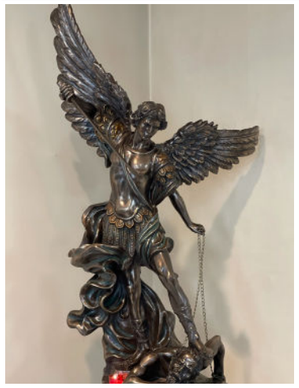
Mass Intentions: October 17-23, 2026

Sat. Oct. 17	7 a.m.	For Shereen Hill for healing
	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Geraldine George requested by her family
Sun. Oct. 18	7:30 a.m.	For Christopher Scatliffe for God's deliverance, healing and blessings requested by Lisa Etre
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Gwen Dagou requested by her family; & birthday blessings for Lakeya Abbott requested by her family
(Coral Bay)	12:30 p.m.	For the OLMC parish, its benefactors, priests and parishioners for God's continuous blessings
Spanish)	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic community of St. John
Mon. Oct. 19	7 a.m.	For Jewel Powell for healing; & in loving memory of Hattie Jackson requested by her family
Tue. Oct. 20 (Coral Bay)	6 p.m.	For the mentally ill for God's healing
Wed. Oct. 21	6 p.m.	For married couples for God's guidance
Thu. Oct. 22	7 a.m.	For those on our sick list for God's healing
Fri. Oct. 23	7 a.m.	For all cancer patients for God's healing

Offer a Mass for your loved ones. Call the church office at 340-776-6339.



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: October 19
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: October 20
Ephesians 2:12-22
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: October 21
Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: October 22
Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

Friday: October 23
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

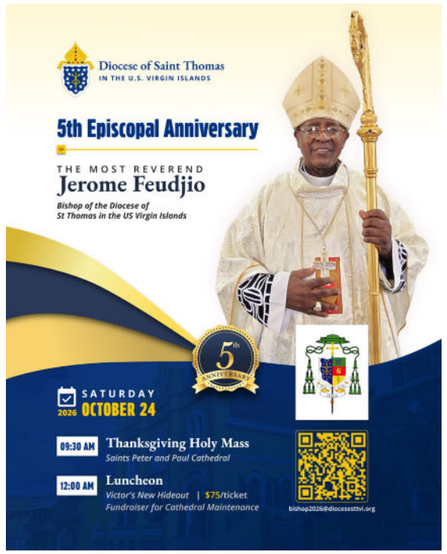
Saturday: October 24
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday: October 25
Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 10	6 p.m.	$300.00
Oct. 11	7:30 a.m.	$380.00
	9:30 a.m.	$1,048.00
	12:30 p.m.	$46.00
	5:30 p.m.	$206.00

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





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 World Mission Sunday, a national collection.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Youth ages 11-18 are welcome.
- **LEGION OF MARY:** Legion of Mary is held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, at 6 p.m.
- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Men's Fellowship will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m.
- **TEACHERS NEEDED:** OLMC needs teachers for Religious Education. If you are interested, call the church office at 340-776-6339.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Religious Education classes are held on Saturdays at 10 a.m.
- **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.
- **STEEL PAN:** Steel pan practice for youth is held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Adult classes are held on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- **OCIA:** We are accepting registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults classes. These classes are for adults who would like to become a Catholic; adult Catholics who may not have made their First Communion or Confirmation; or Catholics who may want to know more about their faith. To register, call the church office at 340-776-6339. Applications are at the back of the church.
- **FOOD DRIVE:** Catholic Charities will be holding a food drive on the weekend of Oct. 24 & 25. Items needed include rice, barbecue sauce, frozen vegetables, cream of wheat, and biodegradable plates (6x6 and 9x6x3). Thank you for your generosity.
- **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:** Holy Family Church will celebrate its 50th Golden Jubilee with a gala on Dec. 19, 2026, at the Columban Hall. Attire is formal. Tickets are $100 each and can be obtained from OLMC office.
- **APPOINTMENTS:** Anyone who would like to schedule an appointment to see the priest or for confession, should call the church office at 340-776-6339.



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

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 **We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name.**
Psalm 96 **"Give the Lord glory and honor."**
1 Thes 1:1–5b **We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.**
Mt 22:15–21 **"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.**

God's preeminence is highlighted in today's readings. Isaiah proclaims that God was the force behind the pagan king Cyrus when he defeated the Babylonians and allowed the Chosen People to return to the promised land, even though he certainly didn't realize it. Paul tells the Thessalonians that God chose them in Christ. Finally, Jesus tells the Pharisees that they should comply with Caesar's tax, but it is more important to repay God for all God's gifts. So ought we, as we sing in the psalm, give the Lord glory and honor.



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Contact information for the Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Diocese of St. Thomas:
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Hurricane Season Prayer
June 1-November 30

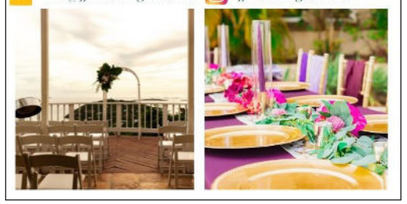
God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

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OLMC Member Birthdays
October 17-23

- Gwenda Dagou Oct. 19
- Tobias Sosa Oct. 19
- Naudy Castillo Oct. 20
- Gregory Edward Jr Oct. 21
- Lakeya Abbott Oct. 22

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

~ Wish List ~

- 3 office chairs ($130.00-$300.00)
- 75-inch TV for upstairs in church
- RV (to house homeless women)
- Rolling gate operator with battery backup: $16,596.00
- Catholic Charities banner: $1,200.00

~ Sick List ~



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Young Adults President: Shanekua Lee-Tyrell



Week in Preview

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

Legion of Mary:
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Music Ministry:
Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group:
Thursdays from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Masses

Saturdays: 7 a.m. **(except after all-night vigil)**
6 p.m. **(VIGIL)**
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.**(CORAL BAY)**
5:30 p.m. **(SPANISH)**
Mondays: 7 a.m.
Tuesdays: 6 p.m. **(CORAL BAY)**
Wednesdays: 6 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays: 7 a.m.

Devotions

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

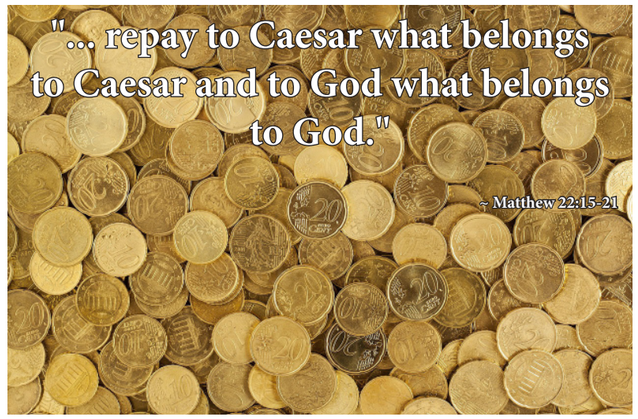
Hours

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