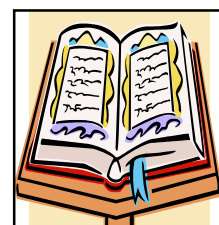
Sat. July 22	6 p.m.	For birthday blessings for Verna Dagou and Melita Crabbe requested by Verna Dagou
Sun. July 23	7:30 a.m.	For OLMC Benefactors
	9:30 a.m.	For birthday blessings for Shari Raphael; and God's continued blessings, guidance and protection on Kaniel Lampkin and Shari Raphael requested by Melanie Plummer
	12:30 p.m.	In loving memory of Gabriel Chufamo Deely requested by Christine Barbich.
Tue. July 25	6 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Wed. July 26	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Thu. July 27	7 a.m.	For an end to gun violence
Fri. July 28	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community



### St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the divine power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

### Daily Readings



**Monday: July 24**  
Ex 14:5-18  
Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday: July 25**  
2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday: July 26**  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 20:20-28

**Thursday: July 27**  
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15  
Mt 13: 1-9

**Friday: July 28**  
Ex 20: 1-17  
Mt 13: 18-23

**Saturday: July 29**  
Ex 24: 3-8  
Jn 11:19-27  
Lk 10: 38-42

## Stewardship of Treasure

July 15	6 p.m.	\$477.00
July 16	8:30 a.m.	\$1944.00



OLMC celebrated the Patronal Feast of OLMC and the 61st anniversary of the church from July 15-16, 2023. A family get together was held on Sunday, July 16 at Oppenheimer. There were food, drinks, games, etc. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day a huge success.

### ~ Wish List ~

#### OLMC Member Birthdays July 22-28

- Verna Dagou July 22
- Olivia O'Connell July 26
- Marlene Casimir July 27
- Melissa Luterek July 28

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

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- Foam for pews = \$7,000.00

## 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.

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend's second collection is for St. Therese Chapel
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 27. The speaker will be Brett Huntly and he will share his journey to becoming a Catholic.
- **DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host the movie viewing of the "Sound of Freedom". at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Caribbean Cinemas, St. Thomas. The film is an inspiring film about rescuing trafficked children. Tickets cost \$5.00 at the parish offices and the chancery office. If you are unable to attend please consider donating to support the event. Call 340-774-3166 (O) or 340-642-7052 (M).
- **RCIA:** We are accepting registration for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes. These classes are for adults who would like to become a Catholic; adult Catholics who may not have made their First Communion or Confirmation; or Catholics who may want to know more about their faith. To register, call the church office at 340-776-6339. Classes begin on August 7 at 6 p.m.
- **DIOCESAN EVENTS:** Saint Anne Parish will celebrate its patronal feast on Sunday July 30, 2023, at 8:00 AM. There will be the blessing of the boats on the Quay at 7:30 AM followed by the procession and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
- Holy Family Parish will have their 76th Annual Pilgrimage and Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The celebration will take place on August 20, 2023 at Four Winds Plaza parking lot starting at 2:00 pm.
- **LEARN TO SWIM:** The Friends of the V.I. National Park is holding free Learn to Swim Classes at Cinnamon Bay. The classes are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every first and third Saturday. Free transportation is available from and to Cruz Bay. Transportation leaves Cruz Bay at 9 a.m. and leaves Cinnamon Bay about 11:40 a.m.



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.

To make a donation,

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## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

**Wisdom 12:13, 16-19** God gives repentance for our sins. Psalm 86  
 "Lord, you are good and forgiving."  
**Romans 8:26-27** The Spirit intercedes for us.  
**Matthew 13:24-30** or 13:24-30 Let the seeds grow together until harvest.

Today's first reading reminds us that God is both just and merciful: judging with clemency, governing with lenience. The farmer in Jesus' parable does the same, allowing weeds to grow alongside the wheat, waiting until harvesttime to separate the two. God's justice is always tempered by mercy. Indeed, God sent the Son into the world, where he was put to death by unjust authorities, to bring mercy to all who seek forgiveness. Let us feel confident in placing our trust in our just and merciful God as we carry on in this imperfect world.



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### Week in Preview

**Youth Ministry:**  
 Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

**Music Ministry:**  
 Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:**  
 Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

### Masses

#### Weekend

Saturdays: 6 p.m.  
 Sundays: 7:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.  
 12:30 p.m. (CORAL BAY)  
 5:30 p.m. (SPANISH)

#### Weekday

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.  
 (CORAL BAY)  
 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

### Hours

**The Church is open**  
 Mondays to 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.

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 Mondays to Fridays:  
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