

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

## Parish in Paradise



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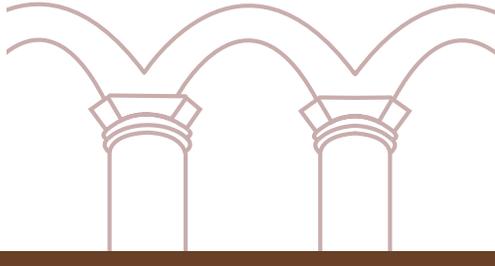


^ Michael Jackson Sr. was ordained a Permanent Deacon on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, by Most Rev. Roberto Gonzalez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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✦ From the desk of the pastor

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you with the love of Jesus Christ from the beautiful island of St. John.

Since this pandemic, I have become so conscious of God's daily love in my life, and His unfailing love for us, His children. His love overwhelms me at times. I know I am so not deserving of His love.

I am determined in the midst of so much death to see life. I believe, like Ezekiel, when asked in the vision can these dry bones live?

He asked Him in Ezekiel 37, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.'"

God might need some Ezekiels in these times to prophesy over this pandemic. God holds in His hands both life and death. Nothing can happen under the sun until God wills it.

May God give us eyes to see as He sees. It is only you God who can make our dry bones live. We are in need of your divine intervention. Touch oh God those who are sick, bring back those who have strayed far away from you. Give eternal rest to those who have died. After this pandemic, may we draw closer to you. May our time in your word strengthen our faith in you oh God. Amen!

Take courage sisters and brothers in Christ. James 4:8 says, "draw close to God as he draws close to you." I pray God will uncover His face to you and your family; be gracious to you and your family; and give you both His peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Abraham  
Pastor

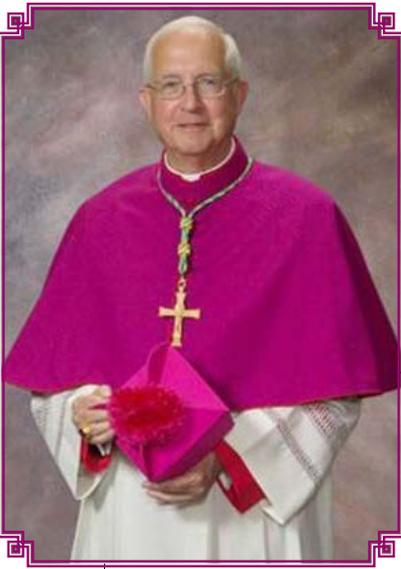
## Media Enhancement project



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is grateful to Gregory "Tyrone" Edward Jr. for enabling Masses and other events to go live worldwide via Facebook and YouTube. Thank you for sharing your time and talent.

### 2020 Media Enhancement Expense report

Media Enhancement 2020 Project	MSRP	ACTUAL COST
Pan Tilt Zoom cameras (2)	\$3,298.00	\$2,968.20
Camera wall mounts (2)	\$142.50	\$142.50
SDI Cables	\$60.00	\$60.00
Plug	\$4.82	\$4.82
Cable organizer box	\$26.99	\$26.99
Versitech (installation)	\$2,780.00	\$2,780.00
Shipping	\$234.52	\$234.52
Micro converter SDI to HDMI (2)	\$118.00	\$118.00
ATEM Mini Pro	\$595.00	\$595.00
USB Type C Cable	\$8.99	\$8.99
Shipping	\$50.00	\$50.00
vMix HD live production & streaming software	\$350.00	\$332.50
Restream (annually)	\$588.00	\$392.00
LCCN Upload Package (annually)	\$75.00	\$75.00
Wired headphone	\$32.99	Donated
FM Transmitter (Coral Bay Mass)	\$129.99	\$129.99
Shipping to VI via FedEx	\$195.35	\$195.35
Canon Camera	\$649.00	\$649.00
Canon AC Power Adapter	\$26.99	\$26.99
Camera bubble level	\$6.99	\$6.99
25ft HDMI to mini HDMI cable	\$17.99	\$17.99
Camera Tripod	\$99.95	\$99.95
Shipping to VI (camera, tripod & other accessories)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Care pack	\$62.99	\$62.99
Shipping & tax to New Jersey	\$229.07	\$229.07
4th Generation Ipad (used)	\$400.00	Donated
vMix Virtual Control Surface app	\$4.99	Donated
Pan Tilt Zoom (Camera) app	\$10.00	Donated
Strata Lite (Atem Mini Control) App	\$9.99	Donated
Projector screen	\$531.00	Donated
Shipping to VI via Tropical Shipping	\$106.00	Donated
Epson 16:9 Projector	\$879.99	\$879.99
Projector Wall Mount	\$200.00	\$200.00
HDMI Switch 4K splitter	\$10.99	\$10.99
HDMI Splitter 1 in 2 out	\$16.99	\$16.99
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$12,153.08</b>	<b>\$10,514.81</b>
		<b>Savings</b>
		<b>-\$1,638.27</b>
<b>Wishlist</b>		
Behringer X32 Rack (used)		
(4) Hanging ceiling mics (Congregation mics for Choir and Instruments)		
Shure MX690-L4 (Coral Bay mass)		
iPad Air (refurbished)		



## Important Announcement

FROM

**MOST REVEREND HERBERT A. BEVARD**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands*



September 18, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to inform you that the Holy Father has accepted my resignation.

On July 6, 2020, I submitted my resignation to His Holiness Pope Francis. In doing so, I was anticipating my seventy-fifth birthday and seeking to provide the Diocese with a Bishop as soon as I reach the seventy-five-year age limit for Roman Catholic Bishops.

Regrettably, I have experienced some new and unanticipated medical conditions that unfortunately preclude my ability to continue to maintain my position in the Diocese of Saint Thomas. As a result, I have requested to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that my resignation be immediate, so as not to inhibit the effective on-going pastoral leadership and care of the Diocese of Saint Thomas.

I have loved serving the People of God; the Clergy, Religious, Laity and the entire Virgin Islands community in the Diocese of Saint Thomas and will treasure the fond memories that we share together. It is this same love and concern for them, recognizing my own limitations, that now compel me to make this request.

I welcome and pledge my support to my successor in the hope that the Lord will bless his ministry among you. In the interim, the Holy Father has appointed the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington DC as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Saint Thomas. Please, join me as I welcome the Archbishop and re-assure him of our unquestionable support. As you continue to pray for me and as I continue to pray for you, I take this opportunity to present to you my profound esteem.

Sincerely yours in Christ

+Herbert A. Bevard

*Bishop of St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands (U.S.A.)*

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# Deacon Jackson Ordination



OLMC Choir at Ordination

## OLMC New St. Therese Chapel - Coral Bay



On a beautiful, blessed Sunday at 12:30 PM, August 4, 2020, we celebrated the first Mass on our Coral Bay property on the east end of St. John.

Some parishioners sat on the newly constructed platform, while others including elders did a 'drive

in' style attendance. Our choir was shaded by the trees as they sang the hymns.

Everyone was socially distant and masked for safety. Mass at Coral Bay will resume on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 PM, and Sunday, September 20 at 12:30 PM. This schedule will remain for the future.

Drive in attendees are able to listen to the Mass on 106.3 FM station.



Coral Bay Mass on a Tuesday evening.



A view of the banner before the altar set up.

# COVID SAFETY Measures at OLMC

- ✓ Greeted by a trained Usher to welcome people to Mass
- ✓ Gently reminded to use the hand sanitizer upon entering OLMC (provided)
- ✓ Pews are roped off to ensure Social Distancing
- ✓ Masks must be worn throughout the Mass
- ✓ A nod or bow is used at the “Peace be With You” section of the Mass
- ✓ No hand holding during the Our Father
- ✓ Communion is distributed into the hand only
- ✓ The pews are wiped down between Masses with sanitizer

***Your safety is our priority.  
Welcome back to Mass!***



## A Coronavirus Prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.*

*Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.*

*Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.*

*Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.*

*Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.*

*Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.*

*Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.*

*Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.*

*Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.*

*Jesus Christ, heal us. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. †*

## Hurricane Season Prayer

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness.

*June 1–November 30*

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.

# Catholic Charities OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



⤴ Catholic Charities distributed food to the St. John community on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020. Catholic Charities was selected to be the lead agency for the USDA Farmers to Families project on St. Thomas. As there is no large scale farming in the Virgin Islands, the food has to come from Puerto Rico. Items were distributed to 111 families.

# Misa en español



## Spanish Mass Ministry

The Spanish Mass is on hold, but we are working with Fr. Eduardo Santiago-Ortiz to bring the Mass back very soon.

## Sacrament of Baptism



◀ Josiah Sosa, with parents, Enrique and Rebecca Sosa, was baptized on Aug. 15, 2020, by Fr. Anthony Abraham. His God-parents are Deacon Peter and Bianca Laurencin.

## tithes & offerings

These are truly trying times. This coronavirus pandemic is affecting everyone. Churches have been closed and open several times over a few months.

If anyone would like to give their tithes, you can:

A. **Drop** your offering envelope in the church mailbox on the office door

B. **Mail** it to the church at  
P.O. Box 241, St. John, VI 00831

C. **PayPal:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
(olmc@hotmail.com)

D. **Online giving:**  
<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1390>

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church will provide support to all through the liturgy, worship and education. We pledge to provide our parish community and our visitors a prayerful experience in an environment of friendliness and courtesy. We are committed to proclaim the Word of God in unity and love towards each other.

### Our mission is:

**Evangelization:** to evangelize ourselves, our families, our parish and our local community.

**Liturgy:** to celebrate our faith with joy through vibrant and prayerful worship.

**Education:** to educate and become educated in the truths of the Gospel and in the formation of conscience.

**Service:** to reach out in love and service to those in need.

**Stewardship:** to develop the material, financial and human resources of the Church and to manage them as faithful servants.

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### DEVOTIONS:

**Eucharistic Adoration** Daily: 24 hours a day

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

**Baptism:** By Appointment; 3 weeks preparation

**Weddings:** By Appointment; 6 months preparation

### Regular Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturdays: 6 p.m.  
Sundays: 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)  
5:45 p.m. (Spanish)

### Weekdays:

Tuesdays: 6 p.m. (Coral Bay)  
Wednesdays: 6 p.m.  
Thurs & Fridays: 7 a.m.



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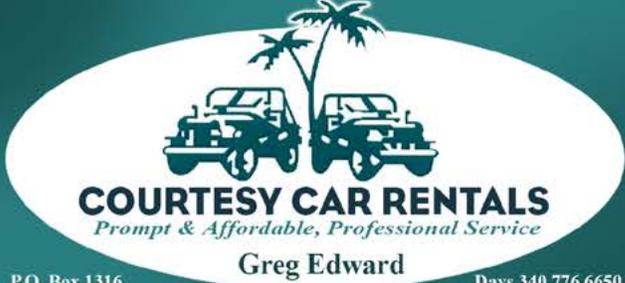


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