

December 12, 2021- Third 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 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. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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

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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

8 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Marvin Goldfarb

5 p.m. Dominga Tan Yee Seng

Sunday, December 12

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 13

Saint Lucy

8 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Federico Ramos

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

Tuesday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

8 a.m. Anna Velez

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving - St. Lucy

Wednesday, December 15

8 a.m. Famatta Rose Osode

12:05 p.m. Ralph Damone

Thursday, December 16

8 a.m. Willy Laouy

12:05 p.m. Celia Heeman

Friday, December 17

8 a.m. Domingo Galicia [living]

12:05 p.m. Most Rev. Paul Sanchez 50th Anniversary

Saturday, December 18

8 a.m. Juan Daniel Morales Alva

12:05 p.m. Carmine Yodice

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Man-Wing Au-Yeung, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Shaina Brenen Clemente, Vivian Camporeale, Marc Calef, Susan Campbell, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Daulo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Clare Fabre, Paul Fabre, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Sheila Smith-Gonzalez, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Wing Wan Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvianne Mullholand, Matilde Munoz, Christine Newsom, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Mary Sarro, Scaturro family, Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Robert Sorsaia, Remington Stafford, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Daniella Tavarez, Sen Trinh, Jorge Vasilescu, Lyle Vestermark, Wai-Suet Wong, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Bambinelli Sunday, December 12

All Masses: Blessing of the Baby Jesus Statues

Christmas Giving Tree Deadline

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

4 p.m. church (admission by ticket only):

A CHRISTMAS (MUSIC) FESTIVAL

Monday, December 13

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:30–7:30 p.m. rectory meeting room: Bereavement Support Meeting

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Zoom: Advent Faith Sharing Group

Tuesday, December 14

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, December 15

Religious Education

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

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

Thursday, December 16

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 17

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

At 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses: **'O Antiphons' Begin**

(See p. 6. Take a prayer sheet in church.)

Saturday, December 18

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1 p.m. Zoom: Christmas Cheer with the Single Adults Group

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE APPEARS ON P. 6

RCIA Rite of Welcome & Acceptance at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

May our candidates and catechumens, with their catechist, continue a process of reflection and application of the Scriptures to their own lives.

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Dario Betancourt

Ildefonso Castillo

Dilia Coba

John Gutierrez

Joseph Nguyen Loc

John Presnick

Lacey Straeghtly



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.**

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.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

Gaudete in Domino ("On Christian Joy")

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
(Philippians 4: 4)

REFLECT: "In essence, Christian joy is the spiritual sharing in the unfathomable joy, both divine and human, which is in the heart of Jesus Christ glorified... If Jesus radiates such peace, such assurance, such happiness, such availability, it is by reason of the inexpressible love by which He knows that He is loved by His Father. When He is baptized on the banks of the Jordan, this love, which is present from the first moment of His Incarnation, is manifested: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you.'"... For Jesus, it is not a question of a passing awareness. It is the reverberation in His human consciousness of the love that He has always known as God in the bosom of the Father: 'You loved me before the foundation of the world.'

"And the disciples and all those who believe in Christ are called to share this joy. Jesus wishes them to have in themselves His joy in its fullness. 'I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'... This is why the Christian, though subject to the difficulties of human life, is not reduced to groping for the way; nor does he see in death the end of his hopes..."

"[Rather, his is] a journey to the inner place where the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit welcome [him] into their own intimacy and divine unity ... and a deepening of true knowledge of oneself, as a creature and as a child of God... 'If anyone loves me, my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.'" (Gaudete in Domino)

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

LEARN: Read Pope St Paul VI's encyclical, Gaudete in Domino (On Christian Joy), at <https://bit.ly/3mGGY39>.

To learn more about legislative issues that impact 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

Third Sunday of Advent

Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #710—"Come Now, Almighty King"

MASS PARTS: Proulx: A Community Mass

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 10-18

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" (P. Manz)—Choir
Missal #50—"Waiting in Silence"

COMMUNION

"On Jordan's Bank" (arr. M. Archer)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #349—"The Supper of the Lord"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #581—"Soon and Very Soon"

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is our Christmas gift to the church. There is an envelope for winter fuel. The second collection on December 19 will be for the Religious Retirement Fund, with another envelope for Christmas Music and Liturgy.

» Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our 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.



Golden Jubilee of Priesthood Mass for Bishop Sanchez

Here are but a few pictures from Mass celebrated by Bishop Sanchez last Sunday, December 5, in thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. More photos are posted on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery. Thank you to all who participated in the processions, the Mass, and the celebratory reception afterward. What a day it was!



8 BISHOPS AND A DEACON!—Pictured above (l. to r.): Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Bishop Witold Mroziński, Bishop James Massa, Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop Paul Sanchez, Bishop Raymond Chappetto, Bishop Neil Tiedemann, Bishop Kevin Sweeney of Patterson, NJ; Deacon Greg Kandra of OLM. Photo courtesy Roger Aguinaldo. The picture at left is courtesy Barbara Ann Balzaretta Flannery.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS!—Our parish representatives had a moment to meet our diocese's new shepherd, Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, on the joy-filled day of his Installation Mass on November 30, 2021 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn. Pictured (l to r): Robert Sorsaia, Bishop Brennan, Roger and Ruby Aguinaldo.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Jordan Andrada

daughter of Maria Cristina and Anthony Andrada

Camila Marcelino Atienza

daughter of Mary Sun and Jerone Atienza

Dio Earnest De Layola

son of Melissa and Jhanwed De Layola

Roux Anselm De Layola

son of Melissa and Jhanwed De Layola

Nico Mason Fernandez

son of Victoria and Jeffrey Fernandez

Daniella Meisha Magcanlas Quidlat

daughter of Malka Angelie and Dionel Quidlat

Gaia Paige Riveros

daughter of Ilene and Erik Riveros

Emma Linh Roman

daughter of Elisa and Michael Roman

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Bereavement Support Meeting (In Person)

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Radu Titonea, chaplain at Forest Hills Hospital, has graciously agreed to lead a bereavement group meeting this **Monday, December 13 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.** in our rectory meeting room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the rectory at 718-268-6251.

Advent Faith-Sharing Group (on Zoom)

We invite anyone who is interested to join this small group for prayer and reflection. The group meets **Monday evenings during Advent at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.** They are using the Renew International book “Advent Awakenings-Year C” (available on Amazon for Kindle). To request the Zoom link to join, contact Bob and Melinda Nobbs at 718-805-7232 or email bobmelinda@aol.com.

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Today we observe the Third Sunday of Advent tradition of blessing the baby Jesus statues from your home nativity sets because Christmas is near! It is an especially sweet way to make the connection between the Christmas tree at home and the church where you and your children worship each weekend.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS TODAY
(Deadline to bring to rectory is December 13)

- Leave your UNWRAPPED gifts in church at the tree by the St. Joseph altar today, or you may bring them to the rectory no later than Monday. When returning gifts, remember to attach the original gift tag if you have one.
- If you don't have a tag from the tree, that's OK.
- We will accept presents as long as they are brand-new and unwrapped and intended to make Christmas special for local children and teens in need. Our goal is to collect as many gifts as possible so that Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas. Thank you for making someone's Christmas brighter!



Student Honors

Congratulations to the students from our parish achieving Honor Roll status at St. Francis Preparatory School.

Grace Edwards, Dominic John, Marqus Mcintosh, Angela Morales, David Nasser, Nathaly Perezmalonado, Isaiah Sharpe, Esmeralda Vulaj

OLQM LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE We livestream the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses every Sunday. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass will be available on demand at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast (look for the “past livestreams” link).

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ON PAGE 6

Weekly Collections

	Dec 5
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,232.00
1st Collection	8,938.00
2nd Collection (<i>pastoral care</i>)	2,515.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal (1297 attending)</i>	<u>12,685.00</u>
Mail In	1,517.00
Parish Giving Online	6,096.00
TOTAL	<u>20,298.00</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(952.00)

* 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.

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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Antiphons of Advent Dec 17-23

The “O Antiphons” are recited daily during the Octave before Christmas, from December 17 to 23, with the eighth day, December 24, being Christmas Eve and the prayer being part of the Christmas Vigil. Each prayer begins with “O” and highlights one title for the Messiah and proclaims the coming Christ. We will sing the O Antiphons at the daily Masses, 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m., beginning Friday, December 17. A prayer sheet is available in the church with the O Antiphon verses and their English translations and meanings. Please take one with you to recite the prayers at home this week.



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. The group is currently discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you'd like to join them, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. *Through the Word* bible study group is currently engaging scripture through “The Nicene Creed: Beholding the Fullness of Our Faith.” All are welcome and can join in the study at any time! For Zoom details, email Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

OLQM Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:45–9 p.m. Fridays. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings, with Bible Study the 3rd Friday of the month. Pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Single Adults Group: Christmas Cheer

The annual Christmas Cheer meeting is Saturday, December 18 at 1 p.m., this year again on Zoom. For log-in instructions, email dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or call the group's phone hotline at 718-361-3201. Christmas sweaters and assorted holiday attire are encouraged, and newcomers are always welcome!



End-of-Year Reminder

Our parish has surpassed our Annual Catholic Appeal goal, but there are still a few outstanding pledges to be paid. Please fulfill all pledges by December 31. God bless you for your generosity this year!

Christmas Schedule 2021

'A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL'

Sunday, December 12

4 p.m. in church

Admission by ticket only

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 18 at 12:45 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, December 20

at 11:15 a.m.; 4–5 p.m.; and 7–8pm

Tuesday & Thursday, December 21 & 23

at 11:30 a.m.

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24

4 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.

No 5 p.m. Saturday Evening Vigil Mass for Sunday

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2022

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please contact olqmrca@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. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.