

Mass Intentions: Dec. 9-15, 2023

Sat. Dec. 9	6 p.m.	For El Thomas-Antoine for God's blessings requested by Nausica Antoine; & birthday blessings for Johnson George requested by his family
Sun. Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Bernice Boynes requested by her family
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Melchia Athanase requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Dec. 12	6 p.m.	For Patti Nolan for God's blessings and traveling mercies
Wed. Dec. 13	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Tom requested by Patti Nolan
Thu. Dec. 14	7 a.m.	For Cecile & Martin Hinkson for God's blessings
Fri. Dec. 15	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles & her children & Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles

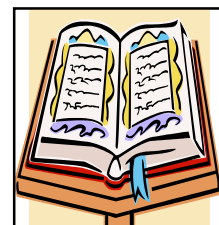
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St. Michael Prayer

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: Dec. 11
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Dec. 12
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dec. 13
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Dec. 14
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Dec. 15
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Dec. 16
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Dec. 17
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 2	6 p.m.	\$318.00
Dec. 3	7:30 a.m.	\$373.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,430.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$365.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$87.00

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



First Sunday of Advent



~ Wish List ~

OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 9-15

- Melchia Athanase Dec. 10
- Bernice Boynes Dec. 13
- Charlie Roddy Dec. 13
- Eulogia Caraballo Dec. 14
- Neya Calixte Dec. 14

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

- Upholstering the 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 Retirement Fund for Religious, a national collection.
- **LECTOR'S WORKSHOP:** A lector's workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 in the church. The workshop is open to lectors and potential lectors.
- **PRE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** OLMC Religious Education and Youth will hold a pre-Christmas program at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. All are invited.
- **RAFFLE:** OLMC is holding a raffle to raise funds for the operating expenses of the Our Lady of Charity Homeless Shelter. There are 15 prizes. Prizes include a 2-night/3-day stay at a resort; dinners; a spa treatment; and many more. The drawing will be held on Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 for one ticket or \$100 for a book of 11 tickets. Tickets are available in the church office.
- **PRE-CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The St. Joseph Workers of Holy Family Church would like to thank everyone who attended the pre-Christmas concert.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church. Classes are held at 10 a.m. Saturdays.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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,

- * 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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- * Scan the QR Code to the left.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Psalms 85

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

In today's first reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the LORD will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets today, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion we hear called for in the second reading, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for his coming.



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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 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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