

## Mass Intentions: Nov. 12-18, 2022

Sat. Nov. 12	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Clarence McCoy requested by Diane Mathurin
Sun. Nov. 13	7:30 a.m.	For all OLMC benefactors
	9:30 a.m.	For Eulie Ferrol for healing
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. Nov. 15	6 p.m.	For the family of Francis Jules for God's blessings
Wed. Nov. 16	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Thu. Nov. 17	7 a.m.	For an end to violence in our community
Fri. Nov. 18	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 5	6 p.m.	\$163.00
Nov. 6	7:30 a.m.	\$395.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,344.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$194.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$66.00

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.

*'Pray for me ... as I pray for you...'*



Fr. Anthony Abraham is on military leave with the U.S. Army Reserves until mid-December. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to write to him, here is the address:

Leader Course (Class# 22-003)  
CH Anthony Abraham  
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10100 Lee Road  
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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.

- **PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE:** Fr. Serapio Lopez-Cruz has been assigned to OLMC until Fr. Anthony returns in December. He is available Tuesday to Friday for confessions, counseling, visiting the sick, etc. For an appointment, call the church office at 776-6339.
- **BOOK OF THE DEAD:** The Book of the Dead has been placed at the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones so they can be remembered during the month of November.
- **ST. THERESE HEARING:** The St. John CZM Committee's public hearing for St. Therese for the Major CZM Permit has been postponed. We will announce the new date when we receive it.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022.
- **CCR:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal St. Thomas-St. John Service Team will hold a conference from Dec. 2-4 at Columban Hall. Guest speakers are Deborah DeRosia from Trinidad and Fr. John Mark of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.
- **FOOD ITEMS:** Catholic Charismatic Renewal St. Thomas-St. John Service needs food items for the conference. A list has been placed at the back of the church.
- **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.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church. Classes are held on Saturdays at 10 a.m.



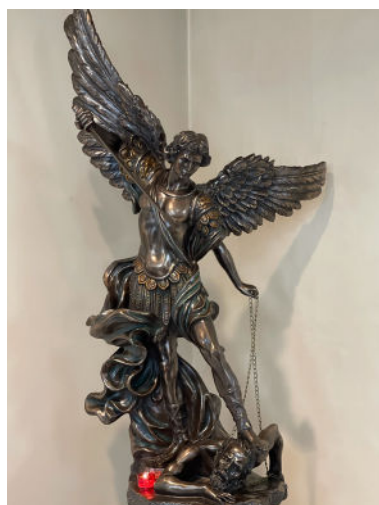
Our Lady of Mount Carmel has purchased land in Coral Bay to build this chapel, which will be named, St. Therese. We need your financial support to make this a reality.

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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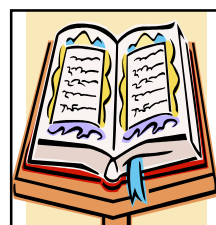
Donations are tax-deductible.

### 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: Nov. 14**  
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5  
Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday: Nov. 15**  
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22  
Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday: Nov. 16**  
Rv 4:1-11  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday: Nov. 17**  
Rv 5:1-10  
Lk 19:41-44

**Friday: Nov. 18**  
Rv 10:8-11  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday: Nov. 19**  
Rv 11:4-12  
Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday: Nov. 20**  
2 Sm 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20  
Lk 23:35-43

### OLMC Member Birthdays Nov. 12-18

- Ralph Antolino Nov. 12
- Prisca Jones Nov. 13
- Lucette Noel Nov. 15
- Gertrude Verdant Nov. 16
- Chester Mingo Nov. 16

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

### ~ Charismatic Prayer Group ~

You are invited to come pray, praise, and worship our Lord with us every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Scan this QR Code to visit OLMC's Website.





**"The Day is Coming — It Will Lead to Your Giving Testimony"**

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday Mass readings teach that all humans are just mortals, that our time on this earth is limited because the day is coming, the Second Coming of Jesus, as well as the time of our personal eschatology (our death, judgment, and final destiny). In recognition of our mortality and in anticipation of Jesus' Second Coming, we Christian believers are expected to look beyond our circumstances and to instead take every opportunity to give glory to God as we make every life experience a testimony. We are expected to live each day in anticipation of our final days since our life is really a journey to death. For those who accept God's grace, death means our ultimate union with God in our true home. Everything we experience is under the control of God and points to God whether this is obvious or not. Acknowledging this should bring us to agency as witnesses who are preparing for and who are preparing others for the final days.

The First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20) makes Christians recognize that while we have free will as a gift from God and freedom of choice as a gift from democratic secular authorities, we will be held accountable for our sin. Free will and choice do not give us power. They are meant to give us humility. When we have the opportunity to do and to have anything we desire but alternatively choose to exercise self-control, we are exercising humility. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 78) echoes that the Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. While we may already know this because we have heard it before, knowing it is not enough. Knowing comes with a responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to others as well. Without speaking a word, the way we live our life should be a testimony in itself.

In the Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12), Paul urges the Thessalonians, and therefore all Christian believers, to be examples to others as he and the disciples are to them, and, by extension, to us. We are invited to be examples because with the limited time we have on earth, the best we can do is help others to also be prepared for the day to come. One way of imitating Paul and his disciples is to have the right work ethic. Paul is so adamant about this point that he stresses that those who do not work should not eat. Is this easy to enforce in our very own households? Do we even dare to? Do we take the Bible seriously, or do we think what it teaches is negotiable? Another way to imitate Paul is to testify to what God is doing in our lives. Paul's life is an open book that testifies to God's mercy, but Paul repeatedly testifies by telling believers in the Early Church wherever he preaches of all that he is experiencing — sufferings and blessings — for the glory of God.

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 21: 5-19) when people commented on the beauty of the temple, Jesus teaches them indirectly that nothing in this world is permanent — the day is coming.

Jesus also says indirectly that their focus should not be on the beauty of the temple but in right living that is worthy of temple life and commitment to their faith. When believers focus on God and stay faithful to what they have been taught, they will not have to worry about falling prey to the deceit of others who come dressed as lambs in sheep's clothing. Instead, their lives will bear witness to the truth. Jesus also indirectly predicts the persecution and the destruction of the temple, of wars, of natural disasters that would ensue subsequent to His death. Jesus' purpose is to make His hearers aware that what is important is the way they live. Life is not about beautifying ourselves or the things we own. When we face challenges in life, we overcome them and change our circumstances by our testimony. Jesus encourages, "It will lead to your giving testimony."

This image similarly brings to mind the many beautiful and well-adorned churches in our contemporary world that are literally empty on Sundays or are filled with Catholics who are not really practicing true Catholicism in the way they live, work, raise their children, and so on. It also highlights the reality that many of those same churches close due to financial hardship, which often reflect parishioners' lack of commitment of the parish community. We Christian believers are the Church. What we do determine whether the Church keeps standing or it falls. Despite this all, Jesus also assures us that no matter what we face as true believers, by perseverance we will secure our lives for the day that is coming, the final days.

**Prayer:** Lord, may my witness in the Church and in the world draw many to you. **Amen**

**HOLIDAY HOMES**  
*St John*



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Week in Preview

**Youth Ministry:**  
Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

**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

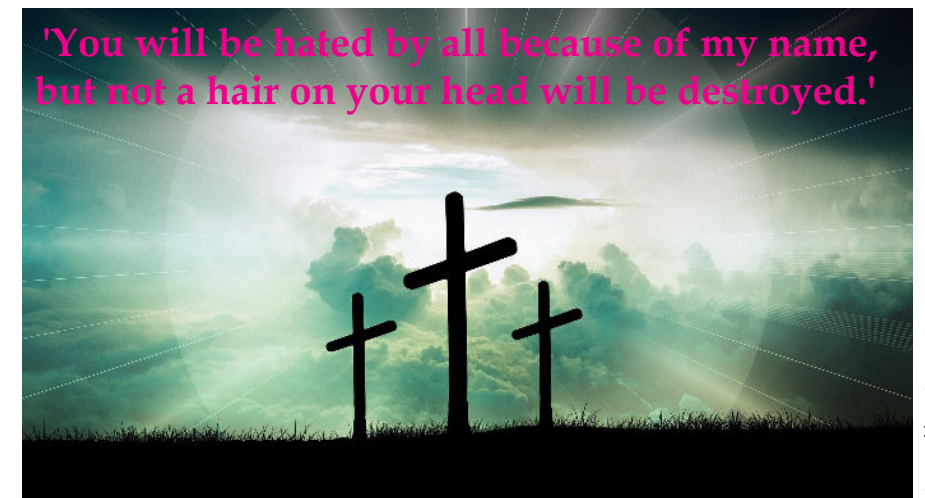
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**The Church is open**  
Mondays to Fridays:  
7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
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Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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