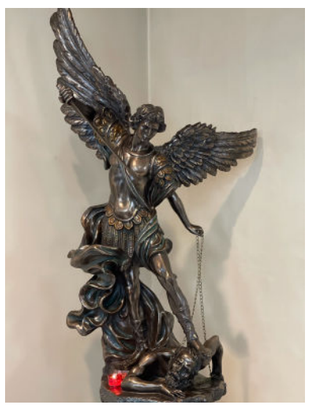
Mass Intentions: Dec. 24-30, 2022

Sat. Dec. 24	6 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Reanna Victorin requested by Colleen Esprit-Victorin
	10:30 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Rev. Mr. Cassius Mathurin requested Janice Mathurin
Sun. Dec. 25	7:30 a.m.	For the Smith family for God's blessings requested by Annette Smith
	9:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Liandra Dagou requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay Community
	5:30 p.m.	For the Hispanic Community on St. John
Tue. Dec. 27	6 p.m.	For the sick in our community
Wed. Dec. 28	6 p.m.	For the homeless in our community
Thu. Dec. 29	7 a.m.	For Brian Rector for God's blessings requested by Jan Rector
Fri. Dec. 30	7 a.m.	For Mark Rector for God's blessings requested by Jan Rector

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. 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: Dec. 27
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday: Dec. 28
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: Dec. 29
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Dec. 30
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: Dec. 31
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Jan. 1
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 17	6 p.m.	$418.00
Dec. 18	7:30 a.m.	$275.00
	9:30 a.m.	$937.00
	12:30 p.m.	$110.50

If you would like to donate the SANCTUARY CANDLE or ALTAR FLOWERS in memory of someone or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the office and schedule a date. A free will donation is welcome.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24:
Mass: 6 p.m.
Carols: 9:30 p.m.
Mass: 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25:
Mass: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Coral Bay)
5:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

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New Year's Eve: Saturday, December 31:
Mass: 6 p.m.
Holy Hour: 9:30 p.m.
Mass: 10:30 p.m.

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1:
Mass: 8:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (Coral Bay)

OLMC Mem ber Birthdays Dec. 24-30

- Deacon Cassius Mathurin Dec. 24
- Reanna Victorin Dec. 24
- Julia Joseph-Mingo Dec. 24
- Noellise Powell Dec. 25
- Amerie Otto Dec. 26
- Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. Dec. 27
- Liandra Dagou Dec. 29

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

~ Wish List ~

- New temporary tent for Coral Bay = $2,500.00

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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 to assist the poor and less fortunate.
- **CLOSING:** OLMC office and Catholic Charities' office and soup kitchen will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26.
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** About 9 youth from our Youth Group are interested in attending March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January. To raise funds, the youth will play steel pan after the Masses on Christmas Day and also will hold a bake sale. The cost per youth is about $2,000.00, which includes air-fare, hotel and transportation. For more information, call the church office at 340-776-6339.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Religious Education will resume in January 2023. The exact date will be announced.
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Prayer Meeting will resume in January 2023.
- **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.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.

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

Vigil: #13: Isaiah 62:1–5; Psalm 89; Acts 13:16–17, 22–25; Matthew 1:1–25 or 1:18–25

Hundreds of years before Christ was born, Isaiah saw that a day would dawn when God's people would rejoice with delight. That day has come. Paul testifies in Acts and Matthew in his Gospel that Jesus is the Messiah, descended from Abraham and Sarah, traced back to King David, heralded by John the Baptist, conceived through the Holy Spirit, and born of Mary. Emmanuel—God with us — is named Jesus because he will be our Savior. Let us welcome him into our hearts on this holy night.

Night: #14: Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14

In the darkness of this holy night, we celebrate the birth of the world's true light. The Prince of Peace, whom Isaiah prophesied and the angels proclaimed, was born to Mary in the city of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a simple manger. There was no room for him in the inn, so let us always make room for him in our hearts, our lives, and our world.

Dawn: #15: Isaiah 62:11–12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4–7; Luke 2:15–20

Isaiah prophesied that the LORD would proclaim that a savior would come and a people would be redeemed. On the night Jesus was born, the shepherds are the first to hear this proclamation. At once they go to Bethlehem. They find Mary, Joseph, and the infant, and they repeat the angels' message. When they leave, they glorify and praise God. May we accompany the shepherds this morning, find Jesus born in our midst, and give praise and thanks to God.

Day: #16: Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1–6; John 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14

God's sentinels cry out with joy, for the saving power of God has become incarnate in our world. The Word is made flesh for us on this holy day. God's word now dwells among us, bringing light, bringing truth, bringing grace, bringing peace, bringing good news, bringing salvation. Let us open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to God's extraordinary and eternal gift.

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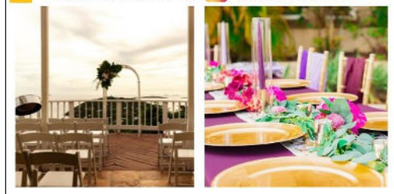

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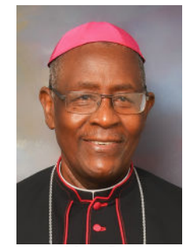

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Week in Preview

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)

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Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
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Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Thursdays & Fridays
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Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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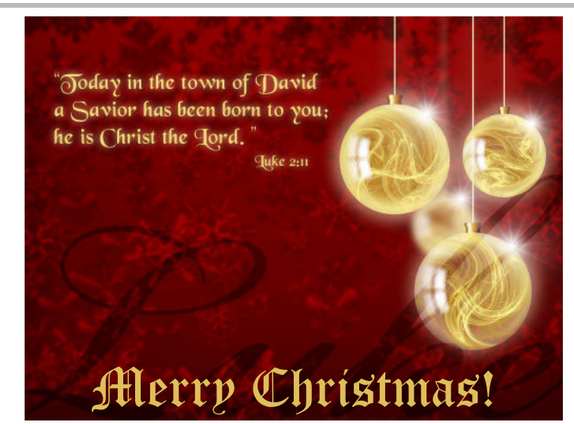

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