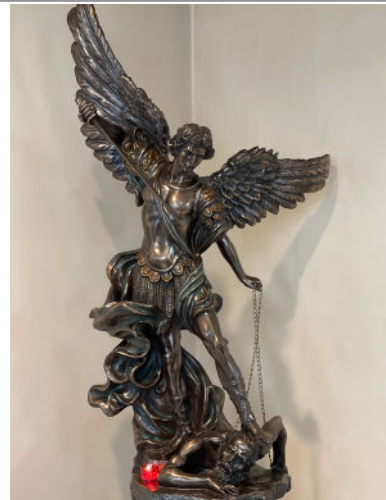


## Mass Intentions: Dec. 23-29, 2023

Sat. Dec. 23	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Stella Krawiec requested by Frank Krawiec & family
Sun. Dec. 24	7:30 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Deacon Michael Jackson Sr. and Amerie Otto requested by their families
	9:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Edward and Teresita Nunez requested by their daughters; and birthday blessings for Liandra Dagou requested by her family
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	6:30 p.m.	Anniversary blessings for Paul and Helen Peltier and birthday blessings for Reanna Victorin requested by Colleen Victorin
	10:30 p.m.	Birthday blessings for Deacon Cassius Mathurin requested Janice Mathurin
Mon. Dec. 25	8:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Chandler Heath requested by Mary Athanase
	11:30 a.m.	For the Coral Bay community
Tue. Dec. 26	6 p.m.	Anniversary blessings for Deacon Evans and Digna Doway
Wed. Dec. 27	6 p.m.	In loving memory of Marcel Metor requested by Maggie Metor; & anniversary blessings for Paul and Helen Peltier
Thu. Dec. 28	7 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Suzette Nicholzen requested by her family
Fri. Dec. 29	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles & her children & Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles

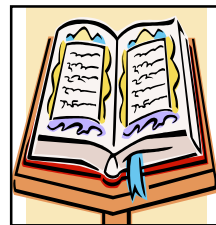
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### St. Michael Prayer

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. 25**  
**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25;  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14;  
 Lk 2:1-14; **Day:** Is 52:7-10;  
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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

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

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

### Friday: Dec. 29

1 Jn 2:3-11  
 Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday: Dec. 30

1 Jn 2:12-17  
 Lk 2:36-40

### Sunday: Dec. 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Col 3:12-21 or  
 3:12-17  
 Lk 2:22-40

## Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 16	6 p.m.	\$316.00
Dec. 17	7:30 a.m.	\$288.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$1,182.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$138.00
	5:30 p.m.	\$62.00

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

## Third Sunday of Advent



### ~ Wish List ~

### OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 23-29

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

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 to assist the poor and less fortunate in our community.
- CONDOLENCES:** OLMC extends condolences to Mary Athanase & family on the passing of her brother, McClaud "Mac" James.
- CLOSINGS:** The OLMC office and Catholic Charities office and soup kitchen will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26.
- 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.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

### 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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

Psalms 89

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Luke 1:26-38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.



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,

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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.

#### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 5 p.m.; after Masses; or by appointment

### Hours

#### The Church is open

Mondays to Fridays:  
7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Office Hours

Mondays to Fridays:  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Pastor's Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays:  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Call for an appointment



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