

Mass Intentions: Nov. 21-27, 2020

Sat. Nov. 21	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Mary Athnaase requested by her family; & for Adeline & Reynald Jean's deceased family members requested by Adeline & Reynald Jean
Sun. Nov. 22	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Blanche Thomas requested by Fr. Anthony Abraham & for Angie Zareas for God's blessings & protection
	9:30 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Patrick Paul requested by his children
	12:30 p.m.	For Adeline & Reynald Jean's deceased family members requested by Adeline & Reynald Jean
Tue. Nov. 24	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Rodney & Catherine Ellis; & for Adeline Terry for healing requested by Rodney and Catherine Ellis
Wed. Nov. 25	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Gerald Goveia & Brenda Bagnell; & For Adeline & Reynald Jean's deceased family members requested by Adeline & Reynald Jean
Thu. Nov. 26	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Joseph & Kathleen Hurley & Henry Tomasoto; & for Adeline & Reynald Jean's deceased family members requested by Adeline & Reynald Jean
Fri. Nov. 27	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to God for His blessings on our new home & for Adeline & Reynald Jean's deceased family members requested by Adeline & Reynald Jean



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

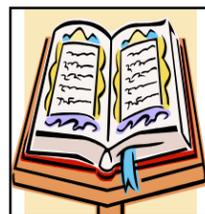
Monday: Nov. 23
 Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Nov. 24
 Rv 14:14-19
 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Nov. 25
 Rv 15:1-4
 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Nov. 26
 Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
 Lk 21:20-28

Daily Readings



Friday: Nov. 27
 Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2
 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Nov. 28
 Rv 22:1-7
 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Nov. 29
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b;
 64:2-7
 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:33-37

Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 14	6 p.m.	\$228.00
Nov. 15	7:30 a.m.	\$359.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1165.42
	12:30 p.m.	\$109.00

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.

Fundraising drive



Fr. Anthony Abraham speaks about the fundraising drive for St. Therese Chapel.

St. Vincent's Prayer for Deacons

Holy God, Saint Vincent served You as a permanent deacon and gave his whole life and soul to You, even to the point of becoming a martyr. I lift up to You the deacons of the Church and all those who are being called by God to become deacons. Guide them as they discern how to serve the Body of Christ. Prevent the attractions of the world and the busyness of secular jobs from interfering with their vocations. Teach them to grow in humility. Help their families learn from their examples and support their diaconates with trust and joy. Saint Vincent, pray for us. **Amen.**

OLMC Member Birthdays Week of Nov. 21-27

- Mary Athanase Nov. 21
- Kaylee Prosper Nov. 21
- Dora Tira Nov. 24
- Catherine Lee Nov. 24
- Eli Sosa Nov. 25
- Andrea Joseph Nov. 26

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.

- **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:** OLMC will hold our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020. Our luncheon will be sponsored by The Westin Resort. This year, the meal will be take out only. All are invited.
- **CLOSURES:** Catholic Charities soup kitchen & the OLMC office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, 2020.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** There will be no Prayer Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, because of Thanksgiving.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will not be any Religious Education classes on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.



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.
 - * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
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- Donations are tax-deductible.

"Christ as Man Molds Christ as King"

by Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings call us to remember Christ the King. It is worth noting that He is a king who once lived a normal life like the average person, with experiences that evoked feelings. What does this kingship mean to us?

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:31-46) reveal the supremacy of Christ's kingship and its implications for us here on earth: "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'"

This scripture reveals to us a Christ who takes seriously how we treat each other. As one who experienced life as a human being, which included, as scripture tells us, hunger (Matthew 4:2), thirst (John 19:28), tiredness (John 4:6), intense sorrow and distress (John 11:35; Luke 13:34-35), He understands what it means to have someone take the time to provide for another's needs. Having been in want Himself, He empathizes and sympathizes with those who rely on others to provide for them.

We take for granted the seemingly "little" things we have in life that are really "big" things for others because without them their lives are not whole. How many of us have been ill with no one in our physical surroundings to care for us, even to give us a glass of water? Having experienced this myself, I know it is not just a scary feeling; it is also a discomfiting feeling knowing that if anything happens no one will know. For some, it may mean that if something happens to them, no one may even care.

That's why it is so necessary and important that we take the time to look out for those who may need our assistance, assess what is needed, and act in helping remedy the situation. While money can be used to accomplish this and it is much needed, no money can replace a human touch or smile. The Lord expects our giving of self to the service of others, not in the form of ministerial work at church, but as a routine in our daily living. To quote a priest from the prayer meeting I attended virtually this past week, "Christian life has its best expression in mercy."

Archbishop Jason Gordon echoes this same sentiment. In a weekday homily earlier in 2020, he said that the only measure we should use in life is the measure of mercy because this is the standard that Jesus modelled. In serving others, we serve Jesus. Thus, we should serve others as if it is Christ Himself before us.

As a little testimony, my mom had a heart of gold even into her older years. She now has dementia and can barely function independently. However, when she was fully functioning, my mom was the poster-person of mercy. She fed the homeless in her own home, she gave away from what she didn't have to help others, she extended a helping hand to anyone to was in need.

Most of all, she was the face of God to her children because of the love and mercy she extended to us. One example of her self-giving was her decision to care for an elderly Hindu man who lived across the street from her. Though she was aging herself, she took it upon herself to cook vegetarian food for him daily although she was not a vegetarian, delivering it to him herself before she completed the cooking for her own household. When this neighbor passed away with no one around him though he had children abroad who had abandoned him, she arranged for a funeral for him.

As Christ the King, Jesus sits enthroned in heaven, and His role there is to extend His mercy. His mercy extends to all who accept it because not all do. One measure He uses to extend His mercy is the mercy extended by others when they had a chance to.

Prayer: Jesus, this day I invite you to be King of my heart, my mind, my entire life. Amen



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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.



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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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