

April 16, 2023 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour 2-3 p.m.



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday–Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least
six months in advance, **prior** to the
proposed wedding date

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays after 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Tuesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 15

8 a.m. Ralph Haddad

12:05 p.m. Raul Calleja

5 p.m. Msgr. Michael Dempsey

Sunday, April 16

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, April 17

8 a.m. Gloria Rodriguez

12:05 p.m. Cesar Lopez

Tuesday, April 18

8 a.m. Elaine Trubia

12:05 p.m. Ulysses Batalla

Wednesday, April 19

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Rosario family

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Thursday, April 20

8 a.m. Lily Eng

12:05 p.m. Patrick Farrell

Friday, April 21

Saint Anselm

8 a.m. Jose Estevez

12:05 p.m. Carola Osorio

Saturday, April 22

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Andrea (Andy) Ceriello

5 p.m. Richard A. Mohr

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czustkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Annette Fridas, Jacqeline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, Elaine M. Kuzlik, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansaithong, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Remington Stafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

WELCOME! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 16

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

2–3 p.m. church: Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Monday, April 17

After 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses church:
Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

7 p.m. rectory basement meeting room: Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, April 18

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 19

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, April 20

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

Friday, April 21

6:30–8:30 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO Talent Show Night
(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, April 22

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1 p.m. rectory basement meeting room: Single Adults Group Game Day

1 p.m. WEDDING

Juliette Koronkiewicz/Giancarlo DeSena

The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp

are offered in loving memory of

Agrippina Gould

—requested by John and Cara Gould

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Austine E. Olson

—requested by the Soderberg family

Remember Our Deceased

Richard Baxter

Sonia Baxter

Honora Brown

Anthony DeVincenzo

Betty Ann Doyle

Katherine Kuzma

Adoracion Millares

Jose Millares

Jason Ponze

Coila Sturdevant

Francesca Valdivia

We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad

Eric Böhm, Sergio Borrero, Thaddeus Buenaventura, Ricardo Cantillo, Bobby DiTroia, Armando Fellin, Andrew Gonzalez, A. Jay James, William (Will) Klos, Michael Le Floch, Louis Mannino, Gabriella Mattson, Justin Pabse, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

Pope Francis on Mercy

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

REFLECT: “How many are the expressions of mercy with which God encounters us? They are numerous and it is impossible to describe them all, for the mercy of God continually increases.... This mercy comes to us as closeness and tenderness, and because of this, comes also as compassion and solidarity, as consolation and forgiveness. The more we receive, the more we are called to share it with others; it cannot be kept hidden or kept only for ourselves. It is something which burns within our hearts, driving us to love, thus recognizing the face of Jesus Christ, above all in those who are most distant, weak, alone, confused and marginalized....

“Dear brothers and sisters, mercy never allows us to feel satisfied. It is the love of Christ which makes us restless until we reach the goal; it impels us to embrace, welcome and include those who need mercy, so that all may be reconciled with the Father. We ought not to fear for it is a love which comes to us and involves us to such an extent that we go beyond ourselves, enabling us to see his face in our brothers and sisters. Let us allow ourselves to be humbly guided by this love; then we will become merciful as the Father is merciful....

“It is good that it is the Holy Spirit who guides us: he is love, he is the mercy that is poured into our hearts. May we not place obstacles to his life-giving work but with docility follow the path he shows us. Let us open our hearts so that the Spirit can transform us; thus forgiven, reconciled, and sheltered in our Lord's wounds, we will become witnesses to the joy that brims over on finding the risen Lord, alive among us.” (April 2, 2016)

LEARN: Read Pope Francis's April 2, 2016, address on the occasion of the Jubilee of Divine Mercy, in its entirety, at <https://bit.ly/3noCilp>.

To learn more about legislative issues that affect us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we encourage you to sign up for “Action Alerts” from the NY State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Order of Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #165—“Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today”

MASS PARTS

Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” (*G. Young*)—*Choir*
Missal #514—“We Walk by Faith”

COMMUNION

“Aurora Coelum Purpat” (*P. Yon*)—*Choir*
Missal #187—“Regina Caeli”—*Leader of song*
Missal #172—“Ye Sons and Daughters”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #178—“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EXPOSITION (after 1 p.m. Mass)

Missal #169—“Alleluia! Alleluia! (Holy Anthem)”
“O Salutaris Hostias” (A. Werner)

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the building housing OLQM Catholic Academy. There is also an envelope for fuel.
- » April 23 the second collection is for grounds maintenance. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or sign up for online Parish Giving.
- » For online [Parish Giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-giving) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

About Next Week's Special Collection for the Catholic Home Missions. Your generous donations will help to strengthen the Church here at home by funding grants that the Catholic bishops award to dozens of resource-poor dioceses across the United States and in its territories and former territories.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

All are invited to join us for Exposition after today's last Mass. The message of the Divine Mercy is that God loves all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins so that we will call on Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

2 p.m.

**Exposition and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

3 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. The next meetings are on **April 17, May 15, and June 26**. All meetings start at **7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the bereavement group facilitator, Mike Acquilano, at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Memorialize a Loved One

Consider honoring a deceased loved one with a memorial of the Wine and Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, or Altar Flowers. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial of any kind, or to make a Mass request and offering, call or visit the rectory during business hours.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Single Adults Group Game Day

This month's meeting is Saturday, **April 22 at 1 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Immediately following the meeting, it's Game Day! Someone will be bringing trivia games, but anyone should feel free to bring other board games if you like, and some snack food or beverages to share. Questions about the meeting or the group? Please call the hotline at **718-361-3201** or email dmtdemaria@hotmail.com.



Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic: St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The Monday evening group is engaged in a year-long study of the Sunday Reading Reflections. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. The charismatic group holds weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

All these groups welcome new members!

Sacred Music Society's Spring Sweepstakes

Support the music ministry of our parish! Sweepstakes tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses the weekends of **May 13/14, 20/21, 27/28**. Sweepstakes drawing is Sunday, May 28 after 1 p.m. Mass. Only 100 tickets are being sold, so your winning probability is good! Tickets are \$50 each. Winner receives \$1,000. We hope all will participate!

Roaring 20s Spring Bash for OLQM Catholic Academy

Saturday, May 13 from 6:30–11 p.m. McLaughlin Hall. Roaring 20s style dinner-dance (with a 2023 twist). Plus raffle prizes. All to benefit OLQM Catholic Academy (OLQMCA). **Tickets: \$80/person; \$750 for a table of 10.** Includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, coffee. BYOB. Reservations required. Purchase your tickets by April 28. Mail checks (payable to OLQMCA) to OLQMCA Spring Bash, 7255 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375. Questions? Email or call the school: info@olqmca.org; 718-263-2622.

K-8 Tuition Assistance Applications Are Due April 30

Financial aid is for eligible students enrolled in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. For the eligibility requirements and the online application, go to www.FuturesinEducation.org or call 718-965-7340.

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Cameron Gerard Angelastro

son of Jessica and Daniel Angelastro

Chloe Adele Chamocho

daughter of Jamie and Charlie Chamocho

Monix Ligas Quidlat

daughter of Loraine Mae Ligas and Dixon Quidlat

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Car-Free Austin Street?

Community Board 6 has voted on a resolution requesting that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study “a possible redesign of Austin Street as a first step for higher pedestrian safety and lower car congestion.” Depending on what the study recommends, Austin Street could become less accessible to people coming to our academy or our Church. The study may recommend banning cars on Austin Street and eliminating parking.

If you wish to express your opinion on this issue to the DOT and Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia, contact them online (use this bitly link: <https://on.nyc.gov/3Taj9iT>). You might also want to read the letter and sign a petition from the Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce, which you can find at <https://bit.ly/42ejzS>. (We have this information with links to the petition on our parish website, in the News section.)

—Weekly Collections—

	April 2	April 9
Candle Offerings	\$1,906.00	\$2,192.00
1st Collection	9,203.00	16,772.00
2nd Collection (<i>pastoral care</i>)	2,152.00	-
Easter Gift to Church	11,063.00	-
2nd Collection (<i>Easter music/liturgy</i>)	-	4,108.00
Holy Thursday (4/6)	-	3,175.00
Good Friday Stations (4/7)	-	2,305.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>24,324.00</u>	<u>28,552.00</u>
Mail In	4,530.00	3,340.00
Parish Giving Online	4,433.22	7,141.45
TOTAL	33,287.22	39,033.45
Weekly Income Needs*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	10,137.22	15,883.45

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Special Collections

Good Friday/Holy Land (4/7)	\$4,086.00
Easter Offering for Senior Priests (4/9)	4,258.00

Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish.

Consider a Legacy Gift

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. Additional information on leaving a legacy gift is available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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Religious Education Office:
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RCIA Office:
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OLQM Charity Outreach:
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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sundays at 11:15AM & available in its entirety on demand. Use “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.



Memorable Lent & Easter

We thank everyone for making the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter at our parish extraordinary. We have more pictures in the photo gallery section of our website. Pictured are a few highlights. (1) Bishop Robert Brennan celebrated Mass and Holy Hour with us on March 21 for the Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage. (2) Bishop Sanchez read the prayer before the Blessed Palm Procession for Palm Sunday. (3) Holy Thursday repository. (4) Good Friday Veneration of the Cross. (5) The newly baptized (white robes) and confirmed (red robes) from RCLA were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. (6) Parish members of the Order of Malta and the concelebrating clergy after the Easter Vigil Mass. We extend a special thank-you to Father Joseph Holcomb, diocesan director of seminarians (pictured on the far left in the back row), for joining us for Easter.

Spring Calendar at OLQM

- Saturday, May 6: **First Holy Communion**, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, May 7: **Living Rosary**, after 1 p.m. Mass in the church plaza
- Monday, May 8: **May Crowning** with 8th graders, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, May 13: **OLQMCA Spring Bash**, 6:30-11 p.m., McLaughlin Hall
- Weekend, May 13/14: **Mother's Day blessing** at all Masses
- Weekends, May 13/14, 20/21, 27/28: **Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes**, tickets on sale after Sunday Masses
- Thursday, May 18: **Ascension of the Lord**, Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. (5/17); holy day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
- Sunday, May 28: **Pentecost**, 4 p.m. Confirmation Mass

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

"The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with an increase to the Lord."

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the Annual Catholic Appeal and the good work being done by the ministries operated by the Diocese, including Catholic Charities. If you received an ACA envelope at home, please use it. Or take an envelope from the church. You may also make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.org (be sure to select OLQM as your parish) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

