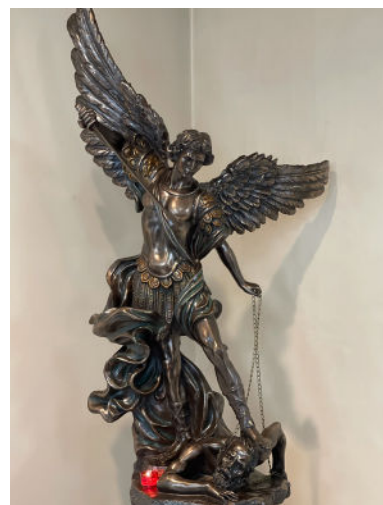


Mass Intentions: April 1-7, 2023

Sat. April 1	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Ivo Philbert requested by Louise Philbert; and for Hailey Antoine for God's blessings, protection and guidance requested by Nausica Antoine
Sun. April 2	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Alana Liburd requested by Sandra Donaie
	9:30 a.m.	For Lubens Besse for healing and deliverance requested by Julia Besse
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. April 4	6 p.m.	For Lubens Besse for healing and deliverance requested by Julia Besse
Wed. April 5	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Mike Lugert requested by his family
Thu. April 6	7 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Avis Browne
Fri. April 7	5 a.m.	Stations of the Cross (Caneel Bay entrance)
	2 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (in the church)
	3 p.m.	Good Friday Service

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: April 3
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: April 4
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: April 5
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: April 6
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: April 7
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: April 8
Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: April 9
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

Stewardship of Treasure

March 25	6 p.m.	\$505.00
March 26	7:30 a.m.	\$447.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,723.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$324.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$51.00

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

PALM SUNDAY
~ ~ Saturday, April 1 ~ ~
Mass at 6 p.m.
~ ~ Sunday, April 2 ~ ~
7:30 & 9:30 a.m. (CRUZ BAY)
12:30 p.m. (CORAL BAY)
5:30 p.m. (SPANISH MASS)

HOLY THURSDAY
~ ~ Thursday, April 6 ~ ~
Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY
~ ~ Friday, April 7 ~ ~
Stations of the Cross at 5 a.m. from Caneel Bay entrance to Mongoose Junction
Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. (IN THE CHURCH)
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL
~ ~ Saturday, April 8 ~ ~
Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
~ ~ Sunday, April 9 ~ ~
Mass: 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. (CRUZ BAY)
12:30 p.m. (CORAL BAY)
5:30 p.m. (SPANISH MASS)

~ Wish List ~

OLMC Member Birthdays April 1-7

- Evelyne Stephen Apr. 3
- Annette Smith Apr. 6
- Bernadette LaFond Apr. 7

If your birthday is not listed, call the office at 776-6339.

- 800-gallon water tank for homeless shelter = \$1,000.00
- Foam for 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 more.
- **PALM SUNDAY MARCH:** The 2023 Palm Sunday March of Witness & Ecumenical Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2. The procession will be from Mongoose Junction to Nazareth Lutheran Church. All are invited.
- **LECTORS:** A lectors meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 3.
- **CHRISM MASS:** The Chrism Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. All are invited. Please sign up at the back of the church. Transportation will be provided.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be held at 5 a.m. Friday, April 7 from Caneel Bay entrance to Mongoose Junction. The bus will leave from Mongoose Junction at 4:45 a.m. Please sign up if you need a ride to the start of the procession and also for those who will stay on the bus during the procession.
- **EASTER LUNCHEON:** St. Joseph Workers of Holy Family Catholic Church will hold its annual Easter Sunday Luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Columban Hall. The honoree is Mr. Allan Harrigan. Tickets are \$50 for adults; and \$25 for children 12 and under at the door. Tickets and patrons are available in OLMC church office. Call 776-6339 for more information.
- **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.friendsvnp.org.



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

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.

Psalms 22

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

They came to a place called Golgotha and crucified Jesus there.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus calls out near the point of death. Centuries earlier, the psalmist had cried out to God with the same words. One can imagine Isaiah saying the same thing as he was struck and beaten by his oppressors. Through all their suffering, none of them rebel or fight back. Though in tremendous pain hanging limply on the cross, Jesus remained obedient to the end. Let us listen to St. Matthew's Passion, realizing what our Lord endured to win our salvation.



• 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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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.

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