

February 2, 2025 - Presentation of the Lord

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
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Edward Torres

**DAILY MASSES**  
Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.  
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. & 5 p.m. (Vigil)

**ROSARY & 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



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**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
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Deacon Thomas Jorge

**PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR**  
Dennis Francis Portelli

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.  
**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass  
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

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

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
David Close



**OLQM CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**  
Anne Zuschlag

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 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 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

## Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 1

12:05 p.m. Hernando Muñoz

5 p.m. Ricardo Del Rosario [anniversary]

Sunday, February 2

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Monday, February 3

**Saint Blaise**

**Saint Ansgar**

8:05 a.m. Anna Kocurek

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, February 4

8:05 a.m. Manuel Arturo Rivera

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

Wednesday, February 5

**Saint Agatha**

8:05 a.m. Christine Nguidy

12:05 p.m. Rafaela Robles

Thursday, February 6

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

8:05 a.m. Chris Globe

12:05 p.m. Emy Sequeira

Friday, February 7

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Cesar Lopez

Saturday, February 8

**Saint Jerome**

**Saint Josephine Bakhita**

12:05 p.m. Patrick James Flannery

5 p.m. Aurora de la Paz

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 2

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

**Blessing of Candles at All Masses**

*Candlemas Blessing and Procession at 11:15 a.m. Mass*

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

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

Monday, February 3

8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. **Masses**

**Communal Blessing of Throats**

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, February 4

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

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

Wednesday, February 5

**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: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

*(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)*

Thursday, February 6

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

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

**Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

*(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6)*

Saturday, February 8

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



## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, 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.

## Remember Our Deceased

Rev. James A. Boyd  
Taylor A. Calder  
Joan K. Danylak  
Dr. Renato A. de Leon  
Reynirio Jimenez  
Anne-Marie Marion



Frederick Marks  
Marcos Martinez, Sr.  
Kaitlyne Mendoza  
Evelyn Dolores Mora  
Gloria Raymundo  
Celina Uribe

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### On Care for Our Common Home: Taking Action

To better protect God's creation, consider *lifestyle changes* you can make as an individual or family to reduce your own consumption and *institutional changes* you can support in your community, school, or workspace. Here are some ideas based on those Pope Francis mentions in *Laudato Si'* (no. 211):

#### AT HOME

1. Use fewer paper and plastic products (e.g., choose a reusable water bottle).
2. Reduce your water consumption (e.g., take shorter showers, wash dishes by hand).
3. Don't cook more than you will consume.
4. Compost (instead of disposing) food waste.
5. Recycle and reuse items (instead of disposing).
7. Use public transportation, carpool, walk, or ride a bike.
8. Conserve electricity (e.g., turn off lights, buy energy-efficient appliances).
9. Plant trees.

#### IN MY PARISH, AT SCHOOL, AT WORK

1. Ensure that learning about care for God's creation is part of Catholic faith formation for adults and youth (resources are freely available at [www.usccb.org/environment](http://www.usccb.org/environment)).
2. During *Laudato Si'* week (May 24-31, 2025), engage in daily activities of prayer, learning, and action to do less harm to the environment.
3. Do an energy audit to improve energy efficiency and costs (benefiting both the earth and your institution's budget!).
4. Explore any solar cooperatives in your local community.
5. Implement recycling and composting.
6. In cafeterias and other dining areas, replace disposable cups, plates, and silverware with washable or compostable items.
7. Donate leftover food to local soup kitchens.
8. Offer employees benefits for using public transportation or carpooling.
9. Conserve electricity (e.g., turn off air conditioning during nonbusiness hours) and buy energy-efficient appliances.
10. Plant trees on your institution's property.
11. Consider what other parishes are doing to care for God's creation. For inspiration, read about one Illinois parish's green team at <https://tinyurl.com/ysz2byc5>.

Next week: Take the Saint Francis Pledge.

## Order of Mass

Presentation of the Lord

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #222*—"In His Temple Now Behold Him"

#### MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation

*Missal #841*—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant—*Choir*

#### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!*

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

#### GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"Nunc Dimittis" (*H. Friedell*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #518*—"Christ, Be Our Light"

#### COMMUNION

"Panis Angelicus" (*G. Palestrina*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #681*—"The Lord Is My Light"

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #218*—"God, We Praise You"

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

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

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will help offset the cost of fuel.
- » February 9, the second collection is for major repairs.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**New Mass intention stipend takes effect March 1, 2025. A Mass intention will be \$25 (\$20 for an intention, \$5 for the Mass card). This increase has been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.**





## Prayer Focus

### World Day for Consecrated Life

On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Be sure to thank them on their special day.

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ. May they reflect the light of Christ to all peoples.

And may they respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## OLQM Catholic Academy: Apply for 2025–2026 School Year

Applications are open for kindergarten through 5th grade! Families are encouraged to apply online for a streamlined process and the ability to track application status. Visit [olqmca.org/announcements](http://olqmca.org/announcements) for the Click to Apply link and detailed instructions. Questions? Call 718-263-2622 or email [admissions@olqmca.org](mailto:admissions@olqmca.org).

### Financial Aid Deadlines for 2025–2026

Futures in Education offers partial financial aid for students in grades K-8 at Catholic schools and academies in Brooklyn and Queens. Complete the financial aid application at [futuresineducation.org/scholarships](http://futuresineducation.org/scholarships) and submit all required documentation. Deadlines: March 31 for returning families who received aid last year; April 30 for new students and families applying for the first time.

## Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming and comforting community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. They meet once a month, usually the third or fourth Monday. Meetings are scheduled for **Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. For more information or questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### —Weekly Collections—

	Jan 26
Candle Offerings	\$1,509.00
1st Collection	8,133.05
2nd Collection (CCD/Religious Ed)	2,253.26
L. America, E. Europe, Africa Churches**	1,554.00
<u>Subtotal - In church</u>	<u>13,449.31</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,077.97
Mail In	2,489.00
TOTAL	\$20,016.28
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,483.72)

\* 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.

\*\*Special collection that benefits the designated cause; does 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 directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift on our church website: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

### MAIN PHONE AND EMAILS

Rectory Office:  
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OCIA Office:  
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OLQM Charity Outreach:  
718-268-6251, ext. \*843

**ADDITIONAL EMAILS**  
Baptisms:  
[baptismprep@olqmchurch.org](mailto:baptismprep@olqmchurch.org)

Bereavement Support:  
[bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org)

Bulletin Subjects:  
[olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org](mailto:olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org)

Disabilities Advocate:  
[disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com)

MAYO (Youth Organization):  
[youth@olqmchurch.org](mailto:youth@olqmchurch.org)

Pastoral Care Office:  
[dfport@gmail.com](mailto:dfport@gmail.com)

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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

**LIVESTREAM MASS**  
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

Reserve Your Seat ASAP  
**Bus Trip to Sight & Sound:  
Noah**

Join the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group on a bus trip to Lancaster, PA, to experience **Sight & Sound: Noah**—an unforgettable live stage production that brings the story of Noah’s Ark to life.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 31

**DEPARTURE TIME & PLACE:** 6:30 a.m.—Bus will be in front of Queens Center Mall

**SHOWTIME:** 10:15 a.m.

**COST:** \$200 per person (includes transportation, lunch at a buffet restaurant, and show ticket)

**CONTACT FOR TICKETS:** Call any of these prayer group members:

Araceli De Borja: 347-743-2304

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897

Cecille Mendoza: 347-453-4147

Enjoy the heritage of our Catholic faith and an enriching journey of faith and fellowship. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**OCIA: Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults**

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.



**Faith Sharing  
at OLQM**

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke’s Gospel.

**Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m.** Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God’s word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

**Through the Word:** On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

**– St. Blaise Throat Blessing –  
Monday, February 3**

*Communal blessing of throats at the  
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses*

This annual blessing for protection from throat ailments is held on the feast of St. Blaise, the patron of sore throats. It is a fitting blessing for anyone to receive during flu and cold season.

**– Mass and Anointing of the Sick –  
Tuesday, February 11**

*Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick  
12:05 p.m.*

Anointing is for those who wish to receive it, especially those facing surgery, the frail and elderly, and anyone who is feeling pain or suffering in mind, body, or soul.



**Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**  
James 5:14-15 KJV

**“Before you were born, I consecrated you.”**

If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or deacon, or in the consecrated life, then contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**Bishop Brennan’s Vocation Retreat  
February 28–March 2, 2025**

Open to young men who are high-school seniors and older (ages 16 and up), the retreat includes Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, interaction with the seminarian community, and presentations to help participants discern their vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The retreat will be held at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington** (440 West Neck Rd). Advance registration required. Email [cdost@diobrook.org](mailto:cdost@diobrook.org) or call the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454.

## Thank You from Msgr. LoPinto

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support of **Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens 2024 Christmas Toy and Gift Drive**. The generous contributions of the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs brought joy to many families. Over 3,000 children received toys and coats during our giveaways at St. Gabriel's Parish in Flushing and St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. Our organized Santa's Toy Shops are an empowering and dignified experience for many families in need.

We pray that God blesses you in all your endeavors. On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you for embodying the true spirit of Christmas and making a positive difference in the lives of so many.

Peace,

Rev. Msgr. Alfred LoPinto  
President & CEO, Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens

## Thank You from the Altar Servers

On behalf of the Altar Servers of OLQM, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations toward our new vestry garments. Your support is vital in helping us continue to train new servers and actively participate during Mass.

Your contribution is more than just a monetary gift—it is a meaningful investment in the youth of our parish. I have been an altar server for over ten years, and many of the robes we currently wear have been in use throughout that time. Thanks to your generosity, we are now better equipped to continue serving God.

We are truly inspired by your commitment to the altar server ministry, and we remain dedicated to using your gifts to make a lasting impact on our parish community.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

With sincere appreciation,  
Christian Kyle De Los Santos

## OLQM Winter Celebrations

*Save these dates & watch for more information in future bulletins.*

**Weekend, March 1/2—"Alleluia" Sunday.** On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will bid farewell to this sacred word for the duration of Lent.

**Weekend, March 1/2—Annual Catholic Appeal 2025.** An in-pew appeal to support this diocesan cause will be made at all the Sunday Masses.

**Sunday only, March 2—St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations.** The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Ave. during the designated hours of 9 a.m. to noon to accept drop-offs of gently used clothing.

**March 5—Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins.**

Ashes will be distributed at these times only:  
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses. 4 p.m. Prayer Service. 7:30 p.m. Mass.



**March 6—Thursday Evening Devotions resume.**

Exposition and Adoration weekly after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

**Tue, March 11 to Wed, March 19—St. Joseph Novena.**

Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Mass daily and after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on 3/16.

**Thu, March 13—Lenten Pilgrimage Day at OLQM**

Begins at 8:05 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. *(detailed schedule to follow)*

## FREE Large Print Bible & Missalettes

**Xavier Society for the Blind** has free offerings in large print for people living with vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. If you or anyone you know is interested in these free materials, get in touch. Call them at 212-473-7800 or toll-free at 800-637-9193; email [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org); or visit the society online at [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

## Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC)

**Volunteer Opportunity!** HEC is a Long Island-based ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive, and sensory disabilities, inspired by the Cursillo movement. HEC brings together disabled and enabled adults to grow in faith and friendship through year-round events and an annual three-day retreat. The 2025 HEC retreat will be held April 24–27. Volunteers (adults 21+) are sought to help plan the retreat and to be of service on the retreat weekend. If interested, join their first planning meeting on **Mon, Feb 10 @ 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church** (29 Clay Pitts Rd), Greenlawn. Additional meetings dates:

- Wed, Mar 5 @ 7 p.m. at St. Kilian (485 Conklin St.) Farmingdale
- Mon, Apr 7 @ 7 p.m. again at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn

All are welcome! Questions? Call Bernice at 516-582-0302 or Bob at 516-241-4122.