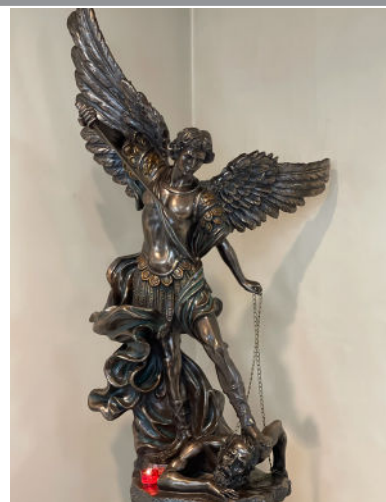


Mass Intentions: Dec. 16-22, 2023

Sat. Dec. 16	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Byron Mitchel requested by Philomene Mitchel Giraud
Sun. Dec. 17	7:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Walter Wojan requested by Tom and Dee Conrad
	9:30 a.m.	For Mary and Bill Mullins, Elke Kappler, Mitch Athanase and Felis Burin for healing requested by Mary Athanase
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community of St. John
Tue. Dec. 19	6 p.m.	For Patti Nolan for God's blessings
Wed. Dec. 20	6 p.m.	For the homeless in our community
Thu. Dec. 21	7 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Ronald Lee Jr.
Fri. Dec. 22	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles & her children & Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles

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

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

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

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

Friday: Dec. 22
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Dec. 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: Dec. 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 9	6 p.m.	\$375.00
Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.	\$360.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,362.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$62.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$106.00

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



Second Sunday of Advent



~ Wish List ~

OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 16-22

- Yolanda Morton Dec. 18
- Celso Principaal Dec. 18
- Glycerius Herman Dec. 21
- Ronald Lee Jr. Dec. 21
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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 altar flowers.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24:

Mass: 6:30 p.m.

Carols: 9:30 p.m.

Mass: 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25:

Mass: 8:30 a.m. &

11:30 a.m. (Coral Bay)

New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31:

Mass: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Hour: 9:30 p.m.

Mass: 10:30 p.m.

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1:

Mass: 8:30 a.m. &

11:30 a.m. (Coral Bay)

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 I rejoice heartily in the Lord.
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 "My soul rejoices in my God."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
John 1:6-8, 19-28 There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

On Gaudete Sunday a theme of joy runs through our readings. Isaiah, returning to the promised land after years of exile, describes the wonders God will accomplish. In the psalm we sing that our souls rejoice in our God. Paul closes his letter to the Thessalonians by reminding them to rejoice always. Finally, we hear John the Baptist testify that he is not worthy to even untie the sandal strap of the One who is coming, the light, the Christ. May the joy we hear in God's word rub off on us.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has obtained property in Cruz Bay to build a homeless shelter.

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: Our Lady of Charity Shelter.

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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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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)

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