

January 31, 2021- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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 (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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

#### GIVE NOW

Scan this QR Code with your  
phone for online parish giving



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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, January 30

8 a.m. Aura Baena

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Dr. Robert A. Cospito

Sunday, January 31

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, February 1

8 a.m. Betty Gariti

12:05 p.m. Rev. Paul A. Wood

Tuesday, February 2

**Presentation of the Lord**

8 a.m. Aurora dela Rosa

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Wednesday, February 3

**Saint Blaise**

**Saint Ansgar**

8 a.m. Himsion Lam

12:05 p.m. Joan Sibilla Staples

Thursday, February 4

8 a.m. Anna Velez

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

Friday, February 5

**Saint Agatha**

8 a.m. Michelle Staco

12:05 p.m. Anna Velez and Gloria Rodriguez

Saturday, February 6

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

8 a.m. Aurora dela Rosa

12:05 p.m. Patricia Hemosura

5 p.m. Susan Rooney

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, Anna Jimenez, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Dennis Rosato, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 31

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

2:30 p.m., rectory: Baptism instruction

Monday, February 1

7 p.m., Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

7 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting

Tuesday, February 2

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Wednesday, February 3

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, February 4

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Learn about the Bishop Ford Guild.  
Membership form on page 6.

### SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we will have a Mass posted on our website. You can join in prayer and spiritual communion at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org). The Sunday Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

### Until Further Notice

**Weekday Masses:** Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

## Remember Our Deceased

Charles Carlisi  
Willy DeAsis  
Martha Escudero



Varnease Grandon  
Rev. Carlo Graziano  
Thu Duc Pham

### 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, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

**WELCOME!** 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### The USCCB on Human Trafficking

*The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offense against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights. (Pope Saint John Paul II)*

**REFLECT:** “Catholic social teaching proclaims the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of all human life. Each person is made in the image of God, is loved immeasurably by Him, and has inherent worth. Every person is precious, people are more important than possessions, and the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured; we each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.

“Modern-day slavery—where men, women, and children are bought and sold like merchandise—inherently rejects this principle, showing absolute contempt for human beings. For this reason, eliminating human trafficking and empowering survivors has been a historic concern of the Catholic Church.

“We each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters. Commitment to end slavery in all its forms is rooted in the Catechism of the Church, which forbids any act leading to the enslavement of humans—a sin against a person’s dignity and fundamental human rights (2414). This commitment was reaffirmed during the Second Vatican Council, when the Church stated that ‘slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, [and] disgraceful working conditions where [people] are treated as mere tools for profit’ are ‘infamies’ and a ‘supreme dishonor to the creator.’”

**ACT:** January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Review the indicators of human trafficking (<https://bit.ly/38TnFHI>). If you or someone you know has experienced any of them, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or use the BeFree textline: Text “BeFree” (233733).

**LEARN:** Review the USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services website at <https://bit.ly/38IavRM> for comprehensive information on human trafficking, and watch the USCCB’s YouTube video (<https://bit.ly/2WVii9n>.) To learn more about the Vatican’s anti-trafficking outreach and educational activities, go to [www.EndSlavery.va](http://www.EndSlavery.va). For New York State resources to assist victims of human trafficking, go to <https://on.ny.gov/3ps5G5V>. The NYC Administration for Children’s Services has information for “Understanding Child Trafficking and What You Can Do”; go to <https://on.nyc.gov/37QjaT2>.

## Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #548—“Glory and Praise to Our God”

FIRST READING—Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING—1 Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL—Mark 1:21-28

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“My Soul Is Longing for Your Peace”

COMMUNION

Missal #330—“O Sacrament Most Holy”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #545—“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Communion is distributed during exit*

**Watch Sunday Mass Online**

9 a.m. at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

**Watch Daily Mass Online**

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

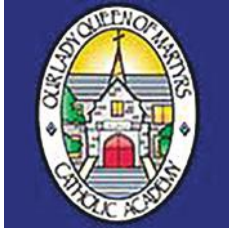
- » Today’s second collection is snow removal.
- » Sunday, February 7 the second collection will be for winter fuel.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)) or at our Parish 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.

## COVID-19 ALERT

On Sunday evening, January 17, 2021, we learned that an individual who was at the **5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 9**, and at the **1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 10**, tested positive for COVID on Wednesday, January 13. If you were present at either one of those Masses, you may wish to be tested yourself. To locate a COVID testing site, please go to: [www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page)

To learn more about the 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 New York State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)





## OLQM Catholic Academy Registration for Nursery and Grades K-8

If you are interested in enrolling your child at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy, a first round of registration will be from **February 1st to February 10th**. There will be rolling enrollment after that based on availability. Please visit the academy's website for more information about the registration process: [olqmca.org/admissions](http://olqmca.org/admissions)



## 2021–2022 Tuition Assistance Available

Financial aid is available for eligible students in grades K-8 who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic school or academy.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Your child(ren) must already be registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need by submitting required documentation (proof of income for 2020; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarship awards are assessed on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. Families are required to pay a minimum of 25% of the tuition rate and must be up-to-date with their tuition.

**TO APPLY:** Go to [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)

From the main menu, click Scholarships and then Apply. There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

**DEADLINE:** April 30, 2021, for new families

**Questions?** Email [scholarships@futuresineducation.org](mailto:scholarships@futuresineducation.org) or call 718-965-7340.

## Faith Sharing on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?  
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11AM.** The Sunday morning group is currently discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8PM.** This Catholic bible study draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com).

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

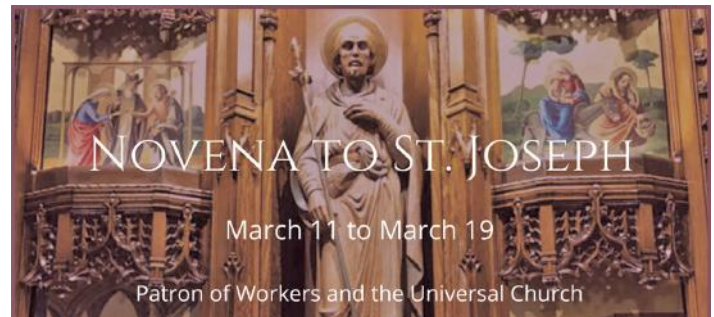
**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you need to complete your Sacraments of  
Initiation?**

RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

Please consider making your weekly offering using our online Parish Giving service. Look for this emblem on the parish website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) to sign up. Enrollment is fast and easy and free. Thank you.



**Parish Giving**  
Enroll Online



## Blessing of the Throats

This week's blessing of throats on the **Memorial of St. Blaise (February 3)** will be offered as a communal blessing for all assembled at Mass. St. Blaise was bishop of Armenia and a martyr from the third century. He was a physician and once cured a boy choking on a fishbone. Afterward, he became revered as the patron saint of throat ailments. According to legend, sick animals would also come to him on their own for help! Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, we ask that God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.

## Bereavement Support Group at OLQM

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of the grieving process and point toward healing. Meetings are typically the first and third Mondays of the month, except on days when federal holidays fall on Mondays.

Support group meetings are virtual via Zoom until further notice. Zoom meetings are scheduled for **February 1** and **March 1 & 15**. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Please contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at [ymizelle@gmail.com](mailto:ymizelle@gmail.com).

## Online Retreats Available

For anyone who may like to sign up for an online retreat for prayer with other Catholics, we have two recommendations:

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church Retreats:** Explore, encounter, and engage a 450-year-old tradition that is Ignatian spirituality. | [trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality](http://trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality)

**Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center:** The 2021 retreat season theme is “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” (Mt. 17:4) | [holynameretreatcenter.com](http://holynameretreatcenter.com)

## Lenten Season Begins Soon with Pandemic Precautions

Lent is a 40-day period of sacrifice and atonement to prepare for Christ’s resurrection at Easter. We have had a year adjusting to new ways of living and praying, and we pray that the situation with the pandemic will improve as this new year progresses. Until then, we must continue to act prudently during the season of Lent.

On the first day of Lent, **Ash Wednesday (February 17)**, ashes will be distributed at our scheduled liturgies only:

- 8 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Masses
- 4 p.m. prayer service

To minimize the risk of spreading disease, our priests will distribute ashes by sprinkling the ashes over the head of each person who comes forward, rather than making a cross on each person’s forehead. This method, while new to us, is within the tradition of the Church and is common practice in some other countries. You can refrain from receiving ashes if you are feeling unwell.

On the Fridays of Lent, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** to reflect on the last moments of Jesus’ life. We will also have two **Lenten Sunday Evening Prayer Services** on March 14 and March 21. At all liturgies we require the wearing of face masks and social distancing, with a limit of three people per pew. We will announce times and details soon in our Lenten calendar.

**Easter Sunday this year falls on April 4.**

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections

	Jan 24
Candle Offerings	548.00
1st Collection	4,229.00
2nd Collection (Rel Ed Release time)	866.00
<b>In Church Subtotal (548 attending)</b>	<b>5,643.00</b>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,518.10
Catch-up Envelope	1,221.00
Parish Giving Online	3,871.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,253.62</b>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,996.38)

\*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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.

Special Collection: Churches in Need \$1,486.00  
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

## Contact Us

### BY EMAIL

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Religious Education Office:  
718-263-0907

RCIA Office:  
718-268-6251, ext. 27

OLQM Charity Outreach:  
718-268-6251, ext. 43

### ONLINE

Website:  
[www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

Facebook and Instagram:  
@OLQMChurch

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

# Join the Bishop Francis X. Ford Guild

The Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens is promoting the cause for canonization of its native missionary, Bishop Francis Xavier Ford, M.M. Brooklyn-born Bishop Ford served for 34 years as a Maryknoll missionary in China. Under the postwar communist government, he was arrested on espionage charges and died in a prison camp in 1952.

The Bishop Ford Guild is seeking members to keep alive the memory of this Servant of God; to bring the story of his life, ministry, and faithful death to others; and to provide spiritual support and financial assistance to the cause for his beatification and canonization. There are different membership levels: annual memberships of \$25 a year for individuals and \$50 a year for families, plus lifetime memberships of \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. If you are interested, please fill out the bottom part of the form below and return it to the address provided. You may also email the Office of the Vicar General at [vgeneral@diobrook.org](mailto:vgeneral@diobrook.org) to request more information.

## The Bishop Francis Xavier Ford, M.M. Guild

Diocese of Brooklyn 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

**SUPPORTING THE CAUSE FOR BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD**



1892-1952

**Bishop Francis X. Ford, M.M .**  
Maryknoll Missioner, Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America

**Born in Brooklyn, New York**  
**January 11, 1892**  
**First Seminarian of Maryknoll**

**Ordained...December 5, 1917**  
**Consecrated Bishop...September 21, 1935**  
**Died in Prison in China...February 21, 1952**

### PURPOSE OF THE GUILD

The Purpose of the Servant of God, Bishop Francis X. Ford MM Guild is:

- To keep alive the inspiring memory of the Servant of God, Bp. Francis X. Ford MM
- To bring his life, ministry, and his faithful death to others
- To provide prayer, support, and financial assistance to the cause for beatification and canonization of the servant of God, Bp. Francis X. Ford MM
- To promote devotion and veneration of the servant of God, Bp Francis X. Ford MM

### MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in the Guild is open to any living person interested in the Guild's Purposes. Clerical, Religious and Lay Members share equally in the membership
- Branches will be established in various parts of the diocese and other parts of the world to assist Guild members in strengthening their veneration of the Servant of God, Bp. Francis X. Ford MM

### SPIRITUAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

- Monthly Masses will be offered each month for members of the Guild, by the Bishop of Brooklyn, or priest members of the Guild. The Mass will be offered at the Diocesan Center in Brooklyn or some other place designated by the Director of the Guild or by the Bishop
- Receive the blessings from prayers of the Guild members, the spiritual graces from Masses offered for the living and the dead, as well as other spiritual graces from the devotion and veneration of the Servant of God Bp. Francis X. Ford MM

### TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

There are two types of memberships for the Guild:

- Annual memberships is \$25 per year; and \$50 per family per year
- Life Memberships \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family
- Member certificates will be sent to all members depending on their individual status

To become a member of the Bp. Francis X. Ford MM Guild, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

**Bishop Francis Xavier Ford Guild, c/o Office of the Vicar General, 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ (Arch) Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Annual Membership (\$25)       Family Annual Membership (\$50)

Individual Life Membership (\$500)       Family Life Membership (\$1,000)

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to: COMPOSTELA FUND**