

## Mass Intentions: August 13-19, 2022

Sat. August 13	6 p.m.	For Jacquel Fredericks for God's blessings requested by Verna Dagou
Sun. August 14	7:30 a.m.	Anniversary blessings for John and Sandra Donaie; & for Ryan Simon for God's deliverance & healing requested by Janice Mathurin
	9:30 a.m.	For Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. on his second anniversary as a Deacon requested by his family; & and in loving memory of Lucy Sexius requested by Mary Athanase & family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. August 16	6 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
Wed. August 17	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Wende & Orville Rouse, Children of Mary of Holy Family Church, Niel & Christine Sander & Linda Kristian
Thu. August 18	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Donald & Nichole Schofield, Frank & Joyce Doherty & Verna Dagou
Fri. August 19	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Jay & Sara Sellick, Georgiana Woodward, Richard & Colette Crowley & Kathryn Varney

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



### 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: Aug. 15**  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday: Aug. 16**  
Ez 28:1-10  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday: Aug. 17**  
Ez 34:1-11  
Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday: Aug. 18**  
Ez 36:23-28  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday: Aug. 19**  
Ez 37:1-14  
Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday: Aug. 20**  
Ez 43:1-7ab  
Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday: Aug. 21**  
Is 66:18-21  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13  
Lk 13:22-30

## Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 6	6 p.m.	\$441.00
Aug. 7	7:30 a.m.	\$521.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,168.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$165.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$54.00

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.

### For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

On Sept. 7, 2021, the Vatican released a preparatory document and handbook for the 2023 synod on synodality to be reviewed by all Catholic dioceses in the world over the next six months.

In that document synodality is described as "the form, the style, and the structure of the Church."

The theme of this Synod is For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

The current Synodal Process is guided by a fundamental question: How does "journeying together" take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one),

allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? What steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2)

Each bishop is asked to undertake a consultation process with the local Church from Oct. 17, 2021, to April 2022.

Dioceses should organize local gatherings for "synodal consultation," to enable individuals to give their feedback directly to the diocese.

Multiple parishes should come together for these "synodal consultation meetings" so that "a range of people from different socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, age groups" can take part.

## 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:** The second collection is for Ss. Peter & Paul School.
- **CASSI HILL:** Holy Family Church will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Cassi Hill on Sunday, August 14. All will gather at 2 p.m. at Four Winds Plaza for the procession. The procession will begin at 2:30 p.m. from Four Winds Plaza up Cassi Hill to Holy Family's Shrine. A closing Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. in the church.
- **MASS:** A Mass will be held on Monday, Aug. 15 at 7 a.m. for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18 in Cruz Bay. The guest speaker will be Archbishop Kenneth Richards of Kingston, Jamaica.
- **COOK NEEDED:** Catholic Charities St. John needs a cook. If you are interested, call Digna Doway at 340-775-0969.
- **QUADRILLE:** If any child, youth or adult is interested in learning quadrille, please sign up at the back of the church.
- **MEN'S PANTS:** Catholic Charities St. John needs men's pants sizes 32 to 38; and also, new boxers sizes medium to extra-large.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** If anyone is interested in joining the St. Vincent De Paul Society, please sign up at the back of the church or call the church office. St. Vincent De Paul Society helps those in need while maintaining confidentiality.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.



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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### ~ Charismatic Prayer Group ~

You are invited to come pray, praise, and worship our Lord with us every Thursday at 7 p.m.

### OLMC Member Birthdays August 13-19

- Abigail O'Connell Aug. 13
- Jason Mathurin Aug. 14
- Hyacinth Ashly Aug. 17

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

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## 'Ready for Correction? As Initiator? As Receiver?'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings teach us that Christian correction requires both love and sacrifice.

In the First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10) Jeremiah's example teaches Christians an undeniable lesson of commitment to our faith in God. We should not seek popularity or to be politically correct. As Christians, we are not called to be lukewarm to "play it safe." Instead, we must be zealous in proclaiming Jesus as Lord. As early twenty-first readers, we are facing a critical moment in our world where truth is being distorted, evil is being disguised and accepted as good. It is more so the time when Christians are using the Bible to "hit over the heads" of lukewarm Christians and non-believers so as to "beat" Christian values into them as opposed to extending their arms of love and mercy that are more effective than attacking when transformation is what we desire. Attacking and forcing our Christian values on others pushes them away, marginalizes them, and places us behind glass walls where we, all puffed up and proud, are looking out at others who are struggling and we feel proud to be where we are, in a safe place. We dare not try to understand the world of "the other." To the contrary, we try to tear down their worlds through our scorn, criticism, and pride.

Prophets, like Jeremiah and Jesus, the last and greatest prophet and the Son of God, teach Christians that God intervenes in order to provide a way out of hopeless situations. Jeremiah's very life and call is God's way of intervening in the world at a time that Judah was about to suffer a devastating destruction. God's intervention was an act of mercy. God extends mercy hoping that those to whom He is trying to reach, will accept this gift. God's mercy also extends to the merciful as in the case of Jeremiah where God sends a court official to plead with the king on Jeremiah's behalf. God interceded in the world when God saw that there was no other hope for humankind but a Savior. Again, Jesus was then and continues to be God's greatest act of mercy. Like Jeremiah and Jesus models to us as they witness in words and by their very lives in two different cultural, political, and socio-cultural and time contexts, we must speak the truth in love, admonish for the sake of love, and surrender all for love.

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 12:49-53), the image of a fire engulfing the world is really that of Jesus who is the source and heart of the fire. When a substance is put into a fire, it loses any resemblance to its former self. It can now be fashioned into something new by the hands of a craftsperson. The substance will remain in contact with the fire until its shape takes on its final form. This physical purification and refining process can also be considered from a spiritual perspective. When Jesus sets the world on fire, all have the opportunity to choose to be similarly purified and refined through Jesus' touch and transforming work in our hearts and minds so that we no longer resemble our old selves. Christians spend a lifetime of being refined and purified, so we are ever changing, ever transforming. This transformation, however, becomes the source of division, beginning with families and friends, and extending into the wider society. Division naturally occurs when some are changing while others are staying the same, so a loss in common ground occurs. What once united — familial bonds, secular interests, religious indifference — now divides.

Jesus not only comes to set the world on fire, Jesus Himself must also pass through the fire because Jesus admits, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Jesus welcomes this fire because it will impact humanity until the end of time since Jesus' acceptance of this fire will transform eternal death to eternal life. Jesus never expects us to do what He has not done. Similar to Jeremiah's message that was met mainly with rejection and the call to end his life from his own people, Jesus' message was largely met with rejection and a call to end His life by those who were Jesus' own people as well, those who knew and believed in the one God.

The Second Reading (Hebrews 12:1-4) here, we are reminded that at the heart of Christian life is memory. Christians should never forget those of the Old Testament, those who stood by their faith amid various types and degrees of suffering, for example, prophets like Jeremiah. But, most of all, we should never forget Jesus who willingly accepted and endured the cross, and through whom the Christian faith laid its foundations. Jesus invites Christians to take up our daily crosses and to follow Him with joy. That joy comes only from knowing that like Jesus we will triumph over the sufferings of this life and over death itself. Most of all, we must take courage in the fact that no matter what we suffer, our sufferings will never be like Jesus'. Christians should view suffering with a positive outlook—through suffering God corrects His loved ones, as a typical loving Father loves and corrects His children out of love.

As an initiator of correction, one must be ready to correct out of love and to sacrifice everything, even one's own reputation for the sake of the other. As a receiver of correction, one must be ready to accept criticism as love being poured out and be willing to make the sacrifices needed to ensure that the correction received is fruitful.

Prayer: Lord God, I pray for the grace to accept correction knowing that through it I am being spiritually perfected. Amen



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### Week in Preview

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

**Music Ministry:**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 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**  
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Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after  
Masses; or by appointment

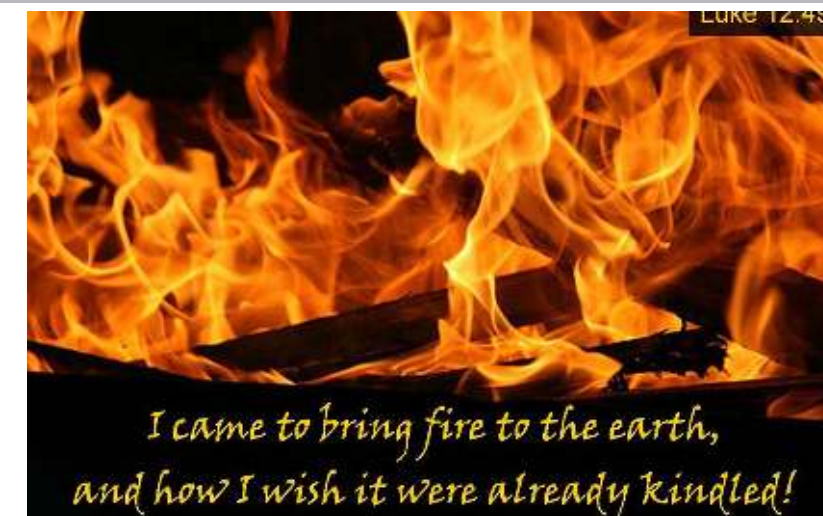
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Mondays to Fridays:  
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