

December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 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 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org



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information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

5 p.m. Zofia Tyszko

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

8:05 a.m. James Cruz

12:05 p.m. Flordeliza Manald [living]

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:05 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Cerminaro family

Wednesday, December 13

Saint Lucy

8:05 a.m. St. Lucy

12:05 p.m. Frances De Biase

Thursday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

8:05 a.m. Anna Velez

12:05 p.m. Anna Primiano

Friday, December 15

8:05 a.m. Maria Celana

12:05 p.m. Tina Ciaravolo [living]

Saturday, December 16

8:05 a.m. Domingo Galicia [living]

12:05 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

5 p.m. Carmine Yodice

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarías, Grace Banks, Robert Battista, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Stephen Gavosto, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicololois, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Jovanka Radeka, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Deacon Elias Yepes —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, 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, December 10

4 p.m. church: **A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Admission by ticket only. Tickets available at the door.
\$30. Children 12 & under free



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE/TOY DRIVE
Last Weekend to Drop Off Gifts

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, December 11

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

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

Tuesday, December 12

11:30 a.m. church: **Confessions**

12:05 Mass: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Bring roses to place at the base of the picture of Our Lady

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

Wednesday, December 13

Religious Education

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

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

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

Thursday, December 14

11:30 a.m. church: **Confessions**

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 15

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall*: **MAYO Christmas Party**
(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, December 16

12:45 p.m. church: **Confessions**

NEXT WEEK: **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

SEE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ON PAGE 6

The **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered in loving memory of
Agrippina Gould
—requested by John Gould

Remember Our Deceased

Msgr. John E. Delendick
Laura Ifeoma Ike
Daria Krasa



Mary McCarthy
Harry Singh

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 Teaching

Reasons of the Heart 2: Love and the Disposition to Faith

"You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you." (Saint Augustine)

REFLECT: "The arguments of the heart can be formulated in various ways. For example, we can grasp the notion that, if God does not exist or does not concern Himself with our salvation, then the hunger of man's heart that seeks to love Absolute Goodness will have no object worthy of its love, no object in which man's aspirations can come finally to rest..."

"[In addition], genuine human love ... shows us that our loved ones need and deserve more love than we are able to give them. We sense dimly that our finality is to love and be loved in a divine way, more than any finite person could offer. If God does not exist, this finality of the human person would be forever in vain.

"We also grasp that men deserve this greater or divine love because we sense dimly the truth of the biblical phrase that man is made in the image and likeness of God... If God does not exist, then there is no loving providence at the very basis of our existence as the ultimate reason for our coming into the world. We would be nothing more than products of blind chance and freak accidents of an intrinsically meaningless world..."

"[But love tells us that this cannot be so, and we draw a different conclusion. If our] nature tends naturally and consistently towards a certain end, then that end must not be naturally or intrinsically impossible. For, if it were impossible, then the creature would be absurd in that it has a natural inclination to something that is naturally impossible... Therefore, such an end must be possible to attain and also, therefore, must exist. And an absolute good can be nothing other than a loving God who is possessed by being known and loved." (Feingold, 2016)

LEARN: Read Lawrence Feingold's *Faith Comes from What Is Heard: An Introduction to Fundamental Theology* (Steubenville, Ohio: Emmaus Road Publishing, 2016). Available at your favorite bookstore.

Be an Informed Citizen. 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #41—"On Jordan's Bank"

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*"And the Glory" (G. F. Handel)—Choir
Missal #48—"Beyond the Moon and Stars"*

COMMUNION

*"Benedictus in C" (C. V. Stanford)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #614—"Like a Shepherd"*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #42—"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for winter fuel.
- » On December 17, the second collection is My Christmas Gift to My Church.
- » 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.
- » For Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



A Christmas Festival at 4 pm

TODAY: Tickets \$30 at the door. Children 12 & under free.



RECENTLY AT OLQM: RING DAY—The 8th graders of OLQM Catholic Academy received their school rings at a beautiful ceremony in our church on November 22. Fr. Passenant blessed the rings. Afterward, the students and their teacher, Mrs. Doreen Caracappa, posed for a happy picture. May their school rings always bring good memories of their time at OLQMCA.



God bless you for your generosity to OLQM Parish during this Christmas season.

LAST CALL: To request a memorial tree, poinsettia, or wreath, please call or visit the rectory. The 12:05 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be celebrated for the intentions of those memorialized and the donors to the Christmas Flowers collection.

Advent at OLQM

Tuesday, December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Congregation is invited to bring roses to arrange in vases at the base of the picture of Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas.

Weekend, December 16 & 17

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bring the baby Jesus statues from your home Nativity set to any Sunday Mass to be blessed.

Monday, December 18

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Extend hours for Christmas confessions at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 through Saturday, December 23

"O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

After the 12:05 p.m. Mass daily, we will recite prayers to make immediate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

End-of-Year Reminder

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Are Due by December 31

Your response to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has been phenomenal. We successfully met our Appeal goal for this year. In fact, we are *NEARLY \$32,000 OVER GOAL* in paid pledges! Another \$8,500 in pledges is outstanding. Please fulfill all outstanding pledges by December 31. The amounts paid over goal are refunded to our parish.

Parish Goal:
\$114,568
Achieved!

Pledged: \$154,780
Paid Pledges: \$146,208
Donors: 317

OLQM Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Nov 25/26
to Dec 9/10

* Leave all gifts UNWRAPPED with the original tag attached (if you have one) at the designated drop-off point in the church today. Please avoid leaving gifts unattended in the church vestibule.

* * Gift cards can be dropped in the rectory mailbox (write "Giving Tree" on the gift card envelope).

Thank you for your generosity!



Bereavement Support at the Holidays

The holiday seasons can very difficult for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. Memories serve as constant reminders of loss. Watching others celebrate can be overwhelming. The parish bereavement support 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 (third or fourth Monday). The next meeting is **December 18 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). For more information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Jaxon Layne Alonzo

son of Erin Pluguez and Hendrick Alonzo

Amira Lynn Burgos

daughter of Amanda Lee Burgos

Olivia Francesca Concepcion Ioffe

daughter of Kiara and Filipp Ioffe

Antonela Leilani Kuzyk

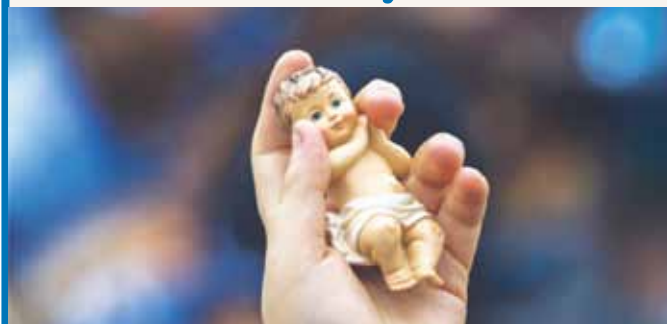
daughter of Alyssa Annicaro and Daniel Kuzyk

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the best gifts you can give yourself for Christmas!

We are making the sacrament of reconciliation more available for everyone to participate in by offering extended hours for confessions in preparation for Christmas. On **Monday, December 18**, our priests will be available to hear confessions in the morning (11:15 a.m.), afternoon (4 p.m.), and evening (7 p.m.). If you are unable to stop by our church during those times, then consider visiting a church near where you work or will be traveling that day and inquiring about their confession schedule. Every parish in the entire Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens and the Archdiocese of New York will have extended confession hours on December 18.

Bambinelli Blessing at Next Sunday Masses



The blessing of the *bambinelli* (Italian for baby Jesus) is a tradition that began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Father invites children to bring the bambinelli from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. We have been observing this tradition in our parish for several years. Everyone—young and old—is invited to bring your bambinelli to any Sunday Mass next week (December 16/17) to be blessed. It is a sweet way to make the connection between the Christmas tree at home and the church as we look forward to the joy of the birth of Our Savior.

Help Us Keep the Church Clean. Please do not leave cards, prayer books, or other religious material you receive in your personal mail in the church. If you do not want these items, they can be respectfully disposed of at home with your other unwanted mail. Thank you for complying so we can keep the church tidy and presentable for everyone who attends services.

—Weekly Collections—

	Dec 3
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,581.00
1st Collection	\$ 6,606.03
2nd Collection (<i>Christmas music & liturgy</i>)	\$ 2,242.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>10,429.03</u>
Online Parish Giving	\$ 7,164.34
Mail In	\$ 3,240.00
TOTAL	\$20,833.37
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,316.63)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Special Collections

Religious Retirement Fund \$1,506.00
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the 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 Father Passenat or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Contact Us

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www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



2023 Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, December 16 & 23

12:45 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, December 18

11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 pm

Tuesday & Thursday, December 19 & 21

11:30 a.m.

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

No Confessions on December 26

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

*Masses are on the regular weekend schedule
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent*

5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

9 p.m. Christmas Carols

followed by

Christmas Mass at Night

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1, 2024

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

10 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

*The 12:05 Mass will be celebrated
for the intentions of those memorialized
with Christmas wreaths & trees
and the donors to the
Christmas flower fund.*



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults



If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming Catholic, or if you 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 olqmrkia@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.

Community Services

Mental Health Services at St. John's University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike). Testing and therapy for children, adolescents, and adults. To make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.

Assisted Living Residence and Respite Care Available at Dominican Village, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY. To schedule a tour or to request more information, email jford@dominicanvillage.org or call 631-842-6091.



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Current study topic is the Eucharist. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday. 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).