

December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 20

11:15 a.m., 4–5 p.m. & 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, December 21 & 23

Confessions at 11:30 a.m.

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24

4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord during the Night
(livestreamed)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 25

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

*No 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday
Livestream of the 9 a.m. & 11:15 am Masses*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

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

*The 10 a.m. New Year's Day Mass
is 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 18

8 a.m. Juan Daniel Morales Alva
12:05 p.m. Carmine Yodice
5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Sunday, December 12

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 20

8 a.m. Gerald Palmieri
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

8 a.m. Zorayda Nicha [living]
12:05 p.m. Gloria Rivara

Wednesday, December 22

8 a.m. Mauro Nicha, Jr. and Sr.
12:05 p.m. Elias Kalimian

Thursday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty

8 a.m. John Downey
12:05 p.m. Felice and Francesca Pacchiano
and Grace Plank

Friday, December 24

8 a.m. Most Rev. Guy Sansaricq, D. D.
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by
Concelebrated Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
during the Night (livestreamed)

Saturday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m.

*Note: There is no 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
for Sunday, December 26*

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 19

**'O Antiphons' Recited at Masses
through December 23**

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Reconciliation Monday, December 20

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

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

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

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

Tuesday, December 21

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, December 22

Religious Education Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 23

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Evening Benediction returns March 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 24

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom:

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Saturday, December 15

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of
Guy and Martha Sironneau

—requested by Octavio Rodriguez and Chantal Sironneau

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Man-Wing Au-Yeung, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, 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, Sylvyanne 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, Sharon Spear, Remington Stafford, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Daniella Tavaréz, 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

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Dario Betancourt
Shaina Brennan Clemente
Ildefonso Castillo



John Gutierrez
Scott Harrison

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

Pope St. John Paul II on Christmas

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

REFLECT: “Let me go with you to the cave near the little town of Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem.... What is happening in the stable, in the rock cave, has a dimension of profound intimacy: it is something between the Mother and the Babe to be born. No outside person has access. Even Joseph, the Nazareth carpenter, is but a silent witness. She alone is fully aware of her Motherhood. She alone perceives the special expression of the infant’s wailing.... It is a strange feast: there is no trace of the synagogue liturgy, no reading of the prophets or singing of the psalms.... He reveals himself in that body as one of us, a little infant, in all his frailty and vulnerability. Dependent upon people’s care, entrusted to their love, undefended....

“Let us remember that the event occurred precisely ... in abandonment and extreme poverty, in the cave stable outside the town, because people in the town refused to receive the Mother and Joseph into any of their homes. Nowhere was there room. From the beginning, the world showed itself inhospitable towards the God who was to be born as Man.... On this night let us therefore think of all the human beings that fall victim to man’s inhumanity, to cruelty, to the lack of any respect, to contempt for the objective rights of every human being....

“The stable at Bethlehem is the first place for solidarity with man ... especially with those for whom there is no room at the inn.... Touched by the fact of the birth of Jesus, we must hear this cry from Heaven. That cry must reach all the ends of the earth, all men must hear it anew. A Son is given to us. Christ is born to us.” (Homily, December 24, 1978)

ACT: Open the inn of your heart to those in need.

LEARN: Read Pope St John Paul II’s December 24, 1978 ,homily, at <https://bit.ly/3bEvaZ1>. Watch the YouTube video by Bishop Barron on Christmas, at <https://bit.ly/3EJurCA>.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #38—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

MASS PARTS: Proulx: A Community Mass

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*“Ave Maria” (Gregorian Chant)—Choir
Missal #704—“Hail Mary: Gentle Woman”*

COMMUNION

*“The Angel Gabriel” (arr. M. Archer)—Choir
Organ Meditation*

Missal #47—“Beyond the Moon and Stars”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #42—“People, Look East”

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 for the Religious Retirement Fund. There is also an envelope for the Christmas Music and Liturgy.

» Sunday, December 26, the second collection is for snow removal.

» 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.



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Antiphons of Advent

Recite these prayers 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!

We encourage you to recite these short prayers at home as part of your preparations for Christmas. You may also take a copy of the O Antiphons prayers in church. The prayer sheet explains each prayer’s Latin roots and meaning; it is also available online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/o-antiphons.

Advent Faith-Sharing Group (on Zoom)

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



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 will be celebrated at 4 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 unable to attend church, our Christmas Eve Mass at 9 p.m., and the Christmas Day Masses at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. will be livestreamed on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs/webcast so that you can celebrate Mass with us remotely. Merry Christmas!



RECONCILIATION MONDAY DECEMBER 20

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It’s one of the best gifts to give yourself for Christmas!

Wherever you are, please stop by a church on Monday, December 20 for confession. All parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, the Archdiocese of New York, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre will have extended confessional hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The priests here at OLQM will hear confessions on December 20th at the following times:

11:15 a.m., 4–5 p.m. & 7–8 p.m.

Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Each year on Christmas Day, we ask that you extend a hand to your neighbors in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. Your gift makes all the difference when people turn to Catholic Charities for assistance with basic and vital needs, including food, clothing, household necessities, and counseling. Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ) serves more than 300,000 individuals across the diocese through its network of mental health, early childcare, senior, youth, and affordable housing programs.

On Christmas Day, let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received, and may the glow of the nativity star radiate in our hearts. Please use the special envelope to give to the Catholic Charities Collection. If giving by check, please make your gift payable to the Compostela Fund of the R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. If you prefer, you can give online at ccbq.org. God bless you for your generosity this Christmas season and always.

A Blessed Christmas to All of You

May this Advent and Christmas season be a special time for your family and our parish as we await with eagerness the celebration of the Lord's birth and remember God's abundant love for his people. He sent his Son, Jesus, to be born among us and to give our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption.

May the presence of Christ fill your heart and the hearts of those you love. May God bless you and your loved ones during this season of joy!

—Bishop Sanchez, Father Passenant,
Father Antonin, Msgr. Cunningham,
Deacon Greg Kandra
and the parish staff

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your wonderful expression of support and prayers on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of my ordination as a priest. I am grateful to all of you. My thanks go to those who prepared and participated in the beautiful liturgy on December 5, 2021; to those who prayed with me on that day or on other days; to the volunteers who worked on the reception in McLaughlin Hall; and to all of you who have supported me through these past nine-plus years here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church. I am grateful for your continued prayers and promise you that your intentions will continue to be in my prayers, especially at the Eucharist.

May God continue to keep you in His care, and may Our Blessed Mother continue to be our inspiration and guide!

With best wishes and prayers,

In Christ,
Bishop Paul R. Sanchez

Weekly Collections

The collection figures for December 12 were not available in time for the bulletin's early closing. Collection figures will appear in a future bulletin.

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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 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. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.



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).

2022 Diocesan Pilgrimages

Passion Play Pilgrimage, May 17–26. Visit Germany and Austria for the Oberammergau Passion Play. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, spiritual director; Father Frank Schwarz, chaplain. For more information and a brochure, call Peters Way Tours, 516-605-1551.

10th World Meeting of Families, June 20–30. Travel to Rome with the Office of Family Life and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Visits to Assisi, Siena, and Florence. For brochure, contact Regina Tours. Call 1-800-Catholic, ext. 232, or email fciraolo@groupist.com.

PLEASE FULFILL YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGES BY DECEMBER 31

Our prayers for the success of the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal were answered! We met our parish goal of raising \$114,568. In fact, through the generous support of 386 donors, we have surpassed our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal goal. As of November 30, 2021, we received paid pledges of \$132,935. All **funds received above goal** are returned to our parish. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge by December 31st. We are very grateful. God bless you for your goodness!

GIVING TREE THANK YOU



Thank you for taking a tag from our Christmas Giving Tree. Catholic Charities thanks you as well for your generosity and kindness as they deliver all the gifts. It is a wonderful tradition and so appreciated by the young people who receive the gifts.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES APPEAR ON THE COVER and can be found online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. Christmas Office Hours: Rectory will close early, at 12 noon, on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and be closed on Saturdays, December 25 and January 1.

