

## Mass Intentions: Oct. 1-7, 2022

Sat. Oct. 1	6 p.m.	For Shiquela Monsanto and Armani for God's blessings requested by the family; & wedding anniversary blessings for Rufus & Gertrude Verdant requested by their family
Sun. Oct. 2	7:30 a.m.	For Cynthia Burin for God's blessings, healing & deliverance requested by Felis Burin; & in thanksgiving to Dan Hurley & staff
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Jason Stewart requested by Lisa and Daniel Lowry; & in loving memory of Morris Liverpool requested by Mona Jno-Lewis
	12:30 p.m.	For the Zamora, Zizelman and Schuler families for healing requested by Christine Barbich
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. Oct. 4	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed. Oct. 5	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thu. Oct. 6	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri. Oct. 7	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: Oct. 3**  
Gal 1:6-12  
Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday: Oct. 4**  
Gal 1:13-24  
Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday: Oct. 5**  
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday: Oct. 6**  
Gal 3:1-5  
Lk 11:5-13

**Friday: Oct. 7**  
Gal 3:7-14  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday: Oct. 8**  
Gal 3:22-29  
Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday: Oct. 9**  
2 Kgs 5:14-17  
2 Tm 2:8-13  
Lk 17:11-19

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sept. 24	6 p.m.	\$167.00
Sept. 25	7:30 a.m.	\$295.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$984.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$219.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$89.25

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.

*'Pray for me ... as I pray for you...'*



Fr. Anthony Abraham is on military leave with the U.S. Army Reserves for three months. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to write to him, here is the address:

Leader Course (Class# 22-003)  
CH Anthony Abraham  
USA-IRL  
10100 Lee Road  
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090

~ Charismatic Prayer Group ~

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

### OLMC Member Birthdays Oct. 1-7

- Jovannie Athanase Oct. 2
- Hakeem Noel Oct. 4
- Sherry-Ann Francis-Hill Oct. 4
- Davidson Verdant Oct. 5
- Mary Smith Oct. 6

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:** The second collection is for Our Lady of Charity Transitional Shelter.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in Cruz Bay. We will continue the talk by Fr. Anthony Abraham from the Hope Conference.
- **COUNCIL OF WOMEN:** Bishop Jerome Feudjio has approved the board for the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. The board is: Bernadette Patrick, president; Elizabeth John-Baptiste, vice-president; Lita Daniel, secretary; and Maribel Okiye, treasurer. If you would like to be a member, forms are available at the back of the church. Registration for the 2022 international conference closes on Oct. 1, 2022. For more information, call Bernadette at 340-774-3166.
- **ROSARY RALLY:** Holy Family Church's CCD Ministry will hold a Public Rosary Rally at 9 a.m. Oct. 15, 2022, at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine above Holy Family.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church. Classes are held on Saturdays at 10 a.m.
- **RCIA:** We are accepting registration for 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. Please call the church office to sign up at 340-776-6339.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has purchased land in Coral Bay to build this chapel, which will be named, St. Therese. We need your financial support to make this a reality.

To make a donation,

- \* Make checks payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831; memo line: Coral Bay Chapel.
  - \* PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
- Donations are tax-deductible.



## 'Christian Disciples are Supernaturally Equipped'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings offer insight into how Christian disciples are supernaturally powerfully equipped for ordinary, as well as extraordinary, work for the Lord.

In the First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4), the prophet cries out to God for help amid the evils he sees around him in Judah, the Southern Kingdom. This reading teaches that despite what we see happening around us, God is not only in control, God is especially taking care of those faithful to him. We can witness natural disasters, war, persecution, famine, political upheaval, yet we stand firm knowing that God is taking care of us because that's how God works. God cares for all His children, but more so for those who are faithful to Him. God also gives prophetic visions and prophetic words to those He has specially gifted. These faithful ones are entrusted with gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit to be messengers for God, intercessors for God's people, and witnesses of God's presence and power. Many times, God uses these people to prepare the faithful for what is to come through warning them, equipping them for spiritual battle, or using them as intercessors.

In the Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14), Paul, writing supposedly from prison in Rome, exhorts Timothy that believers must "stir into flame the gift of God that you [they] have through the imposition of my [his] hands." We have to stir into flame the gifts and charisms we have received from God. All baptized Christians have received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit presented in Isaiah 11:2-3—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, piety, counsel, fortitude, fear of the Lord. However, there are other spiritual gifts or charisms that are freely given, not based on merit, to individual believers for a specific task in helping to build up the Church. These charisms are mentioned in different places in the New Testament writings. They are supernatural gifts that either enable what is humanly impossible (such as healings or miracles) or enhance a natural gift (such as teaching or service) to a level of supernatural effectiveness.

Though some charisms like healing, prophecy, and discernment of spirits seem to be "extraordinary," while others such as administration, service, and hospitality seem to be "ordinary," all are equally important gifts of the Holy Spirit because they are meant for use in doing God's work for all of God's people.

The Second Reading and Lumen Gentium (Vatican Council II, Lumen Gentium, no. 12) present powerful words for Christian believers because they make us aware of two spiritual realities. First, the reading reminds us that the gifts and charisms we have been gifted with can become dormant if we don't put them to use. God grants us gifts and charisms with the expectation that we will keep the fire of those gifts and charisms burning. The famous proverbs, "practice makes perfect" and "if you don't use it, you will lose it," hold true in this sense. We must use the gifts and charisms we have received so that we can grow even stronger in our ability to exercise them. Second, Lumen Gentium makes us aware that God chooses and spiritually prepares believers through charisms bestowed to be instruments through whom He can manifest His power such as in exercising healing, deliverance, word of knowledge, prophesy, teaching, and so on.

Paul also asserts that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." When God has gifted us, like He did the prophets such as Amos, we have to use these gifts with boldness believing that we are not acting on our own power but on the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit emboldens us to do the work of God. We do the work of God in love and under the power of the Spirit, which is reflected not just in the work that we do, but also in the self-control that is evident in the way we live and serve.

The Gospel Reading (Luke 17:5-10) highlights the points made in the First and Second Readings. When Jesus' apostles ask Him to increase their faith, Jesus gives them a concrete example of faith in action when Jesus says, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." In essence, Jesus is saying to them that He cannot increase their faith. God's graciousness does not come on demand. Faith must be exercised in order for it to be increased. When we Christian disciples exercise our faith muscle, it builds, just like any bodily muscle we exercise. Even the smallest amount of faith will yield remarkable results. When God sends prophets to announce prophetic words and visions, and we believe that they are speaking on behalf of God, we are exercising our faith. When we pray bold prayers and make bold commands over sickness, death, financial challenges, political situations, and the like, our faith also builds when we see results. Exercising faith is our duty. We cannot ask God to do for us what we must do for ourselves. God does His part, and we must do ours.

**Prayer:** Lord, I come before you with open hands asking you to bless me with all the spiritual gifts that I need to accomplish my mission for you. **Amen.**



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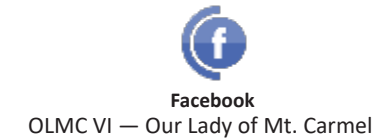
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Most Rev.  
Jerome Feudjio, Bishop

### 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:** Liniqeu Dagou  
**Deacons:** Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.  
**Acolyte:** Hayden Smith  
**Youth Group President:** Liandra Dagou  
**Young Adults President:** Shanekua Tyrell



Rev. Fr. Anthony  
Abraham, Pastor

### Hours

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

**The Church is open**  
Mondays to 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 to Fridays:  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Pastor's Hours**  
Tuesdays to Fridays:  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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