

July 7, 2024 - Fourteenth 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.

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
(Monday–Saturday)  
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

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

**ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
Monday–Saturday after the 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 12:40 p.m. to 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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ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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, July 6

**Saint Maria Goretti**

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Vincent Sorsaia

5 p.m. Gilda Lascano

Sunday, July 7

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

Monday, July 8

8:05 a.m. Amelia Spinelli

12:05 p.m. Maria Antonia Forero

Tuesday, July 9

**Saint Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:05 a.m. Virginia Hodgins

12:05 p.m. Clara Tse

Wednesday, July 10

8:05 a.m. Marianne Schon [living]

12:05 p.m. Miriam Nunez

Thursday, July 11

**Saint Benedict**

8:05 a.m. Alfonso Freidel

12:05 p.m. Intention of St. Benito

Friday, July 12

8:05 a.m. Joan McGoldrick

12:05 p.m. Dr. Jose Luis Fernandez

Saturday, July 13

**Saint Henry**

8:05 a.m. Margaret Hertweck

12:05 p.m. Maria Susana Ayala

5 p.m. Sylvia Clark

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 7

**Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break**

*Study resumes Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room*

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

Monday, July 8

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

**“Through the Word” Bible Study—Summer Break**

*Study resumes on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom*

Tuesday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

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

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

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30 p.m. *church*: **Benediction**

Friday, July 12

The rectory office will be closed.

Masses are at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

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



## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Marco Benitez, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Guello, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Dennis Portelli, Maria Rodin, Bashar Rammo, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Robert Sorsaia, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, 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

Eva J. Barta  
Luis Morales  
William McGeveran



Paul Muldowney  
Marie Schmahl  
Rose Tibayan

## 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.qlqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.qlqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### The Universal Call to Prayer

*"When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God." (Genesis 3: 8)*

**REFLECT:** The catechism states that "God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first" (2567). In prayer, we experience God's thirst for us. As the catechism states, "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (2560). The universal call to holiness, then, finds its source in the thirst God has for us.

When we ignore this call, something extraordinary occurs; we hear "God's sorrowful call to his children, pleading, 'where are you? What is this that you have done'" (2568). The catechism is, of course, referring to Genesis 3. We know the story. After Adam and Eve sin, God looks for them in the garden, and realizing that they are hiding from him, he cries out to them. But why is God sorrowful?

In an earlier reflection, we discussed God's holiness in the radically intense intimacy he has with us. So here in the garden, he discovers that the very couple he loves, with an infinite love, are hiding from him. As he seeks to approach, they distance themselves.

It is from this deep sorrow that God does something unthinkable. This is beautifully stated in the first paragraph of the catechism: "He calls together all men scattered and divided by sin." Notice the language. It is the language of a shepherd calling his sheep, of a mother calling her children.

God sends his son as redeemer and savior. God takes the amazing initiative of not just creating things; he himself comes among us. Radical transcendence becomes radical imminence. Through his son, God invites us to become holy through the Holy Spirit. We cover our response in our next reflections.

**LEARN:** Read what the catechism says about the universal call to prayer, starting with paragraph 2566, or listen to Fr. Schmitz's reading of this section, at <https://tinyurl.com/29xzt5a4>.

**BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN:** 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)

## Major Repairs: Your Contributions at Work

The ramp entrance on Queens Boulevard has reopened. Thank you for your patience as we worked to improve the sidewalk. A new major repair project is now underway. The scaffolding on Ascan Avenue will be in place while the small church roofs are being repaired. It should not hinder your ability to enter or exit the church on Ascan Avenue. The church doors on Queens Boulevard and at the back of the church, near the statue of Mary, are also open for your use. We will keep you informed on the progress of this project through our website, Facebook page, and weekly eblast.

## Order of Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #603—"Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6a

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #515—"We Walk by Faith"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #348—"Taste and See"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #729—"At the Name of Jesus"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for grounds maintenance.
- » July 14, 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.
- » **Traveling this summer?** Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or use online Parish Giving.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



# OLQM Summer Calendar

Save these dates, and watch for updates & additional announcements.

## Saturday, July 27 to Sunday, August 4

### St. John Vianney Novena

The novena will be prayed Mon–Sat at the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass and on Sundays 7/28 & 8/4 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. During one of the Sundays of the novena, a newly ordained priest in our diocese will celebrate Mass, to be followed by a First Blessing.

## Sunday, August 11

### Summer Blood Drive

8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m. Donate the gift of life at the NY Blood Center Mobile Bus, which will be conveniently parked in front of our church (on Ascan Avenue). Afterward, refresh yourself with good food and company at our potluck lunch.

## Sunday, August 11

### Summer Potluck Luncheon

2:15 p.m. (after the last Mass) in the air-conditioned rectory basement. Dust off one of your family's secret recipes and bring a favorite dish to share with fellow parishioners and get to know one another better.

## Thursday, August 15

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Wed 8/14 will be in memory of Msgr. Joseph Funaro, on the eleventh anniversary of his passing. Holy day Masses on Thu 8/15 will be celebrated at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m., with a blessing with seawater at the 12:05 Mass.

## Weekend, August 24/25

### Summer Missionary

In this annual tradition, a visiting missionary will speak at all Masses, giving us an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Church and offer support to his particular mission cause.

## Summer Style Tips for Church

We want everyone to stay cool and comfortable this summer during Masses. However, church remains a place of worship and reverence. Please choose church attire that reflects both comfort and respect for the church and for others attending services. We encourage apparel that is neat and not overly tight, short, or revealing. The church is air-conditioned, so bringing a light sweater or cardigan might be a practical choice. Thank you.



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2024: Update

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 (same as last year). The diocesan Appeal supports many pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that benefit the wider Catholic community in Brooklyn and Queens, and they benefit our own parish, too. Programs funded by the ACA support parish religious education activities and seminarians and future parish priests. So far, 217 of you have pledged or made a gift. While this generosity is heartening, it is 20 donors fewer than at this time last year. We encourage more of you to join your fellow parishioners in contributing to the ACA, in any amount. There are Appeal envelopes near the church doors to use, or you can scan the QR code below with your phone to donate online. Let's try to meet or beat our parish goal by Labor Day. God bless you for your generosity!



AnnualCatholicAppeal.org



## Bereavement Support

The parish Monday evening bereavement group will not be meeting in July and August. Monthly meetings will resume in September, with the specific dates to be announced and published soon in the bulletin and on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/consolationbereavement](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/consolationbereavement).

In the meantime, we would like to point you to an additional resource that may be of help: the bereavement group at Sacred Heart parish in Glendale (83-17 78th Ave.). They meet in their convent basement (entrance on 77th Ave., labeled Parish Ministries) on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending one of their meetings, please call Nancy Baer at Sacred Heart at 718-821-3285 in advance, since circumstances sometimes cause the group to switch their meeting dates.

## Big City Catholics

**In search of a good podcast?** Here's one. Every Friday, tune in for a new episode of Bishop Brennan's Big City Catholics podcast. The Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens and his guests discuss events in the diocese and explore questions of faith that affect us as parents, friends, and professionals. Listen on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or at [podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org).



# Altar Servers' Great Adventure

Back from a thrilling adventure with a few new (stuffed) friends! With gratitude and giggles, our altar servers returned from their day trip to Great Adventures on Tuesday, June 25. The altar servers, Fr. Antonin, and the youth ministry chaperones all extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously sponsored this well-deserved and fun appreciation outing!

## Worth Reading

### Bishop DiMarzio on the Immigration Decision

The question of immigration has been a source of tension for many for a long time. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has studied and analyzed the issue for decades. In his article in *The Tablet* (June 4, 2024), he illustrates one aspect of a complex topic. He writes, "There is a choice before the American public and its leaders in how to resolve the immigration situation. Our national conscience and heritage are at stake."

We encourage you to read his full article "The Immigration Decision: Legalization or Deportation, The Choice Before Us." You can use this link, <https://tinyurl.com/3w79zrrd>, for the article. You can also find the article on our website in the News section of [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org).

## Weekly Collections

Because of an early close for the Fourth of July holiday, the collection figures for Sunday, June 30 were not available in time for the bulletin deadline. The collection figures will appear in next week's bulletin.

## Contact Us

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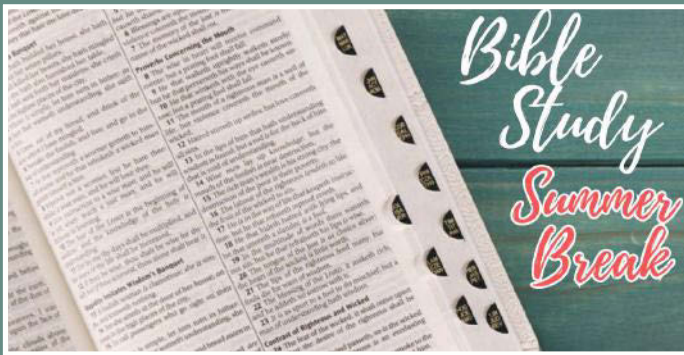
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### LIVESTREAM MASS

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)





After today's (June 30) meeting, the **Sunday morning faith-sharing group** will break for the summer. The group plans to resume in-person meetings on Sunday, September 8. During this break, anyone who would like to receive information may contact Noila Johnson through email: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

Monday evening **"Through the Word" Zoom Bible study** is also on summer break. Their study of the Acts of the Apostles resumes on Monday, September 9. Archived recordings of past Bible studies can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian). Stay strong in Christ and rest well this summer!

### Catholic Charismatic Prayer

**Wednesdays @ 7:45–9 p.m.** Weekly Zoom prayer meetings. 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).

## Religious Education Changes in September

Even as students and teachers embark on a well-deserved summer break, we are preparing for the fall. Beginning this September, Religious Education will implement a two-year preparation program for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation.

This new structure, developed in consultation with Deacon Thomas Jorge, the director of Religious Ed, includes a Pre-Sacrament Class in the first year and a Sacrament Class in the second year. This change will give young learners more time to fully absorb the class teachings and develop their spiritual habits, all in preparation for receiving the Sacraments.

See you all in September!

### Deanery Corner

*A place to share news and events at nearby parishes*

**Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry** (70-01 Kessel Street) helps local families with difficulties maintaining their monthly food supplies. The pantry is open on Saturdays from 10–11 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering or donating nonperishable food items to help replenish the pantry, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at Our Lady of Mercy rectory: phone: 718-268-6143, or email: [ddobbins@diobrook.org](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org).

**The Lord said to me,  
"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."  
—2 Corinthians 12: 9**



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**Free Hearing Services** Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center at 718-990-6480 to arrange an appointment with a specialist. Free screenings are being offered through August 1. Free hearing aid help is also available. The center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike in Flushing.

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**Assisted Living and Respite Care** is available at Dominican Village, an independent living retirement community founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email [jford@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:jford@dominicanvillage.org).