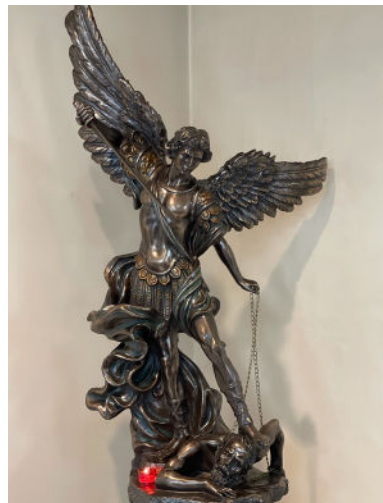


## Mass Intentions: Sept. 2-8, 2023

Sat. Sept. 2	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Rochelle and Brenda Eugene
Sun. Sept. 3	7:30 a.m.	For OLMC benefactors and parishioners
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Rosalie Francis requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For Cecelia and Anthony Mathurin for God's blessings and healing requested by Deborah and Leo Maximin and family
	5:30 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Deacon Evans Doway
Tue. Sept. 5	6 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Wed. Sept. 6	6 p.m.	For Jennie O'Bryan for healing & God's blessings on the O'Bryan family
Thu. Sept. 7	7 a.m.	For Mary Rene for healing
Fri. Sept. 8	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to David and Maria Joyce

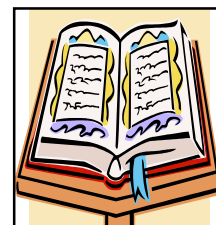
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### St. Michael Prayer

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: Sept. 4**  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday: Sept. 5**  
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday: Sept. 6**  
Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday: Sept. 7**  
Col 1:9-14  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday: Sept. 8**  
Mi 5:1-4a  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Saturday: Sept. 9**  
Col 1:21-23  
Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday: Sept. 10**  
Ez 33:7-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20

## Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 26	6 p.m.	\$252.00
Aug. 27	7:30 a.m.	\$386.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,018.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$58.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$67.90

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### ~ Wish List ~

- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

### OLMC Member Birthdays Sept. 1-8

- Rochelle Eugene Sept. 1
- Deacon Evans Doway Sept. 2
- Brenda Eugene Sept. 3
- Rosalie Francis Sept. 7

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 Priest Retirement Fund.
- **ALL-DAY PRAYER:** All-day prayer for priests and religious will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.
- **HOLIDAY:** The OLMC office and Catholic Charities' office and soup kitchen will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.
- **HOLY FAMILY PRAYER MEETING:** Deacon Cassius Mathurin will be the guest speaker at Holy Family's Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11. The topic will be "Our Comfort Zone." If you would like to attend, please sign up so we can make arrangements for transportation.
- **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.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church.
- **'THE SOUND OF FREEDOM' MOVIE:** The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will again host the showing of the movie, "The Sound of Freedom," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 at Caribbean Cinemas. Tickets are \$10 and will be available in the church office. "The Sound of Freedom" is an inspiring movie about rescuing trafficked children.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will hold a Life in the Spirit seminar beginning on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The seminar will be held for six weeks. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.



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## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 63

God's word has brought me derision.  
"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

"Discern what is the will of God."  
Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urges the Romans to sacrifice their will to God's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey.



**Come, Holy Spirit!  
Come!**

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### Hurricane Season Prayer June 1-November 30

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen.**



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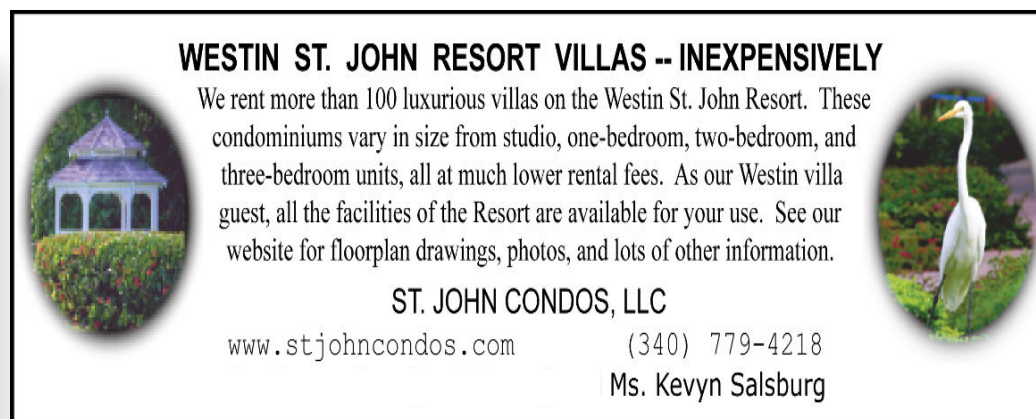
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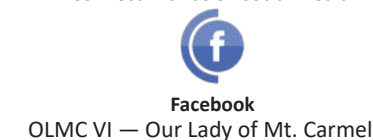
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Week in Preview

**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 Daway, 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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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

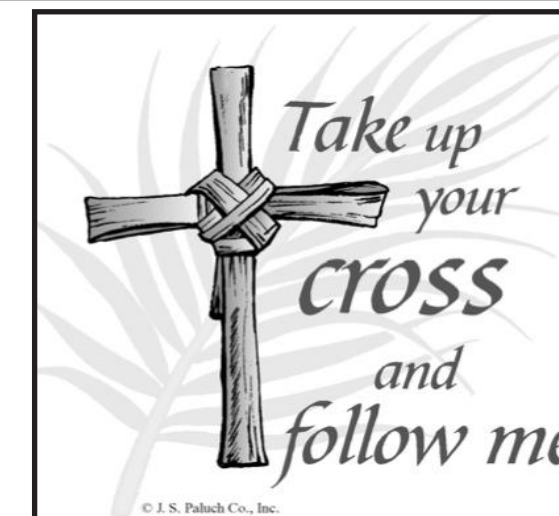
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Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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