

Mass Intentions: August 22-28, 2020

Sun. Aug. 23	8:30 a.m.	For Eric Philbert for healing & for Louise Philbert for God's blessings requested by Louise Philbert; for Ashleigh Fisher for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian; for Nabeelah, Zahriah, Yasin, Ibrahim & Mustafah James for God's blessings & protection requested by Zahriah James; & for Angie Zareas for God's blessings & protection.
Tue. Aug. 25	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Bernice and Sedric Heyliger & Mary & Gus Grason
Wed. Aug. 26	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Raphael Solomon & Myrah Keating Smith; Darren & Holly Jones; & James & Mary Mullins
Thu. Aug. 27	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Thomas Danaher, Anna Ruth Connor, Kevein & Karen Barnes & Matthew & Jean Bannick; & birthday blessings for Josephine Mathurin requested by Diane Mathurin
Fri. Aug. 28	7 a.m.	For Ruth Olgren for healing requested by Rev. Leonard & Peggy Kromer

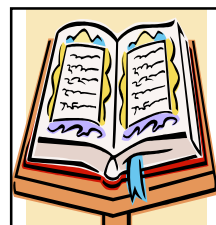
Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.



Newly ordained...

Michael Jackson Sr. was ordained a Permanent Deacon on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, by Most Rev. Roberto Gonzalez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Daily Readings



Monday: Aug. 24

Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: Aug. 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Aug. 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: Aug. 27

1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: Aug. 28

1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: Aug. 29

1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Aug. 30

Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 15	6 p.m.	\$306.00
Aug. 16	7:30 a.m.	\$401.25
	9:30 a.m.	\$427.00

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.

Food distribution ...



Catholic Charities distributed food to the St. John community on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020. Catholic Charities was selected to be the lead agency for the USDA Farmers to Families project on St. Thomas. As there is no large scale farming in the Virgin Islands, the food has to come from Puerto Rico.



OLMC Member Birthdays Week of August 22-28

- RayNesha Noel Aug. 23
- Monique Edward Aug. 23
- Josephine Mathurin Aug. 27

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.

- MASS TIMES:** As per Gov. Bryan's orders, the church is limited to 10 people. Masses will be held at 7 a.m. Tuesday to Friday; at 6 p.m. Saturday and at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Call the church office to sign up if you would like to attend Mass. The Masses will also be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- PRAYER MEETING:** There will not be any Prayer Meeting on Aug. 27.
- ST. THERESA FUNDRAISING:** We are starting a fundraising campaign committee for St. Therese in Coral Bay. If you are interested in being on the committee, call the church office.
- TITHES/OFFERINGS:** If anyone would like to give their tithes, you can:
 - A. Drop your offering envelope in the church mailbox on the office door
 - B. Mail it to the church at P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831
 - C. PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
 - D. Online giving: <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390>



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.

‘The Depth of the Riches, Wisdom and Knowledge of God!’ by Adeline Jean

This Sunday’s Mass readings tell of the depth of the riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God, which reveals the omnipotence of our God.

In the Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36) we read: “How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!... For from him and through him and for him are all things.” God’s supremacy is unparalleled. We know in other religions worshippers revere assorted deities, giving them power over their lives, but we Christians give all glory and power to God almighty and put our faith in Him. What a privilege we have to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him. We often take this privilege for granted. We are His children, so we are literally all brothers and sisters; this is not symbolic but a reality. We need to claim and to live that son/daughter mentality — whatever belongs to God, that is, His “riches,” belongs to us. Therefore, freedom, health, mercy, healing, and the like, are all ours. Also, as we come to love God more and more, we will start to resemble Him by the way we think and act, which in turn will affect our relationships, our attitudes, our outlook on life, our outlook on ourselves. The God we love and serve wants ALL of our life to conform with His standards, even the simplest parts.

In the First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23) we read of God’s definitive power that allows Him to put people in place to accomplish His work. When people in positions are not performing or are taking advantage of their position and/or power, God will not hesitate to act. He is the God of justice, so He acts to safeguard justice. In this reading we hear that God removed Shebna, the master of the palace in Jerusalem, and replaced him with Eliakim. Of the latter, God says: “I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open.” In His wisdom, God removes and appoints.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 16:13-20), we learn of one example of God’s power to place people in positions so that His will and work will be accomplished. Here Jesus gives the Peter the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, saying, “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” God gave Peter position and supernatural power.

If we ever doubt the existence of God, or, if we simply want to prove the existence of God to others, refer to Thomas Aquinas’ teaching on the Five Proofs of the Existence of God. 1) Argument for Motion — since nothing can move itself, an external agent or unmovable force must exist. 2) Argument from Cause — since every effect has a cause, there must be an ultimate First Cause. 3) Argument from Perfection — because the universe contains many types of beings, this “ever-increasing degree of perfection” validates a final being that must be perfect and ideal. 4) Argument from Design — Since the world has an observable order or design, this suggests the existence of an external Designer to explain the intricacy of life and the order of the universe. 5) Argument from Necessity — because everything that exists does so in relation to other things, there must exist a “necessary being” that is dependent on nothing else for its existence.

Prayer: Father in heaven, please reveal yourself to me in more powerful ways. **Amen.**


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Masses **Weekend**

Saturdays: 6 p.m.
 Sundays: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
 12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)

Weekday

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. (Coral Bay) &
 Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
 Thursdays & Fridays at 7 a.m.

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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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