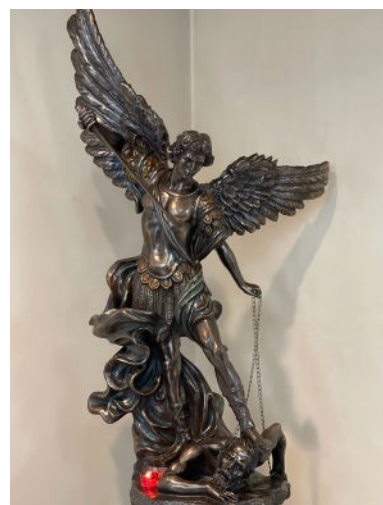


## Mass Intentions: February 25-March 3, 2023

Sat. Feb. 25	6 p.m.	For OLMC parishioners and benefactors
Sun. Feb. 26	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Dr. James Griffin requested by Catherine Quade & Rich Cronin
	9:30 a.m.	For Yolanda Morton for healing requested by Randy Morton
	12:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Alvis Christian
	5:30 p.m.	For Fr. Serapio Lopez Cruz for God's blessings
Tue. Feb. 28	6 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
Wed. March 1	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Thu. March 2	7 a.m.	For an end to violence in our community
Fri. March 3	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community

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. 27**  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday: Feb. 28**  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday: March 1**  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday: March 2**  
Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday: March 3**  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday: March 4**  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday: March 5**  
Gn 12:1-4a  
2 Tm 1:8b-10  
Mt 17:1-9

## Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 18	6 p.m.	\$710.00
Feb. 19	7:30 a.m.	\$789.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,501.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$119.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$57.00



### In Thanksgiving

A Mass of Thanksgiving was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, at the future site of St. Therese Chapel. The Mass was to give thanks to God for His continued blessings for the construction of St. Therese. The evening also including music by the OLMC Youth Steel Pan and food and drinks donated by parishioners. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

### Ash Wednesday



People receive ashes during Masses on Ash Wednesday, on Feb. 22, 2023. Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season.

### Fasting & Abstinence

- 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.

### ~ Wish List ~

- New temporary tent for Coral Bay = \$2,500.00
- Foam to replace on all 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 Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal supports the poor and needy; Catholic Schools; and much more.
- PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Deacon Evans Doway. The topic is "The Flesh versus Fasting."
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.
- LENTE MISSIONS:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is hosting a Lenten Mission from March 6-8, 2023, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker is Father John Paul Mary from EWTN.
- Holy Family Church will hold its Lenten Mission at 6:30 p.m. March 20-24, 2023. The guest speaker will be Fr. Brancker John of Dominica. The theme is "Behold, I am doing a new thing."
- 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 and up are welcome. Adults and children are invited. Register at [www.friendsvinp.org](http://www.friendsvinp.org).
- TAXPAYER:** IRB will provide taxpayer assistance on St. John on Wednesdays and on St. Thomas on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 1, 2023, at their offices. For more information, call 340-715-1040 ext. 2280.
- 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.



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 2:7-9; 3:1-7** "The Lord God planted a garden in Eden."  
**Psalm 51** "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."  
**Romans 5:12-19** In Adam all die. In Christ all live.  
**Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.

Temptation has been part of the world from the beginning. In the story of creation, humanity's first home is the garden in Eden, with the forbidden tree right in its center. We hear Adam and Eve succumb to the serpent's wiles in this garden of plenty. In its opposite — a barren desert — Jesus uses God's word to resist the temptations of the devil. Paul tells us that Adam and Eve's disobedience brought death into the world, but Jesus' obedience brought life. Let us listen to how the righteousness of truth can defeat the temptation of lies.

### Mailing Address for Tom & Dee Conrad

Tom and Dee Conrad  
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### Week in Preview

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

**Music Ministry:**  
 Wednesdays at 6:30 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

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

### Hours

**The Church is open**  
 Mondays to Fridays:  
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 Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 Mondays to Fridays:  
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**Pastor's Hours**  
 Tuesdays to Fridays:  
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