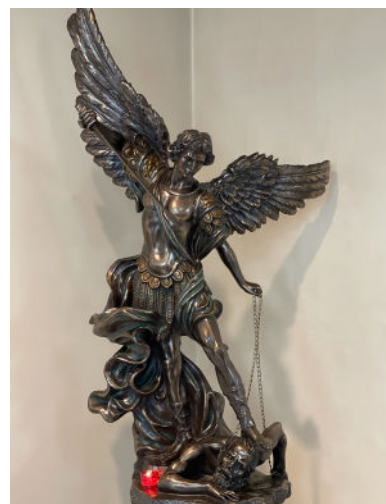


## Mass Intentions: Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2023

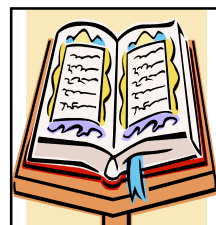
Sat. Oct. 28	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Paul Peltier requested by Helen Peltier & family; & for Cynthia Charles, and her children and Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance & protection requested by Cynthia Charles
Sun. Oct. 29	7:30 a.m.	For Ann Henry for God's help, blessings and deliverance
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Krystyna Kryznowek requested by Donna Dawson
	12:30 p.m.	In loving memory of Lucille Bastien requested by Mary Athanase
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Oct. 31	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Michael and Barbara Weller
Wed. Nov. 1	7 a.m.	<b>DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> For Ann Henry for God's protection and deliverance
	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Vitalienne Raphael requested by the family
Thu. Nov. 2	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Austin and Ashley Tinsley, Henry and Karin Tomasuolo & Jessima Richards; and in loving memory of Walter Wojan requested by Tom and Dee Conrad
Fri. Nov. 3	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, & her children & Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles



### 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. 30**  
Rom 8:12-17  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday: Oct. 31**  
Rom 8:18-25  
Lk 13:18-21

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

**Thursday: Nov. 2**  
Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 6:3-9  
Jn 6:37-40

**Friday: Nov. 3**  
Rom 9:1-5  
Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday: Nov. 4**  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday: Nov. 5**  
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13  
Mt 23:1-12

## Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 21	6 p.m.	\$734.00
Oct. 22	7:30 a.m.	\$306.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$940.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$85.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$71.00

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

### Life in the Spirit seminar



The Life in the Spirit seminar continued on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Registration is closed. Digna Doway gave a talk on "Salvation" and Deacon Peter Laurencin gave a testimony. The seminar includes praise and worship, a talk, a testimony and group discussions.

### ~ Wish List ~

#### OLMC Member Birthdays Oct. 28-Nov. 3

- Paul Peltier Oct. 29
- Helena Watt Nov. 2
- Thomas Brewster Nov. 4

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

- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

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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 the Maintenance Fund.
- **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.
- **ALL-NIGHT VIGIL:** All-night vigil will be held on Friday, Nov. 3 starting at 7 p.m.
- **FUNERAL:** The funeral service for Jean Metor, husband 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.
- **GAME NIGHT:** The OLMC Parish Council will hold a family game night on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation. If you would like to contribute snacks for the game night, please sign up at the back of the church.
- **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.



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

**Exodus 22:20–26** God hears the cry of the oppressed.  
**Psalm 18** "I love you, Lord, my strength."  
**1 Thes. 1:5c–10** God's people are renowned for their conversion and love of God.

**Matthew 22:34–40** The greatest law is the law of love.

How does God want us to act toward others? That question is answered in today's readings. In Exodus, God tells the Chosen People how to treat strangers, widows, orphans, and others in difficult circumstances, and explains why. Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says that by imitating the Lord they have become models for other believers. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Pharisees which commandment is the greatest. Let us allow God's word to penetrate our minds, our souls, and our hearts.



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### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM DORA TIRA

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Celebration of Life service for John Tira on Oct. 20, 2023. Thank you for sharing those memories with me. Thank you Fr. Anthony Abraham for that beautiful Mass. You touched someone's heart who was present with your Homily about "love and forgiveness." Thank you Fr. Kerly for coming. For our deacons and parishioners - thank you. For the choir, the organist, the people who prepared the food and set up tables (you know who you are), friends and family -- thank you all. I will be forever grateful. I appreciate your support and love during this difficult time.  
 God bless everyone.

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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:** Shanekua 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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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

Hours

**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**

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 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Pastor's Hours**

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