

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Parish in Paradise



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Carlos Solis and crew perform work for an extended archaeological survey at the future site of St. Therese Chapel in Coral Bay.

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✦ From the desk of the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Psalm 105 calls us to “remember the marvels the Lord has done.” Why is the Psalmist asking us to remember? Just maybe he knows we tend to forget quickly. I was talking to a young man just recently. He asked, “How do you know God is answering your prayers?” I shared God is always answering us. We need to listen and open our eyes to see the marvel God is doing and continues to do in our daily lives.

I have come to believe the devil tries to block our eyes from seeing and our ears from hearing the marvels God is doing within our lives and the lives of our loved ones. The Church after 50 days concludes Easter and enters us straight into Pentecost. This is God’s agape love for us his Church. It is amazing. After his death and resurrection, he did not leave us orphans. However, he knew we couldn’t survive without him. Hence, he sent us the Holy Spirit.

We need God who comes to us through the third person of the Blessed Trinity. The Spirit comes with the gifts we need to live out our Christian calling. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sins in our lives. I am always encouraged when a person walks into the confessional. I know it is the Holy Spirit who ushers them in. The Holy Spirit is at work in their lives. The Holy Spirit causes us to bear witness for Christ. Hence the Church instituted the Sacrament of Confirmation. Despite the cost of discipleship. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to carry our crosses daily.

Let us keep calling on the Holy Spirit daily. This is the same spirit we receive in Baptism and out pouring in Confirmation. Every morning we wake up, let us say good morning to the Holy Spirit.

May we begin today to acknowledge God’s presence with us through the Holy Spirit. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to open our eyes daily to see the marvels God has done and continues to do in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Come Holy Spirit we need you! Come and renew our hearts, our marriages, our families, our schools and the face of the earth.

May God bless you always!

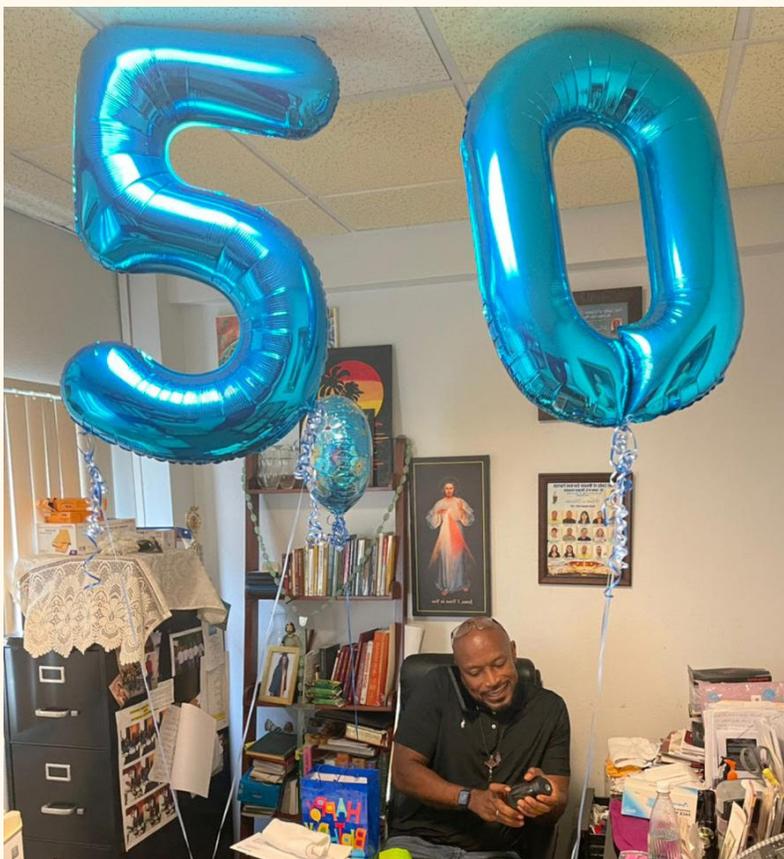
In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham, Pastor

Fr. Anthony's 50th birthday celebration



Fr. Anthony Abraham celebrated his 50th birthday on April 16, 2021, surrounded by his family. Some of his family surprised him and flew in to be with him on his birthday, where he celebrated Mass.



Fr. Anthony Abraham is showered with gifts in his office.

Enjoying a party on Friday evening.

Catholic Charities food distribution



^ Catholic Charities in conjunction with USDA, held a food box distribution on Friday, May 21, at the V.I. Port Authority's gravel parking lot. Thank you to Love City Car Ferries; Lucien Sylvester; Clarence Stephenson, St. John Fire Chief; his firemen; Love City Strong; and all the volunteers who made this distribution possible.

Sacraments Received



^ Casiyah Ashly, with parents Hyacinth Ashly & Cassandra Moore-Ashly, and Nisha Jones (top) were baptized on April 10, 2021. Nisha was received into full communion with the Catholic Church through RCIA.

Magnificat, St. John



^ *Magnificat*, St. John, USVI Chapter held a grace-filled evening and journey for women on May 30, 2021. The theme was "Woman, you are well" (Luke 13:12). More than 35 women participated in the journey and about 30 were in attendance. The facilitator was Ayanna Griffith of Trinidad and Tobago.



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Emergency Supply List



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Through its **Ready Campaign**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. *Ready* asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Martha Cherry, a pillar and elder in OLMC community, passed away on May 17, 2021, at the age of 77, at Schneider Hospital.



Ms. Martha was born in St. Lucia. She is survived by her daughter, Rosemary Joseph and her husband, Martin Joseph; grandchildren, great-grandchild; and other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 5, 2021, at OLMC.

Theodora Anora Toussaint, passed away on February 4, 2021, in Dominica, W.I.



OLMC and St. John were second homes for “Ms. Anora,” who frequently visited her daughter, Digna Doway and her husband Deacon Evans Doway on St. John.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends too numerous to mention. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 26, 2021, in Pointe Michel, Dominica.

Holy Matrimony



OLMC parishioners Fabio Castro and Cristina Quezada were united in Holy Matrimony on May 8, 2021, at OLMC. The Rev. Fr. Eduardo Ortiz-Santiago celebrated and Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham co-celebrated.

June 1–November 30

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.

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.

OLMC'S FIRST EVER VIRTUAL ON-LINE AUCTION!

June 20, Father's Day — July 5

We are raising funds for the future Coral Bay,
specifically **ST. THERESE CHAPEL**
and the **COMMUNITY CENTER OF CORAL BAY.**

The date for the auction opening online from the comfort of your home
is June 20, Father's Day, and will close July 5@ 10pm.

Please feel free to browse the auction, register and bid on items including:
Vacation rentals, Car rentals, Art, Jewelry, Services,
Gift baskets, Excursions, Ceramics and More.

<https://olmcviauction.org/>

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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:

Evangalization: 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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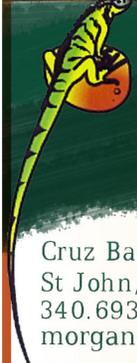


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