

December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

# 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.

#### TRUSTEES

Roger Aguinaldo  
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**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**  
Deacon Thomas Jorge

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

#### PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

David Close

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lorna Stark

#### 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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
Mondays after 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**  
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

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



#### JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration  
information and form

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

#### GIVE NOW

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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 10*

8 a.m. Elizabeth McAvennie  
12:05 p.m. Deanna Condino [living]  
5 p.m. Celia Uhrman

*Sunday, December 11*

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

*Monday, December 12*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8 a.m. Paul Sequeira  
12:05 p.m. Deceased members of Cerminaro family

*Tuesday, December 13*

**Saint Lucy**

8 a.m. Edward De Maria  
12:05 p.m. Anna Primano

*Wednesday, December 14*

**Saint John of the Cross**

8 a.m. Natividad Castiblanco  
12:05 p.m. Anna Velez

*Thursday, December 15*

8 a.m. Elizabeth McAvennie  
12:05 p.m. Famatta Rose Osode

*Friday, December 16*

8 a.m. Filippo Carnevale  
12:05 p.m. Lougly Gladys Ingo

*Saturday, December 17*

8 a.m. Domingo Galicia [living]  
12:05 p.m. Fred Fairweather  
5 p.m. Carmine Yodice

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, December 11*

All Masses: **Bambinelli Blessings & Giving Tree Gift Collection**

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

4 p.m. church: **A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
Concert admission by ticket only. \$30 at the door.

*Monday, December 12*

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

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

*Tuesday, December 13*

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

*Wednesday, December 14*

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, December 15*

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
(evening Benediction returns February 23, 2023)

*Friday, December 16*

6:30–9 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: **MAYO Ugly Sweater Night**  
(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)

*Saturday, December 17*

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1 p.m. rectory meeting room: Single Adults Group  
Christmas Cheer Meeting (see p. 4)



## Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Clara Ceparano, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## December 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass at 8 a.m. Sung Mass at 12:05 p.m. with roses procession.  
*Please bring roses to place at the base of the picture of Our Lady.*

## Remember Our Deceased

Rose Annese  
Joseph Cleary  
Mary Davio



Frances Hatch  
Mirleine Joseph  
Patricia M. Sharkey

Msgr. Michael Cantley

## 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.**

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## **This Week's Reflection** from Catholic Social Teaching

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe: December 12th Feast Day**

*A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve  
stars. (Revelation 12:1)*

**REFLECT:** “Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of Peace! Save the nations and peoples of this continent... Accompany the Church, which is working in the nations of America, so that she may always preach the Gospel and renew her missionary spirit. Encourage all who devote their lives to the cause of Jesus and the spread of his kingdom.” (Pope St. John Paul II)

“The Church knows and teaches that all the saving influences of the Blessed Virgin on mankind...flow forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ...and draw all their power from it... This saving influence is sustained by the Holy Spirit, who, just as he overshadowed the Virgin Mary when he began in her the divine motherhood, in a similar way constantly sustains her solicitude for the brothers and sisters of her Son....

“The teaching of the Second Vatican Council presents the truth of Mary’s mediation as a sharing in the one unique source that is the mediation of Christ himself... She experiences it continuously and commends it to the hearts of the faithful, so that, encouraged by this maternal help, they may more closely adhere to the Mediator and Redeemer....

“In Mary’s case we have a special and exceptional mediation, based upon her fullness of grace, which was expressed in the complete willingness of the handmaid of the Lord. In response to this interior willingness of his Mother, Jesus Christ prepared her ever more completely to become for all people their mother in the order of grace.... In effect, Mary’s mediation is intimately linked with her motherhood. It possesses a specifically maternal character, which distinguishes it from the mediation of the other creatures who in various and always subordinate ways share in the one mediation of Christ.” (Redemptoris Mater)

**ACT:** As a family, joyfully bless your manger (see <https://bit.ly/3q5tnEI>) and Christmas tree (<https://bit.ly/3EGOpO6>) as children of God.

**LEARN:** Read Pope St. John Paul II’s encyclical Redemptoris Mater (<https://bit.ly/3NM33t6>) and his 1999 homily, which was given at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (see <https://bit.ly/3hhsd6j>).

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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## **Order of Mass**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### **ENTRANCE**

*Missal #59—“The Advent of Our King”*

**MASS PARTS:** Proulx: A Community Mass

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:1-6a

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Lord, come and save us.*

**SECOND READING:** James 5:7-10

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:2-11

#### **HOMILY**

#### **OFFERTORY**

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come” (*P. Manz*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #48—“Beyond the Moon and Stars”*

#### **COMMUNION**

“On Jordan’s Bank” (*arr. M. Archer*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation

*Missal #353—“One Love Released”*

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Missal #70—“Every Valley”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## **Second Collections**

- » Today’s second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for Christmas Music and Liturgy.
- » December 18 second collection is our Christmas gift to the church.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.



## **A Christmas Festival at 4 pm**

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

## Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

**Blythe Angela Rojas Dela Cruz**  
daughter of Jennica Rojas and Brilliant Joshua Dela Cruz

**Julian B. Felix**  
son of Maria and Raymond Felix

**Mia Rose Luzon**  
daughter of Emily Betances Nunez and Edward Luzon

**Luca Semilia**  
son of Jacqueline and Gaetano Semilia

*Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!*

## Single Adults Group News

Good news to share. The group will celebrate returning to in-person meetings with its traditional Christmas Cheer meeting on **Saturday, December 17 at 1 p.m.** in the newly renovated rectory basement meeting room. Attendees should bring some goodies to eat and drink, paper goods, etc. Please RSVP to Denise De Maria at [dmtdemaria@hotmail.com](mailto:dmtdemaria@hotmail.com) or call the hotline at **718-361-3201** by December 14 to let her know what you can bring. Wear your brightest Christmas attire! We hope to do some caroling as well. Masks are suggested but not required. Questions? Call the hotline.

# CHRISTMAS CHEER



**Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees & Poinsettias**

*Deadline is Dec. 13 to make your requests so that Memorials can be listed in the December 25 Christmas bulletin. Contact the rectory ASAP.*

## Christmas Fair at American Martyrs

Today (December 11) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
American Martyrs is at 79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside.



## Giving Thanks for Your Thanksgiving Generosity

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens picked up the food collected during our Thanksgiving Day canned food drive, along with a whole turkey or two! Thanks to all who generously donated and to the students from OLMQ Catholic Academy who brought 140 bags to the van. The food was delivered to St. Pius V parish in Jamaica to help feed the new migrants to our city.

## Giving Tree deadline is NOW

As we do every year, we are collecting as many gifts as possible for boys and girls in time for Christmas!

Leave your UNWRAPPED gifts—with the original tag attached (if you have one)—under the tree in the church. **If you do not have a tag, that's OK.** Simply donate a brand-new gift for a youngster or a teen (age 13 to 18) and attach a label marked Giving Tree Gift to your item. All gifts and gifts cards must be new. You may drop off gifts at the rectory, but please do it early in the week because Catholic Charities is scheduled to pick up all gifts from our parish by December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.



## Blessings to All for Bambinelli Sunday!

Amid the garland and decorating and the flurry of activities getting ready for Christmas Day, today's blessing of the Baby Jesus statues will, we hope, remind everyone of the blessings of our parents, our families, our friends, faith and love in our homes, and most especially, the presence of God made visible through the joyous event of the Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. That is the true celebration of Christmas! After you come forward for the blessing of your Baby Jesus statues today, place him under your Christmas tree at home in the nativity crib and unwrap him on Christmas morning.



## Bereavement Support at the Holidays

Christmas can be a difficult time of year if you have recently experienced the death of a loved one. 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. They meet next on **December 19** and **January 23**. All meetings start at **7 p.m.** An RSVP is required. Please email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org) to confirm your attendance.



## Weekly Collections

	Dec. 4
Candle Offerings	1,168.00
1st Collection	6,867.00
2nd Collection (Pastoral Care)	1,704.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>9,739.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	6,432.24
Mail In	3,220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,391.24</b>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,758.76)

\*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, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

### Special Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,169.00  
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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

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YouTube (Sunday livestream):  
[www.youtube.com/olqmmstewardship](http://www.youtube.com/olqmmstewardship)  
OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

# Christmas Schedule 2022

## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

**Saturday, December 17**

12:45 p.m.

**Reconciliation Monday, December 19**

11:15 a.m., 4–5 p.m. & 7–8pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**December 20, 21 & 22**

11:30 a.m.

*No Confessions on Christmas Eve*

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**December 24**

5 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Mass*

9 p.m. *Christmas Carols*

*followed by*

*Christmas Mass during the Night\**

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**December 25**

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

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

**January 1, 2023**

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**

*Masses are on the regular weekend schedule:*

5 p.m. *Vigil Mass, Dec 31*

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m. on Jan 1

## LIVESTREAM @OLQM

*Each week Sunday Mass at 11:15 a.m. is livestreamed for the benefit of the homebound and the sick who are unable to be in church in person. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast).*

*\* The 9 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night will be livestreamed.*

### **END-OF-YEAR REMINDER**

**Please fulfill your outstanding Annual Catholic Appeal payments by December 31st**

Thanks to the generosity of 343 donors, we exceeded our parish goal by \$31,500. Another \$6,600 in pledges is outstanding. The amount collected over goal returns to our parish, so we are truly grateful and ask that you fulfill any remaining pledges by the end of the year. God bless you for your generosity. As of December 5, 2022:

**Parish Goal: \$114,568**

**Pledged: \$152,745**

**Donors to Date: 343**

**Paid to Date: \$146,102**

## **R C I A**

### **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.

To learn more, contact [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 827, and leave a message (including a call back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.



## **Faith Sharing 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 is St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** The group is engaged in a *year-long study* on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join in the study on Zoom, contact Joe: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com).

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