

Mass Intentions: Oct. 10-16, 2020

Sat. Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Monique Jongue & for Lorraine Jongue for God's blessings requested by Mary Dalmida
Sun. Oct. 11	7:30 a.m.	For Angie Zareas for God's blessings & deliverance
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Simon Athanase requested by his family
	12:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Charlie Roddy
Tue. Oct. 13	6 p.m.	For Luke Killian for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian
Wed. Oct. 14	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Guy & Debbie Huelat
Thu. Oct. 15	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Edward Poreba & Francis Peltier
Fri. Oct. 16	7 a.m.	For Angie Zareas for God's blessings & protection

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

Prayer for the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the V.I.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,

In your mercy give to your Church's ministry in the Diocese of St. Thomas in the V.I., a shepherd after your own heart and a man filled with the Holy Spirit who will walk in your ways. With loving care, watch over your people.

Give us a leader of vision, love, hope and joy; and a teacher of your truth. May your kingdom be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

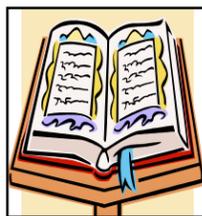
Monday: Oct. 12
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Oct. 13
Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Oct. 14
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Oct. 15
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

Daily Readings



Friday: Oct. 16
Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Oct. 17
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Oct. 18
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 3	6 p.m.	\$125.00
Oct. 4	7:30 a.m.	\$302.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$713.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$177.00

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 Oct. 10-16

- Eden Mauge Oct. 10
- Katie Zachary Oct. 12
- Simon Athanase Oct. 13
- Geraldine George Oct. 15
- Gisella Schnell Oct. 15

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. OUR 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.

- **CONDOLENCES:** OLMC extends condolences to the Peltier family on the passing of Anthony "Tommy" Peltier.
- **CLOSINGS:** Catholic Charities soup kitchen and OLMC office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, in observance of VI-PR Friendship Day.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** There will not be any Youth Group meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020. The guest speaker will be Sandra Donaie. The topic will be "Give God your trials and dreams."
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for students for Religious Education classes. Forms are available in the office. Classes will begin on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.
- **BISHOP BEVARD:** Best wishes and prayers for former Bishop Herbert Bevard can be mailed to: The Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard
1801 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28405-2751



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.

'All Are Welcome'
by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings reveal the loving heart of God who provides the best for His children and makes it clear that all are welcome to share from the abundance of His store, yet there are some who refuse to accept this invitation.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:1-14) Jesus tells the parable of the kingdom of heaven, which He says can be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He prepared a lot of food and invited many guests, but they turned down His invitation. He thus invited anyone who would attend, the good and bad alike, and he concludes, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

This parable can be likened to God's call on our lives. When He calls us personally, His call is accompanied by an abundance of blessings that are waiting just to be bestowed on us. The imagery of these blessings is depicted in the First Reading (Isaiah 26:6-10): The Lord provides for all people "a feast of rich food and choice wines." This highlights the inclusive nature of God — all are invited.

This invitation of God can be interpreted as the personal call He makes on each of our lives. He invites us into a personal, intimate relationship with Him where we become bound together to Him the glue of love. His plan for our lives can never be ascertained before we give our "yes" to His invitation.

However, we will never be disappointed because God is not miserly. He has a feast of blessings to shower on us as we surrender our lives to Him. Even after our surrender, He still bombards us with blessings — the sacraments of the Church, Holy Mass, the teachings of the Church, opportunities for personal growth and transformation.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading (Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20), explains that he knows what it is like to have an abundance, as well as, not to.

He adds, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."

There was indeed a time in his life when he was hungry, that is, when he did not know Jesus and was looking for satisfaction in all the wrong places.

It is like being at a banquet where there is so much food to choose from that a person just does not know what to choose first. Having come to now Jesus, he also knows what it is like to live in spiritual abundance.

All are welcome to come into communion with Christ and with the Church. But as the Gospel Reading notes, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." They may be rejected because they have squandered or refused the blessings they were offered.

Prayer: Lord, give me the grace to choose You, even when it is most difficult to.

Amen.



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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



Simonia Dagou
Administrative Assistant

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



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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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