

## Mass Intentions: July 25-31, 2020

Sat. July 25	6 p.m.	For Fr. Anthony Abraham for God's blessings requested by Angie Zareas; & for Merrilyn Rogers for healing requested by Justina Abraham
Sun. July 26	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Marie Griesmann requested by the Khoury & Fagundo families & for Simonia Dagou for God's blessings requested by Angie Zareas
Tue. July 28	6 p.m.	For Peter Zareas for God's healing & deliverance requested by Angie Zareas
Wed. July 29	6 p.m.	For Peter Zareas for God's healing & deliverance requested by Angie Zareas
Thu. July 30	7 a.m.	For Peter Zareas for God's healing & deliverance requested by Angie Zareas
Fri. July 31	7 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Mary Dalmida

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



### Blessings through songs

Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers of Visalia, California performed at OLMC in a virtual concert on Friday, July 24, 2020.

### Daily Readings



**Monday: July 27**  
Jer 13:1-11  
Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday: July 28**  
Jer 14: 17-22  
Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday: July 29**  
Jer 15:10, 16-21  
Jn 11:19-27

**Thursday: July 30**  
Jer 18:1-6  
Mt 13:47-53

**Friday: July 31**  
Jer 26:1-9  
Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday: Aug. 1**  
Jer 26:11-16, 24  
Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday: Aug. 2**  
Is 55:1-3  
Rom 8:35, 37-39  
Mt 14:13-21

## Stewardship of Treasure

July 18	6 p.m.	\$195.00
July 19	7:30 a.m.	\$472.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,379.00

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 25-31

- Olivia O'Connell July 26
- Marlene Casimir July 27
- Melissa Luterek July 28
- Mary Dalmida July 31

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.

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** The OLMC raffle was drawn on Sunday, July 19. The winning numbers are: 1st, No. 1091; 2nd, No. 0889; 3rd, 0304; 4th, 0240; 5th, 0718; 6th, No. 0452; 7th, 0343; 8th, No. 0316; & 9th, 0038. Thank you to all who supported our raffle. A special thanks to our donors: The Westin St. John Resort & Villas, Gallows Point, Cruz Bay Watersports, Courtesy Car Rental, The Tap Room, Morgan's Mango & Gertrude Verdant.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2020. Come experience "a night of praise and worship with intercessory prayer."
- **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.

## 'Specially Prepared for Life' by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings make us realize that God has specially prepared us for life, so that we can be spiritual successes, not failures. However, the decision is always ours: Do we choose light — a life of success, or darkness — a life of failure.

The Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30) says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." If as Catholics we believe that all humankind is made in the image of God, Imago Dei, then, does this scripture suggest we are all foreknown and predestined? This scripture reading continues, "And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified." We also learn from scripture that everything that God made, including all humans, is good. Thus, can we surmise that we ALL called to fulfill a mission, that is, achieve a purpose for God, and He equips us and justifies us for such.

In the First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) God encourages Solomon: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." This is the same offer He makes to all His children. Like Solomon, the possibility of us receiving what we ask for is based on the reasonableness of our request. Once we are within His will for our lives, we learn from the Second Reading that "all things [will] work for good for those who love God." In loving God, we inadvertently seek His will and we aim to accomplish it.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:44-52) we are taught that the Kingdom of Heaven is like coming into possession of something that we value so much that nothing else is worth more than it. Acquiring it pushes us to sacrifice everything we have just to possess it. What is this "Kingdom of Heaven"? Can it be found in this life or in the afterlife? In reality, the Kingdom of Heaven is right here on earth, in the ordinary, everyday aspect of our lives where we are called to serve God and each other. This is the treasure that we find when we seek to be in and to fulfill the will of God for our lives. This is what God has predestined us for. This is the light that we seek, which brings us joy, peace and success according to God measure.

St. Francis of Assisi is a model of someone who finds such a hidden treasure, the Kingdom of God here on earth, among the poor and destitute. This discovery inspires him to sacrifice his riches, title, promising future, and even the very clothes on his back and sandals on his feet so that he could live with and serve the less fortunate members of society. These are simply people, who, by no action on their part, happened to be born and bred in the "wrong" neighborhood. They are much like any person of "color" in the world today, who, purely by the color of his or her skin and sometimes coupled by his or her address, is marginalized.

Many of these people in return have recently adopted the slogan "Black Lives Matter" only to receive the counter reply, "All Lives Matter," yet, here is where the actual problem lies. If all lives mattered, wouldn't all people think of and treat each other as equal? If we are all made in the image of God, predestined, called, and equipped for that call, then we are ALL truly equal. What divides us are the labels we humans choose to adopt and apply willfully. It is a fact that even to date, Black people in this world are not considered or treated as actually human. They must still attempt to constantly prove themselves in every aspect of societal life. If we do not see or acknowledge this injustice, then we are definitely on the path to "failure."

The Kingdom of God is right here, right now! Do we still want to merely wait for that perfect place in Heaven where some of us think the Kingdom of God is, an actual forever place? While that place does exist, we really need to also find it, embrace it, and make a difference within it right in our everyday life circumstances. In this way, we will become "successes," not "failures," — we would win the "race" of life well.

**Prayer:** Father, wake me up out of my slumber. Let me see and treat those around me as you want them to be seen and treated. **Amen**

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### Masses

#### Weekend

Saturdays: 6 p.m.  
Sundays: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

#### 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

### 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**

### Week in Preview

**Youth Ministry:**  
Mondays at 5 p.m.

**Music Ministry:**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

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