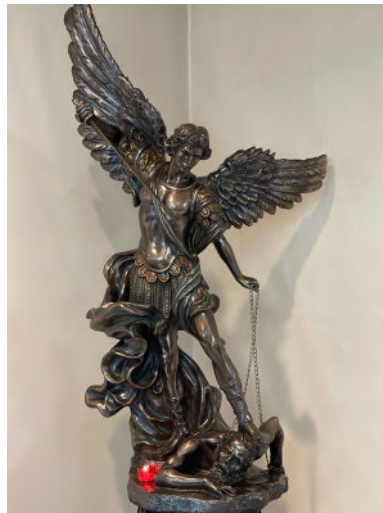


## Mass Intentions: March 2-8, 2024

Sat. March 2	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Jamal Stephen requested by Leolla Laurencin
Sun. March 3	7:30 a.m.	For OLMC benefactors
	9:30 a.m.	For Ryan Simon for God's blessings and protection requested by Janice Mathurin
(Coral Bay)	12:30 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Melisa Agdomar
(Spanish)	5:30 p.m.	For Hispanic community of St. John
Tue. March 5 (Coral Bay)	6 p.m.	For Jamal Stephen for God's blessings & deliverance requested by Leolla Laurencin
Wed. March 6	6 p.m.	For OLMC choir & musicians
Thu. March 7	7 a.m.	For the sick in our parish
Fri. March 8	7 a.m.	For the homeless in our community

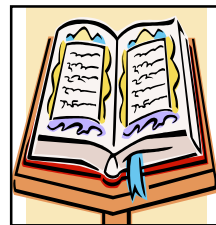
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### St. Michael Prayer

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: March 4**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday: March 5**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday: March 6**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday: March 7**  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**Friday: March 8**  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday: March 9**  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday: March 10**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21

## Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 24	6 p.m.	\$803.00
Feb. 25	7:30 a.m.	\$629.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$2,077.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$219.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$139.00

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

## Religious Education Lenten Retreat



Holy Family Church and OLMC held a joint Lenten Retreat for Religious Education students on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at OLMC. The theme was "Lent: A New Beginning." Thank you to all who made this a success.



### OLMC Member Birthdays March 2-8

- Jamal Stephen March 5
- Melisa Agdomar March 5
- I'lon Monsanto March 5
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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 Bishop's Appeal. Our goal is \$14,000.00. Brochures are available at the back of the church. You can choose to pledge and distribute your payments monthly or make one-time donations in the form of cash, check, credit card, or direct online payments. Thank you for your generosity.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. The theme is "Almsgiving."
- **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.
- **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.



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,

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## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

**Exodus 20:1–17** The law was given through Moses.  
**Psalm 19** “Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”  
**1 Cor 1:22–25** We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.  
**John 2:13–25** Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Today’s readings are very familiar. We hear the ten commandments, which we probably memorized as children. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple, overturning their tables and spilling their coins. Let us challenge ourselves to listen to these words today as if God is personally speaking to us, telling us how to live and reminding us of the purpose of worship. With Easter less than a month away now, let us take to heart the words of the psalmist: “Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”



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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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• 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.

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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 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Abraham  
**Asst. Pastor:** Father Yacob Lonfo  
**Administrative Assistant:** Simonia Dagou  
**Religious Education Coordinators:** Rebecca Sosa & Melchia Athanase  
**Parish Council President:** Sherry-Ann Francis-Hill  
**Deacons:** Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.  
**Acolytes:** Hayden Smith & Audy Castillo  
**Youth Group President:** Liandra Dagou  
**Young Adults President:** Shanekua Lee-Tyrell



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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**Eucharistic Adoration**  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

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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