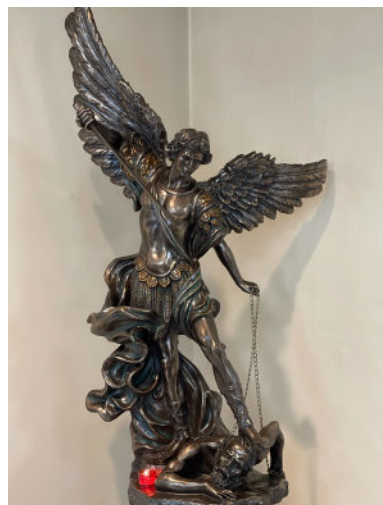


Mass Intentions: Sept. 16-22, 2023

Sat. Sept. 16	6 p.m.	For Marilla Cervasio and Becky Ward for healing requested by Rebecca Sosa
Sun. Sept. 17	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Cynthia Suelan Williams requested by Deacon Cassius Mathurin
	9:30 a.m.	Wedding anniversary blessings for Simon and Mary Athanase and birthday blessings for Leilani Richards and Sariah Athanase requested by their families
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community in St. John
Tue. Sept. 19	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Randy and Rowe requested by Mary Roberts & family
Wed. Sept. 20	6 p.m.	For sick in our parish
Thu. Sept. 21	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community
Fri. Sept. 22	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles and her sons and Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles

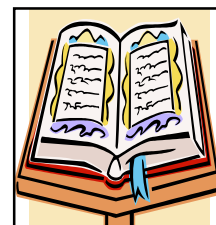
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St. Michael Prayer

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. 18
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Sept. 19
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Sept. 20
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Sept. 21
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Friday: Sept. 22
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Sept. 23
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Sept. 9	6 p.m.	\$328.00
Sept. 10	7:30 a.m.	\$363.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$992.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$85.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$73.00

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~ Wish List ~

- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

OLMC Member Birthdays Sept. 16-22

- Zorah Noel Sept. 16
- Leilani Richards Sept. 18
- Deborah Maximin Sept. 19
- Ed August Sept. 21

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.

- **CONDOLENCES:** OLMC extends condolences to Bernice Roberts on the passing of her mother, Grace Wattlely.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend's second collection is for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a national collection.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group meets at 4:30 p.m. Mondays.
- **STEEL PAN:** Steel pan for adults will resume at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. The guest speaker will be Deacon Cassius Mathurin. The topic will be "Our Comfort Zone."
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church. Classes are held at 10 a.m. Saturdays.
- **'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 are 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.
- **PANTRY:** Catholic Charities will hold its monthly food drive at Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Items include flour, sugar, evaporated milk, beans, Vienna sausage, tuna and other dry and canned goods. For information, call 775-0969.




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October 1st 2023
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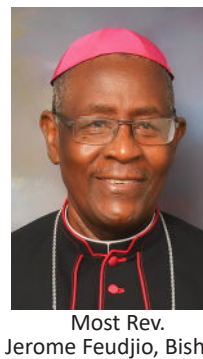
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Youth Ministry:
Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group:
Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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)
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Thursdays & Fridays at 7 a.m.

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

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Tuesdays to Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Sirach 27:30—28:7 We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven.

Psalms 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Romans 14:7—9 Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ.

Matthew 18:21—35 Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

The reading from Sirach sets the theme today, counseling us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven. We sing in the responsorial psalm of the Lord's kindness and mercy. Paul preaches that in life and death we are the Lord's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king who was moved with compassion to forgive a great debt. May today's readings inspire us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves.


**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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