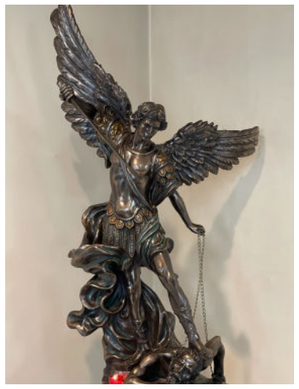
Mass Intentions: September 19-25, 2026

Sat. Sept. 19	7 a.m.	For Jewel Powell for God's healing
	6 p.m.	For Louise Philbert for God's blessings
Sun. Sept. 20	7:30 a.m.	For the OLMC parish, its benefactors, priests and parishioners for God's continuous blessings
	9:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Bishop Herbert Bevard
(Coral Bay)	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Spanish)	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic community of St. John
Mon. Sept. 21	7 a.m.	For Deacon Paul for God's blessings on his ordination
Tue. Sept. 22 (Coral Bay)	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Wed. Sept. 23	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Lisa Etre
Thu. Sept. 24	7 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Tajil Chitolie Baptiste
Fri. Sept. 25	7 a.m.	For an end to violence and war in our community and around the world

Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the church office at 340-776-6339.



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: September 21
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: September 22
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: September 23
Proverbs 30:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: September 24
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Luke 9:7-9

Friday: September 25
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Luke 9:18-22

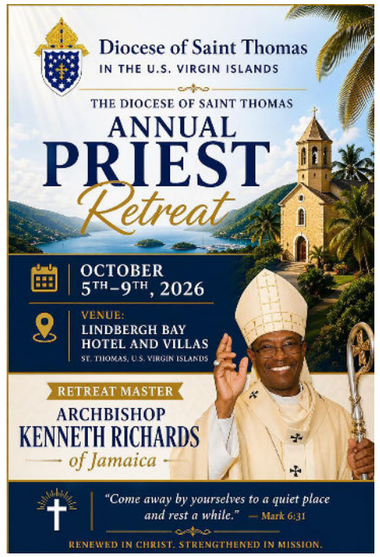
Saturday: Sept. 26
Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: September 27
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Stewardship of Treasure

Sept. 12	6 p.m.	$330.00
Sept. 13	7:30 a.m.	$367.00
	9:30 a.m.	$657.00
	12:30 p.m.	$83.00
	5:30 p.m.	$68.00

Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you abundantly.



Priest Retreat

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to humbly ask for your support in sponsoring a priest for our upcoming annual Priest Retreat, scheduled for Oct. 5-9, 2026, on St. Thomas. The sponsorship donation is $500.00 per priest, and we are looking to sponsor about 18 priests. Thank you in advance. Please keep us in your prayers.

In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham
Vicar for Clergy



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 this weekend is for St. Therese Chapel.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Youth ages 11-18 are welcome.
- **LEGION OF MARY:** Legion of Mary is held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026, at 6 p.m.
- **TEACHERS NEEDED:** OLMC needs teachers for Religious Education. If you are interested, call the church office at 340-776-6339.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** Religious Education classes will resume on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Parents are invited to attend the first class with their child.
- **STEEL PAN:** Steel pan practice will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 3:30 p.m.
- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Men's Fellowship will be held on Friday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m.
- **COOK NEEDED:** Catholic Charities St. John is looking for a part-time cook starting Sept. 28, 2026. Call Digna Doway for more information at 340-775-0969.
- **MEN'S RETREAT:** The second annual Emmaus Men's Retreat will be held from Nov. 20 to 22. Call 340-643-2067 or 340-776-6339 for more information.
- **OCIA:** We are accepting registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 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. Applications are at the back of the church.
- **FOOD DRIVE:** Catholic Charities will be holding a food drive on the weekend of Sept. 26 & 27. Items needed include rice, barbecue sauce, frozen vegetables, cream of wheat, and biodegradable plates (6x6 and 9x6x3). Thank you for your generosity.



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To make a donation,
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

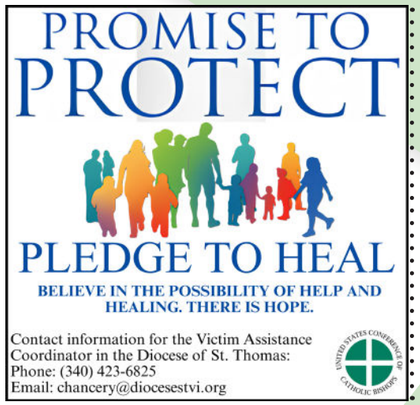
Isaiah 55:6–9 — **The ways and thoughts of God are above our own.**
Psalm 145 — **"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."**
Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a — **Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain.**
Matthew 20:1–16a — **"The last will be first, and the first will be last."**

"Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ," Saint Paul tells the Philippians at the conclusion of today's second reading. Let us keep this in mind as we listen to today's Gospel, the story of the generous owner of a vineyard. He is willing to pay a full daily wage to everyone, even those who worked but an hour at the end of the day. May his generosity be a model for us as we aim to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the gospel.



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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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OLMC Member Birthdays
September 19-25

- Deborah Maximin Sept. 19
- Lisa Etre Sept. 23
- Tajil Chitolie Baptiste Sept. 24

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

~ Wish List ~

- 3 office chairs
- 75-inch TV for upstairs in church
- RV (recreational vehicle)
- Rolling gate operator with battery backup: $16,596.00
- Catholic Charities banner: $1,200.00

~ Sick List ~



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Away
Martha Alphones
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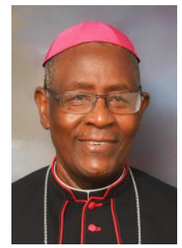
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Week in Preview

Youth Ministry:
Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

Legion of Mary:
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

Charismatic Prayer Group:
Thursdays from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Masses

Saturdays: 7 a.m. **(except after all-night vigil)**
6 p.m. **(VIGIL)**
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.**(CORAL BAY)**
5:30 p.m. **(SPANISH)**
Mondays: 7 a.m.
Tuesdays: 6 p.m. **(CORAL BAY)**
Wednesdays: 6 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays: 7 a.m.

Devotions

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

Hours

The Church is open
Mondays to Fridays:
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Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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