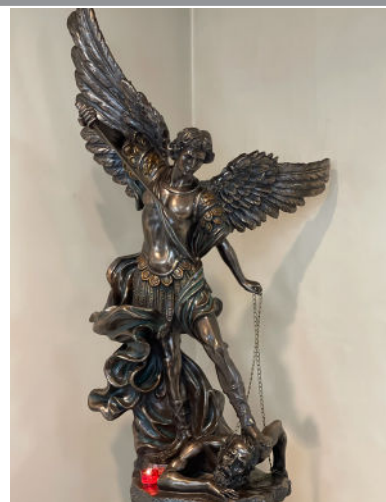


## Mass Intentions: Feb. 17-23, 2024

Sat. Feb. 17	6 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for Donald & Debbie Schnell
Sun. Feb. 18	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Shirlyn Mitchel Birthday Blessings for Jovanna Laurencin
(Coral Bay)	12:30 p.m.	In Loving Memory of DD Kirby requested by Christine Barbich
(Spanish)	5:30 p.m.	For Hispanic community of St. John
Tues. Feb. 20 (Coral Bay)	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Richard & Mardell Baum, Ralph Tardy Antollino, and Jay & Sara Sellick
Wed. Feb. 21	7 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to Diane & Joseph Genova, Ralph Solomon and Myrah Keating Smith
Thurs. Feb. 22	7 a.m.	For David & PJ for God's blessings & deliverance requested by Patti Nolan
Fri. Feb 23	7 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Madeline Kubic requested by Thomas Kubic & Family

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: Feb. 19**  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday: Feb. 20**  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday: Feb. 21**  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday: Feb. 22**  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Friday: Feb. 23**  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday: Feb. 24**  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday: Feb. 25**  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10

## Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 10	6 p.m.	\$526.00
Feb. 11	7:30 a.m.	\$484.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,427.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$310.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$104.00

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



Parishioners gather together on Ash Wednesday to receive their ashes on February 14, 2024.



- On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: Everyone ages 14 and up must abstain from eating meat.

- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Everyone ages 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to a medical reason. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### OLMC Member Birthdays Feb. 17-23

- Jovanna Laurencin Feb. 18
- Leolla Laurencin Feb. 20
- Tyreke Thomas Feb. 20

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 is for the soup kitchen
- PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at 6 p.m.
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6 p.m. in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.
- OFFICE HOURS:** We have office hours in Coral Bay from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to talk with a priest or deacon, call 340-693-2650 to schedule an appointment.
- PERPETUAL ADORATION:** It's not too late to sign up for Perpetual Adoration, which is available 24 hours a day. Come spend some time with the Lord. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.
- MINISTRY FORMS:** Get involved in your church. Ministry forms are at the back of the church with a list of ministries.
- GIFT SHOP:** As we continue to fund raise for the church, we have some new colors available in our rash guards as well as some of the regular colors. Rash guards are \$40. We also have tumblers available for \$50, water bottles for \$60 and hats for \$20.
- MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- MASS CARDS:** Parents, please have your child's Mass card signed by a priest, deacon, acolyte or teacher when they attend Mass on the weekend.
- PANTRY:** Catholic Charities will hold its monthly food drive at Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Items include forks, spoons, 6x6 and 9x6 to-go containers, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, beans, Vienna sausage, tuna and other dry and canned goods. For information, call 775-0969.
- COOK & DRIVER NEEDED:** Catholic Charities St. John needs a cook and a volunteer driver to do outreach in Coral Bay. If you are interested, call Digna Doway at 340-775-0969.



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

- Genesis 9:8-15** God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood
- Psalms 25** "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."
- 1 Peter 3:18-22** The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.
- Mark 1:12-15** Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

After the Great Flood, God made a covenant with us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. As we hear in the second reading, Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed his message as we listen to God's word.



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### Hurricane Thanksgiving Prayer

December 1-May 31

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.**

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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 6 p.m.-  
7:30 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.

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Available 24 hours a day, 7  
days a week  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after  
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Hours

**The Church is open**  
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Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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