

Mass Intentions: Sept. 10-16, 2022

Sat. Sept. 10	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Matthew Ress requested by Teresa & Dominik DeDominicis
Sun. Sept. 11	7:30 a.m.	For Catherine & Anthony Mathurin for healing requested by Madeline Marsh & family
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith requested by her loving mother; & 50th wedding anniversary blessings for Simon and Mary Athanase requested by their family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. Sept. 13	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed. Sept. 14	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thu. Sept. 15	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri. Sept. 16	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE

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: Sep. 12
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Sept. 13
1 Cor 12:14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Sept. 14
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: Sept. 15
1 Cor 15:1-11
Jn 19:25-27

Friday: Sept. 16
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Sept. 17
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Sept. 18
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

Stewardship of Treasure

Sept. 3	6 p.m.	\$289.00
Sept. 4	7:30 a.m.	\$243.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$580.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$162.00

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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.

~ Charismatic Prayer Group ~

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

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OLMC Member Birthdays Sept. 10-16

- Chris Roddy Sept. 10
- Yvonne August Sept. 10
- Bernard Lascaris Sept. 11
- Helen Jones Sept. 13
- Blythe Loranger Sept. 13
- Zorah Noel Sept. 16

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

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 Sts. Peter & Paul School.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 in Cruz Bay. A talk by Fr. Anthony Abraham from the Hope Conference will be shown.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group will resume at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** A women's retreat will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, with Fr. Andres and Fr. John Mark. Confession starts at 9:30 a.m.
- **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, contact Julia Joseph-Mingo at 340-626-2936 for more information.
- **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 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



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“Good, Good Father...”

By Adeline Jean

Because God our Father loves us unconditionally, there is no sin too great for Him to forgive.

The First Reading (Exodus 32:7-11,13-14) tells the well-known story of the Israelites who began to worship other gods though they had experienced many miracles worked on their behalf as they were brought out of slavery from Egypt led by Moses. As such, the Lord wanted to let His wrath “blaze up against them.” However, Moses pleaded for them and reminded the Lord of all the promises He had made to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. “So, the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.” Many, if not all, of us have been deserving of God’s wrath, yet we are all here to testify that He is a merciful God, a good and loving Father. He did not punish us as we deserved, but instead welcomed us back to Him after our time astray in sin and neglect of Him.

God does the same for the Prodigal Son in the Gospel Reading (Luke 15:11-32). After suffering more than he had expected subsequent to squandering his ill-gotten inheritance. This parable is an analogy of God the Father’s relationship with us, His children. We can never stray too far away from God because with God there is no distance. God is everywhere, even with us when we are sinning. God is waiting for us to call to Him for help because we have free will to choose darkness or light, death or life. The father of the prodigal son must have prayed for him when he departed even though his son had taken advantage of him. Even when we try to cheat God and become estranged from God, God is there praying and longing for our return. Are we where we are today, delivered, forgiven, walking on a new and right path, because someone dared to pray for us?

No situation of sin in which we or others find ourselves is hopeless. Sometimes we believe that God will never forgive a particular sin because even by our standards we acted at our lowest low. Sometimes we confess a sin, yet we keep repeating it, consciously aware of what we are doing while remaining indifferent. At times like these, we are bombarded by the voice of the evil one who attack and trick us with negative thoughts and words spoken through others that tell us we are no good, we don’t deserve forgiveness, we could never earn God’s love. We even sometimes hear a voice that says, “Is life really worth living?” Some of us who fall for these “lies” may go as far as contemplating ending our lives.

Have we forgotten that this same God we fear is the One who sent His only Son Jesus Christ to save us? Have we overlooked the fact that the price for our sins has already been paid for on the Cross? Have we not heard of the Lord’s Divine Mercy? Let’s stop living as if we are foster children of the Lord and start living as who we are—redeemed and loved sons and daughters of the “living” God, One who is with us always, who never abandons us though we abandon Him.

Paul, in the Second Reading (1 Timothy 1:12-17), shares his own story of forgiveness. Many times, we too act out of ignorance—ignorance of the extent of our sin, ignorance of the depth of God’s love and mercy. Whether we act out of ignorance, or whether someone prays for us, God will always come to rescue us with His mercy because as the Gospel Reading reassures us, “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” Our Father in Heaven is ever near to us even when we are lost in a world of sin. We may not feel His presence because sin blinds us to His presence, His love, His power. Yet, He is always waiting for us to acknowledge Him, to talk to Him, to show Him our love.

There is a popular contemporary song whose words is a love song to God, who is our good, good, Father. It gives hope to all sinners. Let us make its chorus our prayer...

*There is hope for the helpless; Rest for the weary;
Love for the broken heart.
There is grace and forgiveness; Mercy and healing;
He'll meet you wherever you are.
Cry out to Jesus, Cry out to Jesus!
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.

Pastor: Father Anthony Abraham
Administrative Assistant: Simonia Dagou
Rel. Ed. Coordinator: Julia Mingo
Parish Council President: Linique Dagou
Deacons: Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.
Acolyte: Hayden Smith
Youth Group President: RayNesha Noel
Young Adults President: Shanekua Tyrell



Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham, Pastor

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)

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Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
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Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
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