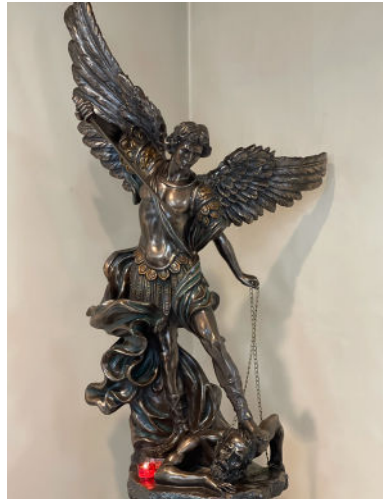


## Mass Intentions: Dec. 30, 2023-Jan. 5, 2024

Sat. Dec. 30	6 p.m.	For the repose of the soul of Stella Krawiec requested by Frank Krawiec & family
Sun. Dec. 31	7:30 a.m.	For Patti Nolan for God's blessings and deliverance
	9:30 a.m.	For Barry, Patrick and David for God's blessings & deliverance requested by Patti
	12:30 p.m.	For the Coral Bay community
	6:30 p.m.	For OLMC benefactors
	10:30 p.m.	For OLMC parishioners
Mon. Jan. 1	8:30 a.m.	In loving memory of Lea Hippolyte & birthday blessings for Amelia Hippolyte
	11:30 a.m.	For peace throughout the world requested by Patti Nolan
Tue. Jan. 2	6 p.m.	For Patti's family and friends for God's blessings
Wed. Jan. 3	6 p.m.	For the sick in our parish
Thu. Jan. 4	7 a.m.	For souls in purgatory
Fri. Jan. 5	7 a.m.	For Cynthia Charles & her children and Tommy Charles for God's blessings, deliverance and protection requested by Cynthia Charles

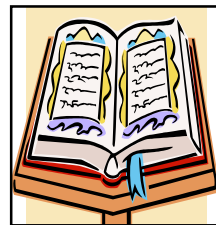
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### St. Michael Prayer

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

**Tuesday: Jan. 2**  
1 Jn 2:22-28  
Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday: Jan. 3**  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday: Jan. 4**  
1 Jn 3:7-10  
Jn 1:35-42

**Friday: Jan. 5**  
1 Jn 3:11-21  
Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday: Jan. 6**  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Mk 1:7-11

**Sunday: Jan. 7**  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

## Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 23	6 p.m.	\$329.00
Dec. 24	7:30 a.m.	\$333.00
	9:30 a.m.	\$847.00
	12:30 p.m.	\$115.00

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



### Fourth Sunday of Advent



### ~ Wish List ~

### OLMC Member Birthdays Dec. 30-Jan. 5

- Marcella Calixte Jan. 2
- Fabio Castro Jan. 3
- Amelia Hippolyte Jan. 5

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.

- **CLOSINGS:** The OLMC office and Catholic Charities office and soup kitchen will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.
- **ALL-NIGHT VIGIL:** All-night vigil will be held on Friday, Jan. 5 starting at 7 p.m.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** The winners of Our Lady of Charity's raffle are: **first prize:** Gwenda Dagou; **second:** Eulogia Villar; **third:** Ronald Lee Jr.; **fourth:** Shara Andre; **fifth:** Brian John; **sixth:** Jacquiel Fredericks; **seventh,** Agnes Ward; **eighth,** Peter A. Laurencin; **ninth,** Jose Manuel Mejia; **10th:** Jules LaGarde; **11th: Amelia Hippolyte;** **12th:** Helen Jones; **13th:** M. Milne; **14th:** Melchia Athanase; **15th:** Ivo Philbert; & **16th:** Sue Montchyk.
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** March for Life 2024 will be held from Jan. 17-21, 2024. We estimate \$2,000 per child including transportation, hotel and airfare. If you are interested in sponsoring a youth, call the office at 340-776-6339.
- **MEMBER REGISTRATION:** Please fill out a parish registration form if you are not registered or if your information needs to be updated.
- **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.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**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. (Cruz Bay)**

**11:30 a.m. (Coral Bay)**

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14** Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.  
**Psalm 128** "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."  
**Colossians 3:12-21** Clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy.  
**Luke 2:22-40** The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

Today we hear practical guidance and wonderful inspiration regarding treating those close to us, particularly family members. Sirach, which has provided moral teachings since the second century BCE, speaks of the honor we owe our parents, especially as they age. Saint Paul counsels the early Christians in the virtues that should direct how we treat others. Luke relates the profound responses the child Jesus elicited in the temple when Mary and Joseph presented him to the Lord.



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

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Abraham  
**Administrative Assistant:** Simonia Dagou  
**Religious Education Coordinators:** Rebecca Sosa & Melchia Athanase  
**Parish Council President:** Linique Dagou  
**Deacons:** Evans Doway, Peter C. Laurencin, Cassius Mathurin & Michael Jackson Sr.  
**Acolytes:** Hayden Smith & Audy Castillo  
**Youth Group President:** Liandra Dagou  
**Young Adults President:** Shanekua Tyrell



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:  
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**Pastor's Hours**  
Tuesdays to Fridays:  
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