

# Mass Intentions: Sept. 12-18, 2020

Sat. Sept. 12	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Dave Baldwin and Columbia Swinson requested by Joy Parton
Sun. Sept. 13	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Nancy Parton requested by Joy Parton; & for the repose of the soul of Beth Maciora & Patrick Joseph requested by their families
	9:30 a.m.	Anniversary blessings for Mary & Simon Athanase & birthday blessings for Leilani Richards requested by their families; & birthday blessings for Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith requested by her loving mother
Tue. Sept. 15	6 p.m.	For Allie & Billy Taylor for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian
Wed. Sept. 16	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to God for His grace requested by Isylma Matthew
Thu. Sept. 17	7 a.m.	For Vernaline Matthew for God's guidance & deliverance requested by Isylma Matthew
Fri. Sept. 18	7 a.m.	For Sheraline & Vaughn Thomas for God's blessings & protection requested by Isylma Matthew

## The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

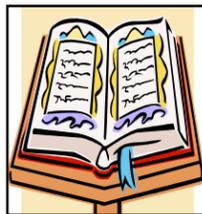
**Monday: Sept. 14**  
Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday: Sept. 15**  
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a  
Jn 19:25-27

**Wednesday: Sept. 16**  
1 Cor 12:31--13:13  
Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday: Sept. 17**  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Lk 7:36-50

## Daily Readings



**Friday: Sept. 18**  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday: Sept. 19**  
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49  
Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday: Sept. 20**  
Is 55:6-9  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

# Stewardship of Treasure

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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.

## A Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick

or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.  
Amen.

## OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Sept. 12-18

- Helen Jones Sept. 13
- Zoriah Noel Sept. 16
- Leilani Richards Sept. 18

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.

- **CORAL BAY MASS:** Coral Bay Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 6 p.m.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2020. The topic is "Applying God's words in our daily lives." The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Abraham.
- **BISHOP BEVARD:** Best wishes and prayers for Bishop Herbert Bevard can be mailed to:  
The Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard  
1801 Grace Street  
Wilmington, NC 28405-2751
- **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.



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.

# 'It's Time to Break the Chains'

by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings all speak of forgiveness and the need to be merciful to others. Why? Because God is merciful to us sinners, we too must be merciful. When we receive and when we extend mercy, chains are broken.

It is not easy to forgive, so how is this humanly possible? First, we need to claim the victory that comes from the resurrection: we are delivered from the past; we have power for the present; we have hope for the future. When we contemplate this reality, we realize that every battle has already been won for us. We can live in freedom and in turn allow others to as well by not holding them in bondage by keeping them prisoners to our anger and unforgiveness.

The Holy Spirit helps to make this possible because scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. We can do nothing without the help of the Spirit, especially to extend mercy to others who are undeserving of our mercy because this is one of the most difficult things to accomplish. Yet, scripture also invites us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

What does this entail? We do nothing that can cause them harm, we give them the benefit of the doubt in everything, we do not compromise in giving them what is best, we see God in them even when His presence is not evident. The Holy Spirit makes all of this possible. We need to be more docile to the Spirit, to invite Him into every area of our lives, and to spend time in prayer to Him.

Moreover, there needs to be a place in our prayers, our lives, and our hearts for the Father, Son, and Spirit — the Father gives us the call and the standard of mercy; the Son is the example of mercy; the Spirit prepares us to be merciful. All Christians must live in communion with the Trinity.

Think about what happens when you react totally different to what people expect, especially when they expect you to react badly. It normally deflates them and the situation you are in with them that caused tension and anger in the first place. Joseph of the Old Testament models this attitude of forgiveness.

Having all the reason to hate his brothers for their selling him into slavery, and having the power to take revenge on them, he instead forgave them. He saw God's hands in his destiny. He had to experience all that he did so he could be the beacon of hope for the same family that betrayed him. Scripture reminds us that not some things, but all things, work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

If you are reading this, you have come to Mass because you love God and have been called for a purpose and mission in this life. It's time to put everything in your life in order so that you can fully accomplish your mission, beginning with forgiving those who you have held in the chains of unforgiveness, which have likewise held you in chains. Choose freedom!

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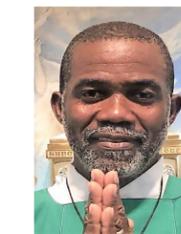
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## Masses Weekend

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.

## DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

## 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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