

Mass Intentions: December 4-10, 2021

Sat. Dec. 4	6 p.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested Cynthia Charles
Sun. Dec. 5	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Barbara Cazaubon
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Melchia Athanase requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Dec. 7	6 p.m.	For the sick in our community
Wed. Dec. 8	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested Cynthia Charles
	6 p.m.	For OLMC parishioners
Thu. Dec. 9	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community
Fri. Dec. 10	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles, O'Ryan Joseph & Kishorn Duncan for God's protection & deliverance requested Cynthia Charles

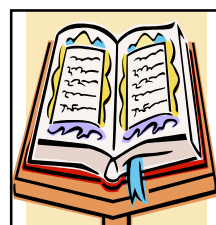
Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the office at 776-6339.



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: Dec. 6
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Dec. 7
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Dec. 8
Gn 3:9-15
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Dec. 9
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Dec. 10
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Dec. 11
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Dec. 12
Zep 3:14-18a
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 27	6 p.m.	\$342.00
Nov. 28	7:30 a.m.	\$977.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$865.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$160.00

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.

Welcome...



OLMC recently welcomed Savannah Athanase to the parish. Savannah, who was baptized by Fr. Anthony Abraham, is shown with her parents, Cortney and Aquinas Athanase and sister, Samia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.
We praise and thank you for your protection during the hurricane season. We ask you again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters.
Bless our families and bring peace to all nations.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

~ Wish List ~

- Install fencing and 3 gates around front of the hall - \$11,503.87

OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 4-10

- Dylan Denis Jr. Dec. 6
- Stanley Jean Bart Dec. 7
- Michael Mushalla Dec. 7
- Barbara Cazaubon Dec. 8
- Kade Wallace Dec. 8
- Melchia Athanase Dec. 10

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 Sts. Peter & Paul School. Next weekend's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.
- **ADVENT MISSION:** OLMC will hold an Advent Mission from Tuesday, Dec. 7 to Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Therese in Coral Bay. Mass will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. 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.
- **DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Wednesday, December 8 is a day of obligation. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be two Masses -- one at 7 a.m. at OLMC in Cruz Bay and one at 6 p.m. in Coral Bay at St. Therese Chapel.
- **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.

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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.

'Spiritual Eyes: Holy-Spirit Guided Unity of Short-term and Long-term Vision'

By Adeline Jean

This Sunday's Mass readings can be used to illustrate that when believers use their spiritual eyes, they see neither multi-dimensional nor color-based but distance-oriented, that is, via short-term and long-term vision, which is guided by the Holy Spirit, who often operates subtly and undetected in the lives of believers.

In the First Reading (Baruch 5:1-9), the prophet Baruch, who once performed scribal duties for the prophet Jeremiah, gives hope to the Jews living as refugees in Egypt by portraying the end of the Exile. In this reading, Baruch's writing poetically offers consolation to Jerusalem by giving hope of the end of captivity. Baruch's short-term vision allows him to see the circumstances of the Jews suffering as refugees in Egypt, and he uses this to re-create the setting of Babylon where the majority of Jews are in exile, thereby giving him the opportunity to offer hope to the Jews in exile in Egypt. Baruch's long-term vision is a better tomorrow for Jerusalem when all her children will be returned to her, "But God will bring them back to you." Baruch's vision of a better tomorrow for Jerusalem is also applicable to people of all times.

Christians are being called to have faith and hope that Jesus is our promise of a better tomorrow. As believers, we too are invited to have a short-term and long-term vision. We have to recognize our present circumstances as God's will and plan for us individually and communally. In Advent, we ponder our current lived circumstances. However, we are also called to acknowledge that a realistic long-term vision is the promise of Jesus' Second Coming. Jesus comes also into our lives daily making the mountains low and the gorges level, signifying bringing order to what seems chaotic. The Holy Spirit, the love that binds the Trinity, is the active force that guides our lives. When we face circumstances beyond our human power, the Spirit takes over, whether we realize it or not, empowering and guiding us as the Spirit empowered and guided Baruch to offer consolation to those around him.

The Gospel Reading (Luke 3:1-6) portrays John the Baptist as a prophet like Baruch in the Old Testament who received a prophetic call and who makes a pronouncement to the people of his time. However, John is more than a prophet, in that, he is, more importantly, a precursor to Jesus, which Luke himself mentions (7:27). John's words echo that of Baruch's but with a difference. Baruch describes the power of God that makes the mountains low and the gorges levelled. John suggests that as part of his listeners' preparation for the Coming of the Lord, they must put their lives in order, making every mountain and hill low, straightening winding roads, and smoothening rough ways. All of these descriptions propose John's short-term view of his listeners changing their way of living by turning away from sin. Only when this is done, will the salvation of God for all be realized — John's long-term view, which is inspired by the Holy Spirit who has revealed these things to him. The Holy Spirit empowered John, inspired him, and spoke through John. In the Second Reading (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11), Paul writes while being held as a prisoner, just as Baruch writes similarly like a prisoner in Egypt, a foreign land. Paul writes to Philippi, which is the first Christian community he established in Europe. As part of his short-term vision, Paul provides encouragement to the Philippians because of the gratitude he has for them in supporting him in the spreading of the Gospel. Then, Paul expresses part of his long-term vision: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Such bold faith in the unknown is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit that empowers a believer. Here Paul is referencing Jesus' Second Coming. During Advent, Catholics are also invited to ponder Jesus' coming at Christmas as a short-term view but also Jesus' Second Coming or Parousia as a long-term view.

Paul then offers a prayer for his brothers and sisters in Philippi whom he "longs" for "with the affection of Jesus Christ." This prayer reflects John the Baptist's preaching on preparing the way of the Lord: "That your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value." Part of preparing the way of the Lord is discerning what is of value. Discernment is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparing also necessitates being filled with the fruit of righteousness. Spiritual fruits derive from the Holy Spirit. Many Christians are not aware of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that they possess, yet they benefit from, use, and manifest them unknowingly. This prayer extends as an invitation to all Christians. We must strive to keep our eyes on the prize — salvation — by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and walking a straight path with Jesus, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit who is working quietly but powerful within us.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that by my prayer and sacrifice this Advent season, my spiritual eyes will be opened. 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.

DEVOTIONS

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Week in Preview

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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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