

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Advent Week 2 ~ Peace



Second Sunday of Advent

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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 6

Saint Nicholas

12:05 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

5 p.m. Salvatore J. DellaCroce

Sunday, December 7

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

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:05 a.m. Gudelia (Dely) Santana

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Wednesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8:05 a.m. James Cruz

12:05 p.m. Natividad Castiblanco

Thursday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

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

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:05 a.m. FlorDeliza Manalo [living]

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

Saturday, December 13

Saint Lucy

12:05 p.m. Rev. James Tully

5 p.m. Maria D'Egidio and Jean Gagliardo [anniversary]

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 7

After All Masses church vestibule:

A Christmas Festival Concert Tickets on Sale

Christmas Giving Tree - Weekend 3

Leave unwrapped gifts under the tree



2:30 a.m. church: **Baptisms**

Monday, December 8

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, December 9

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

7-8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship**

(Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location)

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

Wednesday, December 10

Church closes at 3 p.m. for Christmas Festival rehearsals

Religious Education

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

7-8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

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

(Meeting ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, December 11

After 12:05 p.m. **Mass**

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes February 19, 2026)

Saturday, December 13

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

1-4 p.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer Party

Remember Our Sick

Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Bennett Brevetti, Carmela Brevetti, Luca Brevetti, Olivia Brevetti, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Jayden Cabrera, Rob Champion, Carlo Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Jean Leonard, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Glen Schultze, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Carlos Velazquez, Jihan Villa, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update the prayers for the sick. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

The **Sanctuary Lamp**
is offered in loving memory of
Esteban Ordonez
—requested by Maria Ordonez

Remember Our Deceased

Witold Bialokur
Bonita B. Bursky
Baby Olivia Katayanagi
William Molloy

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Sandra Moskowicz
Ernest Naples
Jeffrey Ogilivie
Manuel Santos

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection

The Season of Adventure—Week 2

from the OLMQ bulletin archives

On December 10, 1941, a writer from New York walked up to the front gate of a monastery in Kentucky and entered what he later called “the four walls of my freedom.” Exactly twenty-seven years later, December 10, 1968, he died in an electrical accident while visiting Thailand. In between those two Decembers, he became one of the most influential American Catholics of the twentieth century. He wrote essays and letters advocating peace, prayer, and social justice.

Thomas Merton remains a man close to the hearts of many. His book *The Seven Storey Mountain* is a testament to conversion and the heart's ability to change. While studying at Columbia, Merton stumbled on the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins [English poet and Jesuit priest] and, through it, found the Catholic faith. He converted in 1939. Two years later, on the brink of a stellar literary career, he surrendered everything. At age 27, he entered a Trappist monastery, the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, in Kentucky. There, he found his calling as a contemplative and writer. When he died, fifty-seven years ago this week, he was attending a conference with Buddhist monks.

Merton's Prayer for Peace

Thomas Merton's story of the faith he found in solitude offered thousands of souls consolation and hope. Although he wrote in the aftermath of a world war and during an era overshadowed by the threat of nuclear war, his words from a prayer he composed for peace still seem timely for this Advent season and the challenges of today:

Help us to be masters of the weapons that threaten to master us. Help us to use our science for peace and plenty, not for war and destruction. Save us from the compulsion to follow our adversaries in all that we most hate, confirming them in their hatred and suspicion of us. Resolve our inner contradictions, which now grow beyond belief and beyond bearing. . . . Teach us to wait and trust.

Amen.

SOURCE: Originally appeared as a “View from the Pew” column by Deacon Greg Kandra. It is reproduced here in condensed and edited form.



Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #41—“On Jordan's Bank”

MASS PARTS:

A Community Mass (*Proulx*)
Jubilate Deo Mass and Mass XVII—*Choir*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

SECOND READING

Romans: 15:4-9

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“And the Glory” (*G. F. Handel*)—*Choir*
Missal #60—“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

COMMUNION

“Benedictus in C” (*C. V. Stanford*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #591—“Like a Shepherd”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #42—“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is to help with the cost of fuel. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the OLMQ Catholic Academy building.
- » December 14, the second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund. There is also an envelope for Pastoral Care.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 8: Immaculate Conception—A Holy Day of Obligation

Effective this new liturgical year, our holy day Mass schedule has changed. Instead of a Vigil Mass the day before, we will celebrate an evening Mass on the holy day itself. On Monday, **Dec. 8, the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Masses will be celebrated at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.**

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.; Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

No Vigil Mass. Note new schedule:

Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Celebration of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

Celebration of Marriage

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

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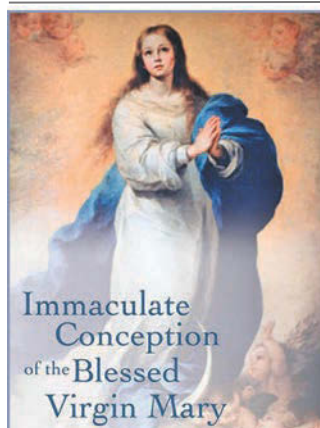
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New Email for Religious Education

Effective immediately, please send all questions and correspondence for the Religious Education department to their new email: olqmreled@olqmchurch.org. Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish program. The phone number for Religious Ed remains the same: 718-263-0907.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Immaculate Conception — Monday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Friday, December 12, all are invited to bring roses to place in the vases at the base of the picture of Our Lady.



KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Nov 23	Nov 30
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,947.00	\$1,806.00
1st Collection	8,566.23	8,148.00
2nd Collection (Christmas music/liturgy)	3,598.23	–
2nd Collection (grounds maintenance)	–	2,317.30
Thanksgiving Day (11/27) Collection	–	2,141.00
2nd Collection 11/27 (major repairs)	–	502.00
Subtotal: In Church	14,111.46	14,914.30
Christmas Flower Fund (pt 1)	–	2,260.30
Online Giving	4,575.42	4,273.18
Mail In	2,226.00	–
TOTAL	20,912.88	21,447.78
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,587.12)	(3,052.22)

** 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.

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 Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

A Christmas Festival

Concert Tickets On Sale
After Masses

Join us for a Christmas concert for the whole family, with beautiful sacred music and favorite carols.

Choir members are selling tickets in the vestibule. Tickets **\$30 each** (children 12 and under free). Cash, check, and credit card accepted.

Program includes:

- John Easterlin, featured artist
- Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano
- Christian K. De Los Santos, narrator
- Barbara Podgurski, piano
- David Close, conductor



WEEKEND 3 - DROP OFF GIFTS!

Bring all **UNWRAPPED** gifts, with the original tag attached, to the tree in church or to the rectory—please don't leave them in the vestibule. Deadline is **Dec. 13/14**, so Catholic Charities can distribute them in time for Christmas!

If you didn't get a gift tag from the tree, you can still participate. Just buy a thoughtful gift for a boy or girl or teen and return it, unwrapped, to the tree or the rectory by the Dec. 14 deadline.

TIPS: Gift cards are great for older kids—make sure that all gift cards are new and unused (no expired or partially used cards). Gift cards marked "Giving Tree" can be left in the rectory mailbox. Thank you!



Bambinelli Sunday At All Sunday Masses on Dec. 13 & 14 the Third Sunday of Advent

Bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) figurine from your home Nativity set to church next Sunday to be blessed at the conclusion of each weekend Mass. This simple yet beautiful tradition for all ages reminds us that Christmas finds its meaning in Christ, the true "reason for the season."

Deadline Reminders

Please submit Christmas Memorial requests by **December 10** to be included in our Christmas week bulletin of December 21.

Please fulfill any outstanding 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal pledges by **December 31**.



Single Adults Group: Christmas Cheer Party!

Saturday, Dec. 13 | 1-4 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. Potluck style (so bring something to share). Carol singing. Holiday attire (ugly or otherwise) encouraged. Newcomers welcome, too! Qs? Contact Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com.

OLQM Catholic Academy Tops New York's Test Results

Students at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy achieved exceptional results on New York State's English language arts and math exams given last spring, outperforming both diocesan and public-school averages—including perfect scores in several grade levels. Principal Anne Zuschlag credits the school's success to a nurturing, student-centered culture, dedicated teachers, mentoring from retired educators, tailored resources for struggling learners, and strong family partnership.

As reported by Paula Katinas in *The Tablet* (November 25, 2025, edition), despite operating with far fewer financial resources than public schools, the Diocese of Brooklyn overall continues to surpass citywide performance. Deacon Kevin McCormack, superintendent of schools for the diocese, also cites class configuration. Classes are inclusive, so the top kids and those who struggle in a particular grade work together, he said. "That doesn't hold the top kids down. It pushes everybody up together."

It is wonderful to see our parish school recognized as a shining example! Great job, OLQMCA, for continuing to help students grow in faith and learning.

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 20: 12:45 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, December 22:

Extended confession hours at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23: 11:30 a.m. *(last opportunity)*

No Confessions Christmas Eve & December 26

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

4 p.m. Vigil Mass with Children's Nativity Pageant

9 p.m. Christmas carols followed by Mass during the Night for the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mary, Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

5 p.m. Wednesday, December 31

10 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Thursday, January 1, 2026



Student Pilgrims

PICTURED AT LEFT—*About 80 Religious Education students and their families from St. Mary's High School in Manhasset made a Jubilee Year pilgrimage to our church on Sunday, November 23. We thank them, and especially Sister Maria Veritas Marks, OP, their theology instructor, for joining us at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.*

O CIA Rites of Welcome

PICTURED AT RIGHT—*At the 5 p.m. Mass on November 29, our parish celebrated the Rites of Welcome and Acceptance with the adults in this year's O CIA program. There are 15 inquirers and 6 candidates who are entering the Period of the Catechumenate. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare in the coming months for their initiation into the Catholic faith by baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. We also want to thank their instructor, Sister Domitilla, for guiding them on their faith journey.*

