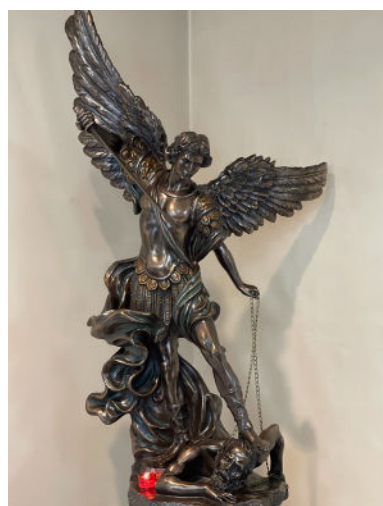


Mass Intentions: Oct. 21-27, 2023

Sat. Oct. 21	6 p.m.	For Shekinah Abraham for God's protection and guidance requested by John and Justina Abraham
Sun. Oct. 22	7:30 a.m.	For Esther Henderson for continued healing and in thanksgiving to God
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Lakeya Abbott requested by her family & friends; & in loving memory of Christopher "CJ" O'Connell requested by the O'Connell & Schnell families
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Oct. 24	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed. Oct. 25	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thu. Oct. 26	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri. Oct. 27	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE

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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: Oct. 23
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Oct. 24
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Oct. 25
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Oct. 26
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Oct. 27
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Oct. 28
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Oct. 29
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 14	6 p.m.	\$609.00
Oct. 15	7:30 a.m.	\$605.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,062.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$58.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$112.00

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

Life in the Spirit seminar



The Life in the Spirit seminar began on Monday, Oct. 16 at Holy Family Church and on Thursday, Oct. 19 at OLMC.

It continues this Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This is the last day to register. No registration will be taken after this date.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a Catholic spiritual process of seven teaching sessions, one building upon the previous one. It includes speakers, scripture, music, prayer and small groups.

~ Wish List ~

- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

OLMC Member Birthdays Oct. 20-27

- Naudy Castillo Oct. 20
- Lakeya Abbott Oct. 22
- Sandra Challenger Oct. 25
- Igdaliah Pickering Oct. 26
- Alan Bell Oct. 26
- Cyrillia Casimir Oct. 27

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:** This weekend's second collection is for World Mission Sunday, a national collection. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement.
- **RAFFLE:** OLMC will hold a raffle to raise funds for the operating expenses of the Our Lady of Charity Homeless Shelter. There are 15 prizes. Prizes include a 2-night/3-day stay at a resort; dinners; a spa treatment; and many more. The drawing will be held on Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 for one ticket or \$100 for a book of 11 tickets.
- **FUNERAL:** The funeral service for Jean Metor, wife of Maggie Metor and brother of Helena Watt, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. The viewing will be at 10 a.m. and the service follows at 11 a.m.
- **ADVENT MISSION:** OLMC will hold an Advent Mission from Dec. 4-8. The guest speaker will be Fr. Brancker John from Dominica.
- **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.
- **MASS CARDS:** Parents, please have your child's Mass card signed by a priest, deacon, acolyte or teacher when they attend Mass on the weekend.
- **COOK & DRIVER NEEDED:** Catholic Charities St. John needs a cook and a volunteer driver to do outreach in Coral Bay. If you are interested, call Digna Doway at 340-775-0969.
- **PANTRY:** Catholic Charities will hold its monthly food drive at Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Items include forks, spoons, 6x6 and 9x6 to-go containers, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, beans, Vienna sausage, tuna and other dry and canned goods. For information, call 775-0969.



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,

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

- Isaiah 45:1, 4-6** We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name.
- Psalms 96** "Give the Lord glory and honor."
- 1 Thess 1:1-5b** We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 22:15-21** "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Cyrus, the great Persian king, did not know God. But Isaiah maintains that God called him by name. The people of Thessalonica did not know Christ. But Paul asserts that the Holy Spirit brought him and the gospel to them. Jesus proposes that we should repay to God what belongs to God. Whether we are conscious of it or not, all we have been given — including our very life — comes ultimately from God. May God's word remind us that we too belong to God.



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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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Week in Preview

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.

Pastor: Father Anthony Abraham
Administrative Assistant: Simonia Dagou
Religious Education Coordinators: Rebecca Sosa & Melchia Athanase
Parish Council President: Linique Dagou
Deacons: Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.
Acolytes: Hayden Smith & Audy Castillo
Youth Group President: Liandra Dagou
Young Adults President: Shanequa Tyrell



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.

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

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

Pastor's Hours
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-- Mt 22:15-21

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