

Mass Intentions: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2021

Sat. Nov. 27	6 p.m.	For Kaisha George for healing requested by Colleen Esprit-Victorin
Sun. Nov. 28	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Arnold Casimir requested by Sandra Donaie
	9:30 a.m.	For Maxine and Marcelle Cabo for healing and deliverance
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Nov. 30	6 p.m.	For Sonia Alfred & family for God's deliverance
Wed. Dec. 1	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Josephine Edward, Melchia Athanase and Annette Smith
Thu. Dec. 2	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested Cynthia Charles
Fri. Dec. 3	7 a.m.	For Pamela Charles & family for God's deliverance

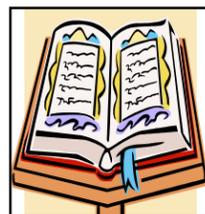
Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.



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. 29
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Nov. 30
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Dec. 1
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Dec. 2
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Dec. 3
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Dec. 4
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Dec. 5
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 20	6 p.m.	\$284.00
Nov. 21	7:30 a.m.	\$1,072.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,064.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$60.00

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.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon



OLMC held our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 25, 2021. More than 100 meals were served. Thank you to the Westin Resort for sponsoring the luncheon; and thank you to all who came out to help package food and serve the community.



~ Wish List ~

- Install fencing and 3 gates around front of the hall - \$11,503.87
- Batteries for solar panels - \$32,000.00

OLMC Member Birthdays Nov. 27-Dec. 3

- Ariel Mathurin Nov. 29

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

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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:** The second collection this weekend will be for the soup kitchen. Next weekend's second collection will be for the Sts. Peter & Paul School.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021. It will be a night of praise and worship and intercessory prayer.
- **ADVENT MISSION:** OLMC will hold an Advent Mission at 7 p.m. Dec. 7-9, 2021, in Coral Bay. Confession will be held at 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in Cruz Bay. For those who will need transportation to Coral Bay for the mission, please sign up at the back of the church.
- **SPANISH MASS:** The Spanish Mass has resumed on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
- **COOK/DRIVER NEEDED:** Catholic Charities St. John is looking for a part-time cook/driver. For more information, contact Digna Doway at 340-775-0969 or 340-514-9390.
- **MUSICIAN NEEDED:** OLMC is seeking a musician to play at Masses. Call the church office at 776-6339 for more information.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
PRESENTS:
Advent Mission
"Prepare The Way of The Lord." *Matthew 3:1-3*

3 NIGHTS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP & POWERFUL TEACHINGS & TESTIMONIES

DATE: Tuesday, December 7 -
Thursday, December 9, 2021

TIME: 7:00PM

AT: St. Therese Chapel
(CORAL BAY)

On Friday, December 10, 2021
Confession will be held at OLMC from 5:30-6:45pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AND BE BLESSED.

'Are we ready for Advent?'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings teach us three valuable lessons — patience, prudence, and vigilance — that are much needed during Advent, a time of waiting.

In the First Reading (Jeremiah 33:14-16) the prophet delivers a prophecy, "The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah...I will raise up for David a just shoot," which Christians interpret as the fulfilment of God's promise in the person of Jesus. At the time Jeremiah began prophesying in the southern kingdom of Judah, that nation was prosperous, but under the rule of new kings the situation there deteriorated. Jeremiah first denounces the lifestyle of the people of Judah as they were turning away from Yahweh and the covenant made with Him. Jeremiah foretells of the consequences. Jeremiah then invites the people of Judah to repentance. In this First Reading, Jeremiah is now offering consolation to the people of Judah because Judah did eventually fall to the Babylonians, Jerusalem including the temple was destroyed, and the majority of the people were taken into exile. Here Jeremiah is prophesying of a "shoot" arising from the Davidic line, which would be comforting to those who are in exile because the Davidic dynasty came to an end when Judah fell to Babylon. While this prophecy offered hope of a shoot to come in the person of a king, it was not the earthly king that the exilic people anticipated. No other king arose from the Davidic line. Not until the coming of Jesus would this prophecy be fulfilled.

This reality teaches the value of patience. Jeremiah himself was patient. He started prophesying impending doom to Judah at a time that the nation was stable and wealthy under the rule of King Josiah. Jeremiah saw that under the four new kings (Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah) Judah and its people were deteriorating as the kings were corrupt and the people were stubborn in their ways being deceived and also disinterested in living as Yahweh instructed them to. He then realized that Babylonian control, which the Lord had already prophesied through him, was inevitable. As such, he advised that Judah should surrender to Babylon to avoid unnecessary violence and bloodshed. This advice was not taken kindly so he was subjected to persecution and imprisonment. Because of Jeremiah's long suffering of seeing Judah decline and fall into captivity and his own physical suffering, he has been referred to as the "weeping prophet." Yet, despite this suffering, Jeremiah persisted in carrying out the mission God called him to. Patience is similarly to be valued when one considers that Jeremiah's ministry began in 625 B.C.E., lasted almost 60 years, and Jesus, who is a descendant of David, was not recognized as King until Jesus' resurrection in 30 C.E. Jesus, as the promised King from the Davidic line, is the promised "shoot," but it took hundreds of years before Jesus came. Jesus fulfils the hope for an eternal Davidic dynasty and for a perpetual priesthood and sacrificial system as the Mass readings from the previous Sundays have revealed. We learn from Jeremiah and from the promise and the Coming of Jesus that patient waiting pays off.

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36), Jesus Himself tells of His Second Coming, though, at the time, Jesus' audience (people in the Jerusalem Temple area) thought that Jesus was speaking about the end of the age, which they believed would indeed be coming. Jesus presents His eschatological discourse (teaching on the end times, the final judgment) by using visual and cosmic imagery. Jesus says, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world...And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Then, Jesus warns, "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Here, Jesus is appealing to His then audience, and, by extension, to all Christians (Jesus' future audience), to have courage and to not lose hope when these "signs" appear. By saying that believers must "stand erect and raise your [their] heads," Jesus is indirectly empowering them to be prudent. If we Christians believe that this life is truly an earthly pilgrimage unto our final and ultimate destination — union with our Father in all eternity — then we must anticipate and welcome our final judgment, the time of our redemption (being saved from sin; gaining salvation). Our lived experiences teach us that before every victory there is suffering.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus also directly teaches those in the temple area and all believers the necessity of being vigilant. Jesus warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day [when the Son on Man comes] catch you by surprise like a trap...Be vigilant at all times." Jesus is warning of the importance of believers' focusing our attention not on the end times and all the tribulations that will precede it, over which we have no control. We need to instead concentrate on our everyday living over which we have a lot of control during our pilgrim journey of life.

This Advent, as we remember and celebrate Jesus' birth and patiently wait for the Jesus' Second Coming, Jesus will surely come into our lives in new ways.

Prayer: Lord, by your grace, this Advent will enable me to grow spiritually by leaps and bounds. **Amen**



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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

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.

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Week in Preview

Youth Ministry:
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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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