

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

## Parish in Paradise



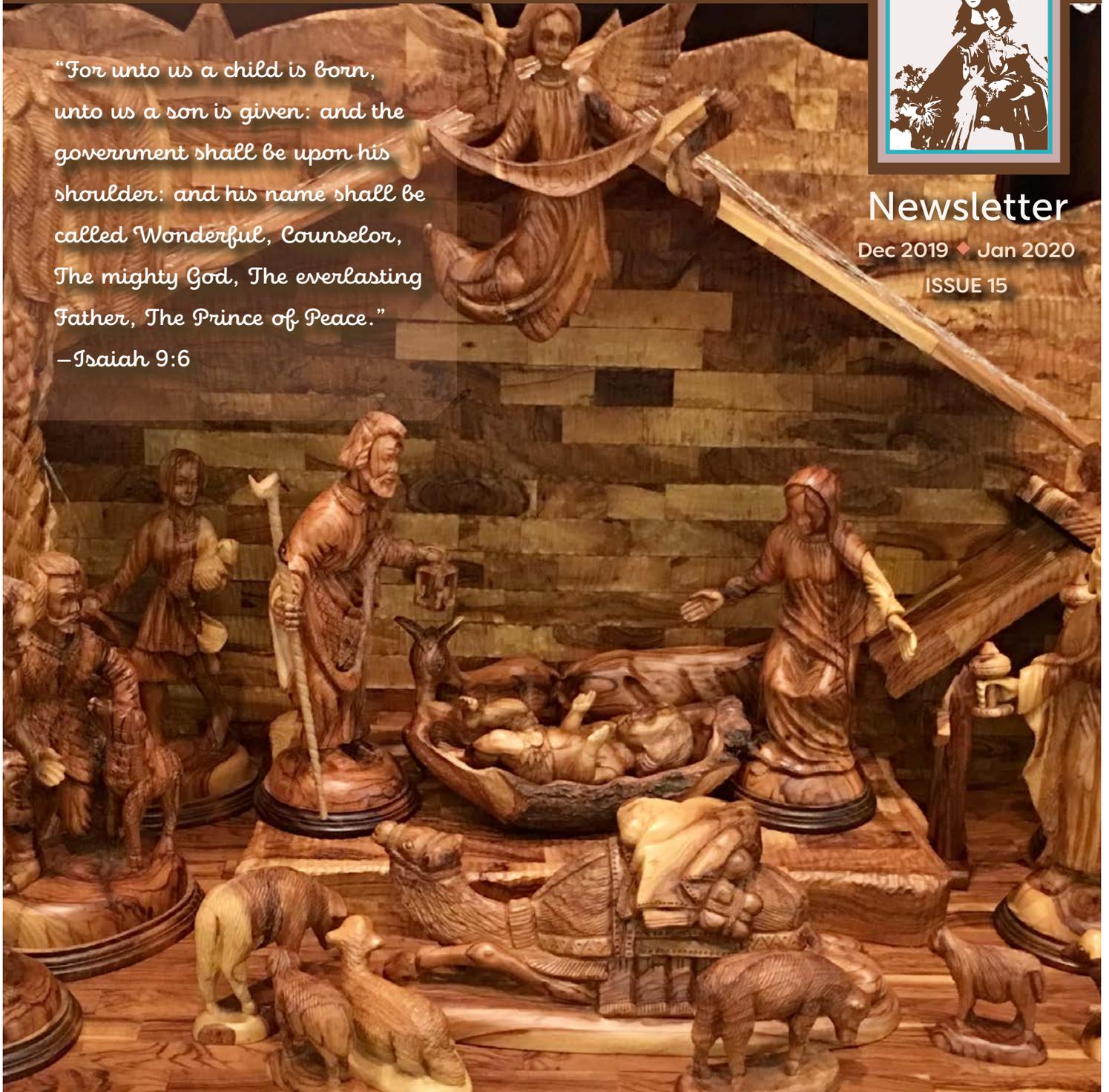
*"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given: and the  
government shall be upon his  
shoulder: and his name shall be  
called Wonderful, Counselor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting  
Father, The Prince of Peace."*

*—Isaiah 9:6*

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## ✦ From the desk of the pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus. I pray that this year 2020 will be a year of blessing upon blessing as we find ourselves in obedience to God's words and the teaching of the church.

It is with heartfelt gratitude, we as a parish give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us in 2019. God continues to prove himself a good father.

Last year, I went with Michael Jackson Sr. and Tony Alfonso to preach at a women's Lenten mission in Dominica. It was a faith building experience. The laity has a faith that is unbreakable.

Our youth with several adults attended the Jesus Explosion in Trinidad. For many, this was a life-changing experience.

Our women attended the Magnificat Conference in New Orleans, La.

Our vision for our chapel – St. Therese – began to materialize. We formed a committee who are working hard to bring this to reality.

Collaboration with Catholic Charities continues to be a blessing on St. John. It serves about 100 people a day. We provide showers and limited laundry services and we distribute clothes and toiletries.

It is the generosity of so many tourists who are generous with their donation that make our parish a model parish here in the Virgin Islands.

We look forward to greater things this year and we continue to seek God's will for our lives and our parish.

May God bless you in this new year abundantly.

Happy 2020!

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Abraham, Pastor

# Youth MINISTRY News



Anyone willing to work with our youth or if any youth would like to join OLMC's youth group, call the church office at 340-776-6339.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry in collaboration with the Religious Education groups from the various parishes held a Christmas Concert on December 15, 2019, at Columban Hall at Holy Family Church.

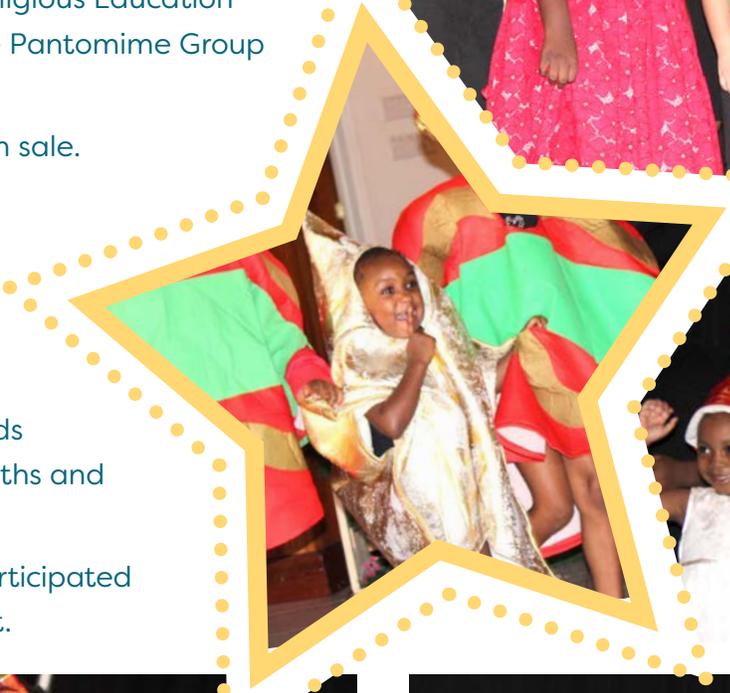
There were performances by the Holy Family Children's Choir, The Holy Family Cultural Dance Group, OLMC Religious Education students, For God Alone Pantomime Group and many more.

Food and drinks were on sale.

This concert was the re-launching of the Diocesan Youth Ministry.

It was great turn out and also brought in funds for future events for youths and youth leaders.

Thank you to all who participated and attended the event.



# Christmas Festivities



Thank you to all who donated Christmas gifts for the children of the parish. We are truly grateful!





↗ Religious Education students exchanged gifts and had a social on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019.

## Gifts for those in need

The homeless in our community received gifts for Christmas.

Thank you to all who donated Christmas gifts. We are truly grateful!

JESUS <sup>is</sup>  
The REASON  
FOR The  
SEASON



“ Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. ” — Matthew 25:40

## OLMC St. Therese Chapel



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has purchased land in Coral Bay to build a chapel, which will be named, *St. Therese*. Donations are being accepted.

**To make a donation, make checks payable to *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*, memo line: *Coral Bay chapel*.** Donations are tax-deductible.



⤴ Excavation has begun on the land in Coral Bay for the future *St. Therese* Chapel.



⤴ Artist's rendering of the new construction of *St. Therese* Chapel in Coral Bay

## Westin Donation



Westin Resort employees deliver food items to the *Catholic Charities* soup kitchen at OLMC. Thank you Westin!



## Social Media



**OLMC is now branching out our social media platforms.**

You can now find us on Facebook at OLMC VI – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; on Instagram at @parish.in.paradise; and on YouTube at OLMC VI Virgin Islands.

This is where you can keep up with us and our latest news and events. We will also be doing special giveaways through these platforms, so be sure to follow us so you don't miss out on the fun!

We are also working on our new website.

## 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.  
5:45 p.m. (Spanish)

#### Weekdays:

Tuesdays & Weds at 6 p.m.  
Thurs & Fridays at 7 a.m.



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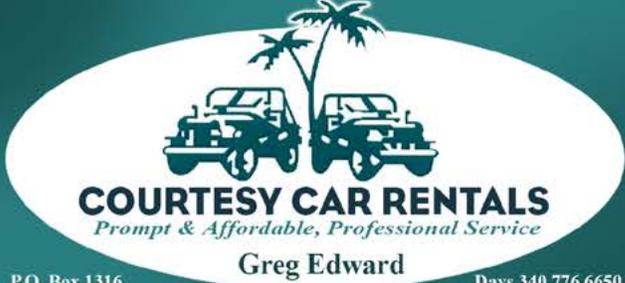


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