

Mass Intentions: August 19-25, 2023

Sat. Aug. 19	6 p.m.	For Mary Rene for healing
Sun. Aug. 20	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Jane Steven
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Digna Doway
	12:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Nicola Fritz
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Aug. 22	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Kerry and Patrick Joyce and Timothy Teepe
Wed. Aug. 23	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Mark Dail and Francis and Joann Hesson
Thu. Aug. 24	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Michael and Susan Montchyk and Richard and Mardell Baum
Fri. Aug. 25	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Anne Craner and Paul Wrycha and Faine and Ismanie

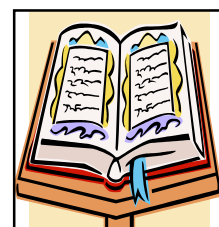
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St. Michael Prayer

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: August 21
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: August 22
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: August 23
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: August 24
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Friday: August 25
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Aug. 26
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: August 27
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 12	6 p.m.	\$330.00
Aug. 13	7:30 a.m.	\$473.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,433.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$77.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$103.00

Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you abundantly.

Deacon Mike celebrates his third anniversary



Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. celebrated his third anniversary as a Deacon on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, with a thanksgiving Mass surrounded by some of his family, friends and parishioners. Just before the end of the Mass, Fr. Anthony gave Deacon Michael a special blessing.

~ Wish List ~

OLMC Member Birthdays Aug. 19-25

- Digna Doway Aug. 21
- Jane Steven Aug. 21
- Monique Edward Aug. 23
- RayNesha Noel Aug. 23

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

- Upholstering the pews = \$7,000.00

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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:** This weekend's second collection is for the Music Ministry.
- **RCIA:** We are accepting registration for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes. These classes are for adults who would like to become a Catholic; adult Catholics who may not have made their First Communion or Confirmation; or Catholics who may want to know more about their faith. To register, call the church office at 340-776-6339. Classes are held on Mondays at 6 p.m.
- **CASSI HILL:** Holy Family Church will celebrate the 76th Annual Pilgrimage and Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Cassi Hill on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023. All will gather at Four Winds Plaza parking lot starting at 2 p.m. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. from Four Winds to the Cassi Hill Shrine. Mass will conclude the event.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 24.
- **PANTRY:** Catholic Charities will resume its monthly food drive at Mass starting the weekend of Aug. 26 & 27. Items will then be collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Items include flour, sugar, evaporated milk, beans, Vienna sausage, tuna and other dry and canned goods. For more information, call 775-0969.
- **KIDNEY DOCTOR:** Dr. Walter Rohloff, kidney specialist, will address the congregation on Sunday, Aug. 27 after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Mass to inform patients about the possibility of groundbreaking improvements of care for people with kidney disease on St. John, especially the dialysis center to be opened under the dialysis patient initiated charity Virgin Island Health Care Foundation and the not for profit, DCI.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church.
- **LEARN TO SWIM:** The Friends of the V.I. National Park is holding free Learn to Swim Classes at Cinnamon Bay. The classes are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every first and third Saturday. Free transportation is available from and to Cruz Bay. Transportation leaves Cruz Bay at 9 a.m. and leaves Cinnamon Bay about 11:40 a.m. Ages 4 & up are welcome. Adults & children are invited. Register at www.friendsvinp.org.



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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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord brings foreigners into his house of prayer.

Psalms 67

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The call of God is irrevocable.

Matthew 15:21-28

Great is the faith of the Canaanite woman.

Who is welcomed to our faith community, to our town, or to our country and who is not? What we hear today from Isaiah, Paul, and Jesus can help us understand God's perspective. Each reading challenges us to break down walls that stand in the way of those who are excluded. In the Gospel, in fact, it is a foreign woman who persuades Jesus to break down the commonly accepted barriers of the day. May God's word challenge us today as much as it did when it was written.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has obtained property in Cruz Bay to build a homeless shelter.

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"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

-- Romans 8:31

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Week in Preview

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

Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 4:45 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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Masses; or by appointment

Hours

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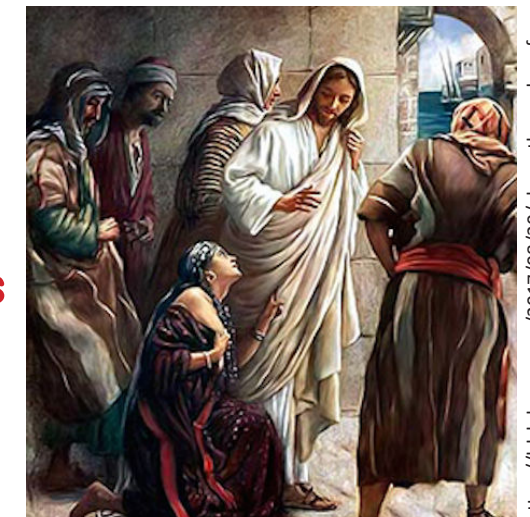
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Great is thy faithfulness



https://biblebanon.org/2017/08/20/eleveth-sunday-after-pentecost-matthew-1521-28/

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