

Mass Intentions: Nov. 8-13, 2020

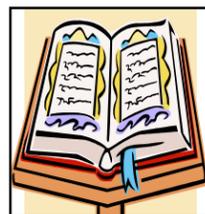
Sat. Nov. 7	6 p.m.	For Eric Philbert for healing requested by Louise Philbert
Sun. Nov. 8	7:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Patricia Joan Fewel; & for Patrick Paul for healing requested by his family
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Sarah Barone requested by David Barone
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Nov. 10	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Angie Zareas; & Anniversary blessings for Joseph & Kathleen Hurley
Wed. Nov. 11	6 p.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thu. Nov. 12	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri. Nov. 13	7 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE

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



With the increase of homeless persons on St. John, OLMC in March 2020 opened a shelter to meet this growing need. Since then we have housed 7 men. At present, 3 men are housed there. We are presently about to extend housing to the homeless women. We are asking for your help prayerfully and financially. If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to:
 * OLMC and mail to P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831; memo: OLMC Shelter
 * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
 * Online giving: www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390

Daily Readings



Monday: Nov. 9
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
 Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Nov. 10
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Nov. 11
 Ti 3:1-7
 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Nov. 12
 Phlm 7-20
 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Nov. 13
 2 Jn 4-9
 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Nov. 14
 3 Jn 5-8
 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Nov. 15
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 1 Thes 5:1-6
 Mt 25:14-30

Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 31	6 p.m.	\$305.00
Nov. 1	7:30 a.m.	\$236.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$706.35
	12:30 p.m.	\$147.00

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.

Birthday blessings

Ervince Phillip, better known as "Hollywood," recently celebrated his 61st birthday, at the Our Lady of Charity transitional house. He enjoyed cake and ice cream.



OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Nov. 7-13

- Ralph Antolino Nov. 12
- Prisca Jones Nov. 13

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.

- **CLOSING:** Catholic Charities soup kitchen & OLMC office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, for Veteran's Day.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020. The guest speaker will be Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. The topic will be "As a Catholic, how do we put on the armor of God?"
- **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.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **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. 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.
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 Donations are tax-deductible.

**‘Resplendent Wisdom’
by Adeline Jean**

This Sunday’s Mass readings beautifully describe why above any other spiritual gifts we should seek wisdom, as well as why we should strive not to live without wisdom.

In the First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16), we learn that wisdom does not lose her power, she is available and can be found by anyone who loves her and desires her, and she makes herself known by those who long for her. It is amazing how this scripture specifies that those who search for her at dawn will always find her. This is a testimony to the power of praying early in the morning. Every person I know who are actively involved in ministry (including myself) testify to the fact that their prayer lives revolve around their morning prayer. Morning prayer is not a great way to start the day; it is undoubtedly the only way to ensure we bring God into every aspect of the day. We should make a habit of waking up early, and, before starting our day, we should seek the voice of God, bask in his presence, discover His wisdom. Wisdom does not give herself to just anyone, but to those who keep vigil for her. This means that we have to continually seek for her with diligence. Therefore, growing in wisdom is an ongoing process that ends only when our lives on earth ends.

The Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) is an example of the greatest wisdom to be grasped by any Christian: that Christ died so that we will no longer die eternally. Through Christ’s resurrection, we too have the promise of resurrection. Resurrection is new life in a heavenly world that no one can imagine and that there are no words to describe. It’s our purpose for being; we come into this life to fulfill a mission for God and when we succeed, we are taken back home. Don’t we as Christians desire nothing else than to be worthy of such a promise? How much does this mean to us that it spurs us to live as if each day is the last day of our lives? Do we practice charity, share love, live selflessly, and give of ourselves until it hurts?

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:1-13) presents a dichotomy — an image of those who are wise as opposed to those who are not. Those who will be ready for Christ when He returns in the end times are those who seek after Him constantly so that they are always spiritually ready. What does it mean to seek after Him constantly, to continuously have oil in our lamps? The answer to this is different for everyone. None of us are on the same spiritual journey. God has a different calling and mission for each of our lives. However, some non-negotiables for us as Christians are keeping in constant communication with God through prayer and meditation and listening to Him speak through the reading of Scripture.

Prayer: Lord, give me the grace to seek and to find the greatest gift of all, wisdom. **Amen**

**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



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Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham, Pastor

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.



Deacon
Michael Jackson Sr.
Project Manager

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

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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