

## Mass Intentions: August 1-7, 2020

Sat. Aug. 1	6 p.m.	For Allie Taylor for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian
Sun. Aug. 2	7:30 a.m.	For Peter Zareas for healing & deliverance requested by Angie Zareas
	9:30 a.m.	For the sick in our parish
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Aug. 4	6 p.m.	For Fr. Anthony Abraham on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood & birthday blessings for LeRon Lewis requested by Mary Dalmida
Wed. Aug. 5	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Mirna Miclis
Thu. Aug. 6	7 a.m.	For Angie Zareas for God's protection
Fri. Aug. 7	7 a.m.	For Angie Zareas for God's protection

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



### A ray of sunshine

Gregory "Tyrone" Edward Jr. is assisting the church in upgrading the live streaming.

## Daily Readings



**Monday: Aug. 3**  
Jer 28:1-17  
Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday: Aug. 4**  
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22  
Mt 14:22-36

**Wednesday: Aug. 5**  
Jer 31:1-7  
Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday: Aug. 6**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9

**Friday: Aug. 8**  
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7  
Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday: Aug. 9**  
Hb 1:12--2:4  
Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday: Aug. 10**  
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  
Rom 9:1-5  
Mt 14:22-33

## Stewardship of Treasure

July 25	6 p.m.	\$320.00
July 26	7:30 a.m.	\$402.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$467.00

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.

### Getting ready for Mass in Coral Bay



Mass in Coral Bay at the future site of St. Therese Chapel will resume at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Pictured, from top left, Dave Minner and crew cut the grass; Carlton Jackson paints the trailer; and Tom Conrad helps clear the trailer to store items.

### OLMC Member Birthdays Week of August 1-8

- DeVante Monsanto Aug. 5
- Christopher Scatliffe Aug. 8
- Claudia Verdant Aug. 8
- Derek Athanase Aug. 8

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, Aug. 6, 2020. The speaker is Deacon Evans Doway. The topic is "Jesus at the Center of your Joy" (Ps 37:4).
- **MASS IN CORAL BAY:** We will resume Mass in Coral Bay on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 12:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.
- **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.



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.

# 'That You Would Bless Me Indeed'

## by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings describe the blessings that come from a God who always provides for those in every need who go to Him.

In the First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3) Jesus extends an invitation to all who are hungry and thirsty to come to Him so He can satisfy: "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." Having/Living a life in God is being satisfied. You don't need money to gain this type of blessing. You just need to choose Him, which is the same as coming to Him. Why choose God? The response for the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145) reinforces the providential nature of God, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

The Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39) also stresses that nothing can separate us from the love of God. No matter the suffering or the need, the love of God is there to give us peace and security. The Gospel Reading (Matthew 14:13-21) offers one example of this God who satisfies our every need, not just our hunger for actual food, but also our hunger for spiritual food. His love makes the impossible possible as is proven by Jesus' feeding of the multitude with only a few loaves and fish. As is depicted through the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus, all who come to God are not only physically, but spiritually satisfied, even beyond their needs.

These readings allowed me to consider my own experience and prompted me to share the following short testimony.

My immediate family and my in-laws are very God-centered people in that we try to live simple prayerful lives with service to others at the forefront.

My husband and I had attempted to sell our home since Fourth of July, 2018 because we wanted to better accommodate my elderly parents, who live with us, and who, for health reasons, needed a one-story home as opposed to a two-story. However, our home only got sold just before the COVID-19 lockdown in February 2020, and the closing was during the lockdown. Because the home we wanted to buy was not available for moving in for another two months, we had to move in with my in-laws as no one wanted to rent short-term or to new tenants at this time.

To our surprise, while others were experiencing hardships during the lockdown, my in-laws and my family received blessing after blessing. We were able to pray together as a family and eat meals together (having much more food than we actually needed each time), especially Sunday lunch, which was something we never found the time to do before. Everyone was also able to continue working with no loss of income. I was able to write the defense for my PhD in Practical Theology research proposal and successfully defend it. I have been able to help care for my parents, which I could never fully do prior because of school and work commitments. And, all eight of us have been able to live peacefully and happily in less room space than is necessary to accommodate us. More importantly, not one of our family members have contracted COVID-19 though four of us in the household are frontline workers in the medical field.

Nothing could have separated us from the love of Christ. We have seen Him provide us with physical and spiritual food, even blessed palms on Palm Sunday and holy water, though no one could obtain them. Our both families have had the time to deepen and strengthen our relationships. Overall, we have seen a multiplication of blessings in all our lives.

**Prayer:** "Oh, that you would bless me indeed. And enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me." **Amen.** (1 Chronicles 4:10)



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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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