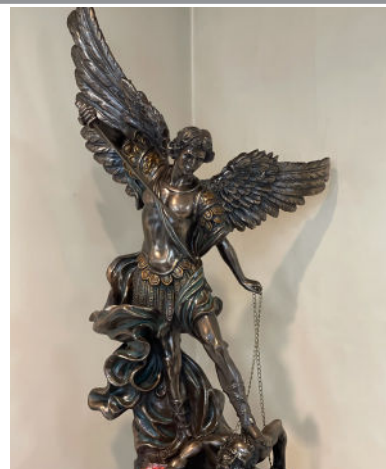


Mass Intentions: Dec. 14-20, 2024

Sat. Dec. 14	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Dennis Kardos requested by Kim and Bob Unhoch & for Denis Stephen, Nick Nicholas & Maura Francis for healing requested by Maura Francis
Sun. Dec. 15	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Neya Calixte requested by her family; & in loving memory of Francis Abraham Mohammed requested by the Jean and Mohammed families
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Brian Mitchel requested by Philomene Mitchel
	12:30 p.m.	For the youth in our parish
(Coral Bay) (Spanish)	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Dec. 17 (Coral Bay)	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Jeffrey O'Bryan, Robert & Barbara Jones, Charity & Thomas Dey & Outsourcing Unlimited Services; & in loving memory of Jennie O'Bryan
Wed. Dec. 18	6 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Agnes Louis, Jill & Christopher & Hargis & CBI Acquisitions
Thu. Dec. 19	7 a.m.	In thanksgiving to Mark Dail, Michael Park, Yuri Gaspar & Michael & Ursula Bumpass
Fri. Dec. 20	7 a.m.	In loving memory of Emmanuel Dalmida requested by Mary Dalmida; in thanksgiving to Charles & Kathleen Springer & Richard & Mardell Baum; & for Fr. Rick Poblocki for God's healing requested by Stan & Liza Nowacki



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.**

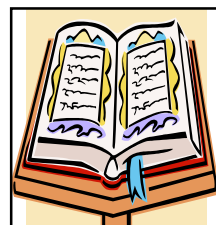
Monday: Dec. 16
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Dec. 17
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Dec. 18
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Dec. 19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Daily Readings



Friday: Dec. 20
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Dec. 21
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Dec. 22
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 7	6 p.m.	\$436.00
Dec. 8	7:30 a.m.	\$567.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$961.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$142.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$75.00

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

Diocesan Advent Mission



The Diocese of St. Thomas in the V.I. presented an Advent Mission, "Living the message of hope in our Diocese," from Dec. 10 to 12, 2024. The first night was at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral; the second, at Holy Family; & the third, at OLMC. Fr. Joseph Toko gave a talk at OLMC on the theme, "Living the message of hope in our families." The evening included confession & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The children, youth and young adult from the churches on St. John and St. Thomas attended the Advent Mission on Wednesday with theme, "Living the message of hope for our young people." Fr. Ronan Sarmiento led the youth night.



Save the Date



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 altar flowers.
- **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** The OLMC Religious Education students will hold a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. All are invited.
- **COOKING FOR SHELTER:** We are looking for individuals or families to provide lunch on the weekend for the homeless shelter residents. If you are interested, call the church office at 340-776-6339.
- **LIVE STREAMING:** For those who do the livestream and projector who have not met with Catherine, please schedule a time to meet with her. Call the office at 776-6339.
- **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.
- **FENCING ST. THERESE:** Make a donation to fence the property at St. Therese Chapel. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Youth ages 11 and up are welcome.
- **LEARN TO SWIM:** 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 & up are welcome. Adults & children are invited. Register at www.friendsvinp.org.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS:** We are accepting registration for new students for Religious Education. Forms are available at the back of the church. Classes are held on Saturdays at 10 a.m.



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.
- * PayPal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (olmc@hotmail.com)
- * Scan the QR Code.

Donations are tax-deductible.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Zep 3:14-18a The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.

Isaiah 12 "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

Luke 3:10-18 They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

We hear Paul say, "The Lord is near," in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We're just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in his name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God's word. Warmed by the Lord's presence, let us listen for his voice in the words of scripture.



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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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- Commercial tent for Coral Bay ~ \$12,000.00
- Office trailer for shelter ~ \$500 per month or \$25,500 to purchase
- New upright piano

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OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 14-20

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|---------------------|---------|
| • Eulogia Caraballo | Dec. 14 |
| • Neya Calixte | Dec. 14 |
| • Yolanda Morton | Dec. 18 |
| • Christine Watson | Dec. 20 |

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

~ Altar Flowers ~

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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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