Mass Intentions: Oct. 24-30, 2020

Sat. Oct. 24	6 p.m.	For Peter Zareas for healing requested by Angie Zareas
Sun. Oct. 25	7:30 a.m.	For Allette Matthew for God's deliverance requested by Veronica Germain; and for Flynn Linnick for healing requested by the Konchalski family
	9:30 a.m.	For Veronica Germain for God's help
	12:30 p.m.	For Vallon Toussaint for God's guidance & protection requested by Veronica Germain
Tue. Oct. 27	6 p.m.	For Anna Grace Taylor for God's blessings requested by Gail & Scott Killian
Wed. Oct. 28	6 p.m.	For Peter Zareas for healing requested by Angie Zareas
Thu. Oct. 29	7 a.m.	For Peter Zareas for healing requested by Angie Zareas
Fri. Oct. 30	7 a.m.	For Angie Zareas for God's protection & blessings

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**

Daily Readings

Monday: Oct. 26
Eph 4:32--5:8
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Oct. 27
Eph 5:21-33
Lk 13:18-21

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

Thursday: Oct. 29
Eph 6:10-20
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Oct. 30
Phil 1:1-11
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Oct. 31
Phil 1:18b-26
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Nov. 1
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 17	6 p.m.	$192.00
Oct. 18	7:30 a.m.	$370.00
	9:30 a.m.	$876.00
	12:30 p.m.	$98.00

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.

Catholic Charities V.I. in conjunction with USDA and the V.I. Fire Service on St. John held a food distribution in Coral Bay on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020. A similar food distribution will be held soon in Cruz Bay.

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Oct. 24-30

- **Alexandra Challenger** **Oct. 25**
- **Allan Bell** **Oct. 26**
- **Igdaliah Pickering** **Oct. 26**
- **Cyrillia Casimir** **Oct. 27**

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.

- **YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2020.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020. The Prayer Meeting will feature praise and worship and intercessory prayer.
- **BOOK OF THE DEAD:** The Book of the Dead has been placed in the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be remembered on All Souls Day and throughout November.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for students for Religious Education classes. Forms are available in the office. Classes are on Saturdays 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.

‘Law Versus Love’
by Adeline Jean

This Sunday’s Mass readings present a subtle yet real dichotomy between the law and love stance of the Old versus the New Testaments.

In the Jewish tradition of the Old Testament, there are 613 laws that govern the Jewish people though they are ultimately summarize into the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses. Some of those 613 laws are presented in the First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26).

By contrast, in the Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus takes the Ten Commandments, the law, and reduces them to one commandment: Love. He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” It is easy to recognize that the outcome of loving God should be loving neighbor.

The Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10) reveals the result of trying to live by this law of love as people preach on it and others act on it: It reaches to people and places beyond our imagination, including non-believers.

While as Christians we must live by the law that governs us in the faith confession we profess, namely the Ten Commandments, we do so in love, because of love, and for the sake of love. Jesus Himself is the model of love.

Our Father in heaven, because of love, sent His Son Jesus into this world so that salvation and eternal life would replace eternal death. The Holy Spirit is another reflection of the love of God, who, when the time came for His Son to leave this earth, sent us a Helper, who would transcend time, place, and all physical restrictions. His sphere of influence knows no boundaries.

I would like to add a little testimony here because it connects with the point I am raising. Last week when I spoke with Fr. Anthony Abraham, I told him that I was in the middle of a fast. I continued speaking with him about my mom who is battling vascular dementia and of all the struggles I am having accordingly. He said to me in reply that no fast will earn me grace as much as loving and caring for my mother would.

Here I was thinking I was doing so much by sacrificing my body for the love of God, when, in essence, I should have been focusing on sacrificing my self-will for the love of my mother. This meant that I would not be looking at what I am losing materially and socially by serving her in her time of need, but what I am gaining spiritually. We can be blind to what is really important, even when we mean well.

As we try to be the best versions of ourselves as writer and motivational speaker Matthew Kelley teaches, let us remember that Jesus came to set us free of our preoccupation with the law and to call us to a new standard of living, that is, purely for love.

Love knows no inconvenience, no time limits, no relational boundaries.

Prayer: Jesus, set me free from all that stops me from loving You and my neighbor as I should.

Amen

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Saturdays: 6 p.m.
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12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)

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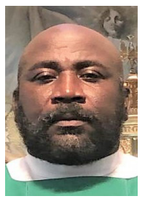

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Mondays - Fridays: 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Week in Preview

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Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

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