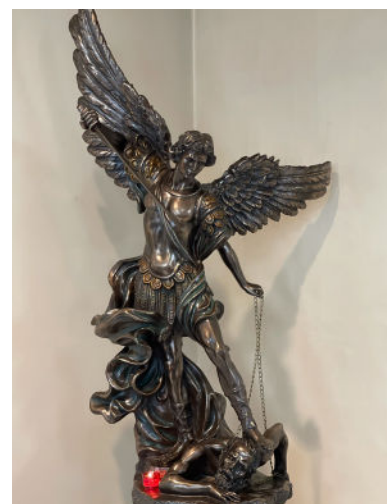


## Mass Intentions: August 26-Sept. 1, 2023

Sat. Aug. 26	6 p.m.	For Michel Antoine for God's blessings, protection and guidance requested by Nausica Antoine.
Sun. Aug. 27	7:30 a.m.	For Jessica Schnell for answers and for God's blessings and healing requested by Debbie and Donald Schnell
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Sabina Ferrol requested by the Dagou and Athanase families
	12:30 p.m.	For Becky for healing and to find a cure requested by Debbie and Donald Schnell
	5:30 p.m.	For the sick of our parish
Tue. Aug. 29	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Allen and Leona Kozikowski, Robert and Barbara Jones, and Stephen & Maria Tull
Wed. Aug. 30	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to John and Patricia Maestrarzi and Richard and Teresa O'Flynn
Thu. Aug. 31	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Outsourcing Unlimited Services and Haveron Total Health
Fri. Sept. 1	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to David and Maria Joyce

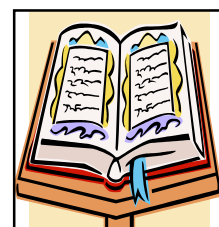
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### St. Michael Prayer

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: August 28**  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday: August 29**  
1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mt 6: 17-29

**Wednesday: August 30**  
1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday: August 31**  
1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday: Sept. 1**  
1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mt 25: 1-13

**Saturday: Sept. 2**  
1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25: 14-30

**Sunday: Sept. 3**  
Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12: 1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

## Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 20	6 p.m.	\$175.00
Aug. 21	7:30 a.m.	\$431.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,542.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$44.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$60.00

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- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

### OLMC Member Birthdays Aug. 26 -Sept. 1

- Michel Antoine Aug. 26
- Josephine Mathurin Aug. 27
- Sabina Ferrol Aug. 27
- Benedicta Leon Aug. 31

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

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## 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 the Soup Kitchen.
- **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 are held on Mondays at 6 p.m.
- **Life In the Spirit Seminar:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Life in the Spirit begins October 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, there are registration forms at the back of the church.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 31st this will be a healing service led by Fr. Prince.
- **PANTRY:** Catholic Charities will resume its monthly food drive at Mass starting the weekend of Aug. 26 & 27. Items will then be collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Items include flour, sugar, evaporated milk, beans, Vienna sausage, tuna and other dry and canned goods. For more information, call 775-0969.
- **KIDNEY DOCTOR:** Dr. Walter Rohloff, kidney specialist, will address the congregation on Sunday, Aug. 27 after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Mass to inform patients about the possibility of groundbreaking improvements of care for people with kidney disease on St. John, especially the dialysis center to be opened under the dialysis patient initiated charity Virgin Island Health Care Foundation and the not for profit, DCI.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church.
- **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. Ages 4 & up are welcome. Adults & children are invited. Register at [www.friendsvinp.org](http://www.friendsvinp.org).



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## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms 138

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

God places the key of David's house on the shoulders of Eliakim. "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands." To God be glory forever. Peter is promised the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims that God will give Eliakim the key of the House of David. In the Gospel, Jesus promises Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. In Eliakim and Peter, God has found faithful followers who can lead and guide the entire community of believers. Though we have not been given such authority, let us pray that we too may faithfully serve God and guide others by our example.



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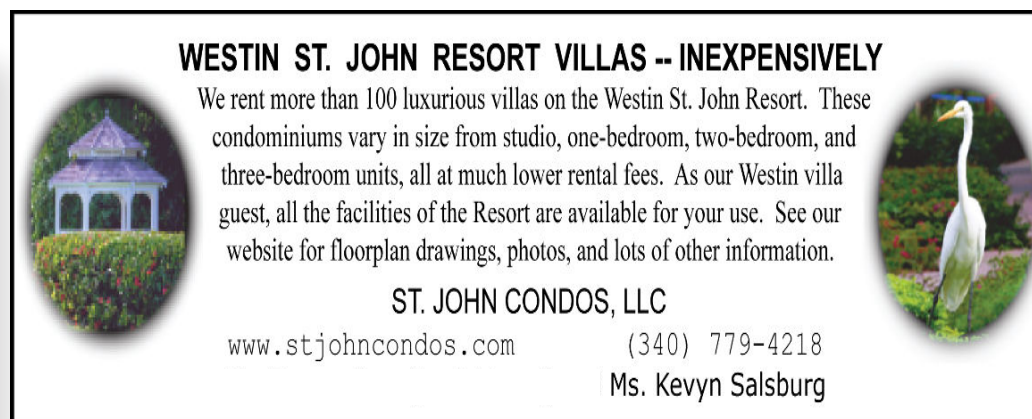
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Week in Preview

**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.

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Abraham  
**Administrative Assistant:** Simonia Dagou  
**Rel. Ed. Coordinator:** Julia Mingo  
**Parish Council President:** Liniue Dagou  
**Deacons:** Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin  
Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.  
**Acolytes:** Hayden Smith & Audy Castillo  
**Youth Group President:** Liandra Dagou  
**Young Adults President:** Shanekua Tyrell



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**

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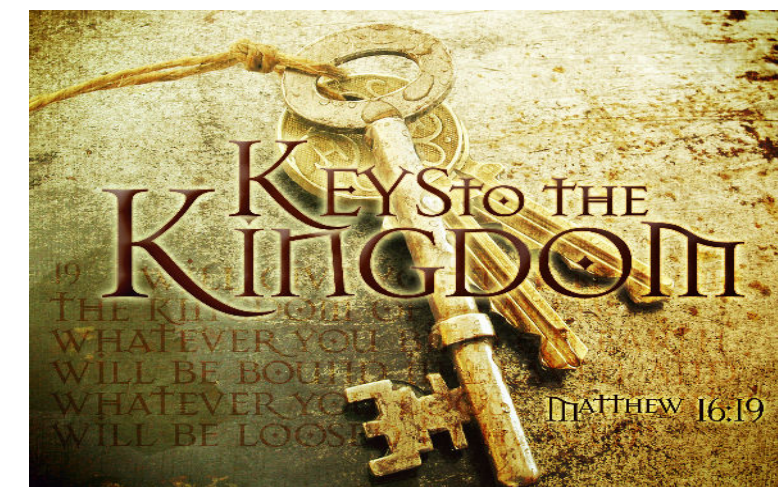
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