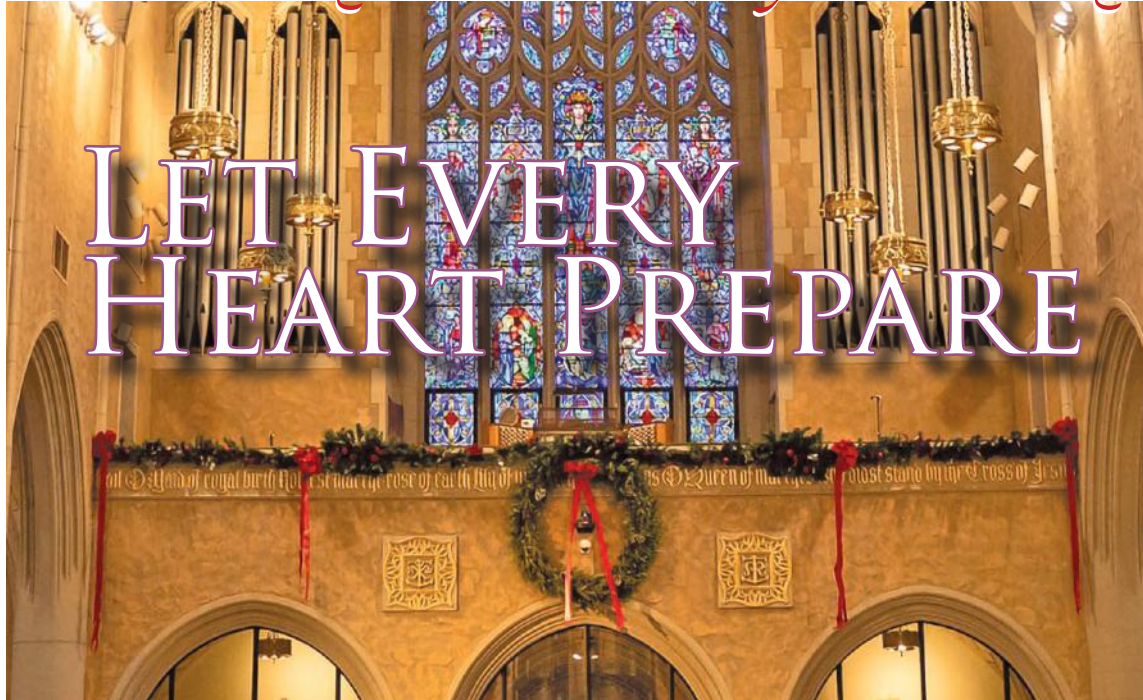


December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 19

11:15 a.m., 4–5 p.m. & 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,  
December 20, 21 & 22 at 11:30 a.m.

*No Confessions on Christmas Eve*

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24

5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass  
with Children's Nativity Pageant  
9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by  
Mass of the Nativity of the Lord  
during the Night (*livestreamed*)

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25

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

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

*Masses on regular Sunday schedule*

5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Dec 31

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (*Choir, livestreamed*)\*

& 1 p.m. on Jan 1

*\* 11:15 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day is celebrated for  
the intentions of the Christmas memorials and  
donors to the Christmas flower fund.*

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — PASTOR

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — ADMINISTRATOR

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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 17*

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

*Sunday, December 18*

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*  
3:30 p.m. Memorial Mass for Capt. Francis X. Egan

*Monday, December 19*

8 a.m. Robert Peter Ballerini  
12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

*Tuesday, December 20*

8 a.m. Gloria Rivara  
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

*Wednesday, December 21*

**Saint Peter Canisius**  
8 a.m. Laura Dibisceglie  
12:05 p.m. Efigenia De Mendez

*Thursday, December 22*

8 a.m. Victor Kun  
12:05 p.m. Saint Pancras

*Friday, December 23*

**Saint John of Kanty**  
8 a.m. Austine E. Olson  
12:05 p.m. John Keck

*Saturday, December 24*

8 a.m. Vincent Sorsaia  
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass  
9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by Christmas Mass at Night

*Sunday, December 25*

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

## Remember Our Deceased

Luisa Cecilia Arteaga  
Joseph Cleary



Mary Davio  
Msgr. Michael Cantley

## 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

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, December 18*

**O ANTIPHONS**

*Recited daily through December 23*

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. *rectory*: Baptism Instruction (*baptisms will be on 1/8/23*)

*Reconciliation Monday, December 19*

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

Christmas Confessions at 11:15 a.m., 4–5 p.m. & 7–8 p.m.

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

7 p.m. *rectory*: Bereavement Support Group meeting

*Tuesday, December 20*

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

7 p.m. *rectory*: Catholic Social Teaching Committee meeting

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

*Wednesday, December 21*

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

Religious Education Christmas Carols

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 22*

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Saturday, December 24*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*No Confessions ~ 5 p.m.* Christmas Vigil Mass ~

9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by Christmas Mass at Night

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**The Wine and Hosts**

are offered in loving memory of

**Robert Ballerini**

— requested by Audrey and Robert David Ballerini

In loving memory of **Capt. Francis X. Egan**

A **3:30 p.m. Memorial Mass** is being celebrated today for the 50th anniversary of his being killed in action in Vietnam.

He graduated from the parish school and was an altar server.

All are welcome. — requested by the Egan family

**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 Christmas

*And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)*

**REFLECT:** “Today, just a few days before Christmas, I would like to recall with you the event which history cannot dispense with: the birth of Jesus. To comply with the Emperor Caesar Augustus’ decree that ordered them to go to their place of origin to be registered, Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth down to Bethlehem. As soon as they arrived, they immediately sought lodging because the moment for Mary to give birth was imminent. Unfortunately, they did not find any. Thus, Mary was forced to give birth in a stable. Let us think about this: the Creator of the universe, He was not given a place to be born...

“It was an angel who announced the birth of Jesus, and he did so to some lowly shepherds... The shepherds personify the poor of Israel, humble people who interiorly live with the awareness of their own want and, precisely for this reason, confide in God more than others. They were the first to see the Son of God made man, and this encounter changed them deeply. The Gospel notes that they returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen...

“Humility alone opens us up to the experience of truth, of authentic joy, of knowing what matters... Humility is needed to understand ourselves, all the more so to understand God...

“I would like to invite every man and woman to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the Son of God made man. May each one of us draw near to the Nativity scene in our homes or in church or in another place, and try to make an act of adoration, within [ourselves]: I believe you are God, that this baby is God. Please, grant me the grace of humility to be able to understand.”

**LEARN:** Read Pope Francis’s December 22, 2021, general audience (available at <https://bit.ly/3G0pOry>). Watch Bishop Barron’s presentation on Christmas on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3G0Tdlw>).

*If you are interested in Catholic social teaching (CST), please join the parish CST committee for a planning meeting on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. in the rectory.*

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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

Missal #39—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

#### SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria” (*Gregorian chant*)—Choir

Missal #52—“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

#### COMMUNION

“The Angel Gabriel” (*Basque carol, arr. M. Archer*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #51—“Waiting in Silence”

#### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #43—“People, Look East”

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

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

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is s our Christmas gift to the church.
- » On December 25, the second collection is our Christmas Offering. There is also an envelope for Catholic Charities.
- » 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.

**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.





## Music for Christmas at OLQM

We invite you to celebrate Christmas with our faith community at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs at one of our Christmas Masses. We will sing favorite hymns and carols at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

A Christmas Eve Vigil Mass with children's pageant will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Also on December 24th, beginning at 9 p.m., as we come together to worship on this holy night, our music ministry will perform a pre-Mass program with organ prelude and a selection of Christmas carols, to be followed by Christmas Mass during the Night. The Christmas Day Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m. will feature a trumpet and organ prelude and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as the recessional. There are also Masses at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Christmas Day.

**OLQM Livestream:** For those who may be away or unable to attend church, our Christmas Eve Mass at 9 p.m. and the Christmas Day Mass at 11:15 a.m. will be livestreamed at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast) so that you can celebrate Christmas with us remotely.



## 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).



## Antiphons of Advent

Prayers to recite  
through Dec 23

The "O Antiphons" are recited or sung at Mass daily during the Octave before Christmas. On the eighth day, December 24, Christmas Eve, the prayer is part of the Christmas Vigil. Each prayer begins with "O" and expresses an Old Testament hope for the coming of the Messiah. The O Antiphons are the inspiration for the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

*December 17*—O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

*December 18*—O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

*December 19*—O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

*December 20*—O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

*December 21*—O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

*December 22*—O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

*December 23*—O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Take home a copy of the O Antiphons prayers that we have in church and recite these short prayers at home as part of your preparations for Christmas. The prayer sheet also explains each prayer's Latin roots and meaning; it is also available online at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/o-antiphons](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/o-antiphons).

# Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Pope Francis said: "Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them; they are the hands that bring hope."

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ) brings that hope to the poor daily, helping the homeless seeking food and shelter, individuals and families struggling with addiction or mental illness, young families in need of early childhood services, and seniors confronting loneliness and depression and affordable housing worries. Each year on Christmas Day, we ask that you extend a hand to your neighbors by making a generous gift to Catholic Charities to assist them in their work. You can make all the difference in the world. Please use the special envelope to give to the Catholic Charities Christmas Day Collection.

May the Lord bless your generosity with the peace and joy of Christmas.

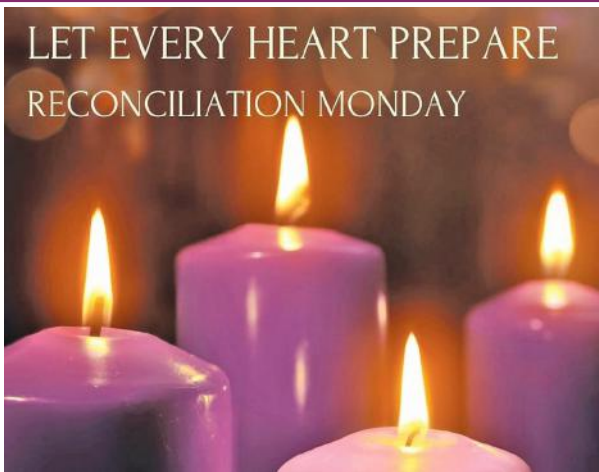


## Bereavement Support at the Holidays

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

The collection figures for December 11 were not available in time for the bulletin's early closing. Collection figures will appear in a future bulletin.



**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the best gifts to give yourself for Christmas!**

No matter where you live or work, please stop by a church this Monday, December 19 to make a Christmas confession. All parishes in the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese and the Archdiocese of New York have extended confessional hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Our priests at OLQM will hear confessions Monday at 11:15 a.m., from 4–5 p.m. and from 7–8 p.m. On the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Christmas, confessions are at 11:30 a.m. (Note: There are no confessions Saturday, Christmas Eve.)

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# 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. To find out more, please contact [olqmrca@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia).



**GIVING TREE  
THANK YOU**

Catholic Charities thanks you for your generosity and kindness as they deliver all the gifts you brought to the Christmas Giving Tree. It is a wonderful tradition and so appreciated by the young people in our diocese who receive the gifts.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Confession and Mass times appear on today's bulletin cover and can be found online at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org).

Christmas Office Hours: Rectory will be open usual Saturday hours on Christmas Eve. The rectory will be closed on Monday, December 26.

### PLEASE FULFILL YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGES BY DECEMBER 31

Our prayers for the success of the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal were answered! We met our parish goal of raising \$114,568. In fact, through the generous support of 343 donors, as of December 5, we surpassed our 2022 goal by \$31,500. Another \$6,600 in pledges is outstanding. All **funds received above goal** are returned to our parish, so we are truly grateful and ask that you fulfill any remaining pledges by December 31. God bless you for your goodness!

Parish Goal: \$114,568  
Donors to Date: 343

Pledged: \$152,745  
Paid to Date: \$146,102

## Winter Calendar

### January 8, 2023

Epiphany Sunday. *Three Kings Pageant at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

### January 14 to January 22

Padre Pio Novena. *Daily Masses (Mon-Sat) at 12:05 p.m., Sundays 1/15 & 1/22 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

### January 22

Observance of the Annual March for Life (January 20, Washington, DC). *All Sunday Masses.*

### February 2

Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of the Candles. *At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses*

### February 3

Feast of St. Blaise and Blessing of Throats. *At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.*

### February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes. Anointing of the Sick. *At the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

### February 20

Alleluia Sunday. *All Masses. Last Sunday before Lent for singing hymns with lots of Alleluias!*

### March 5

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation truck visits to accept used clothing. *Sunday only from 9 a.m. to noon.*

### March 11 to March 19

St. Joseph Novena. *Daily Masses (Mon-Sat) at 12:05 p.m., Sundays 3/12 & 3/19 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

**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).

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