

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — PASTOR  
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — PASTOR EMERITUS  
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## Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

### PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 24)

Procession with Blessed Palms starts 4:45 pm  
(before the 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 23)  
*Regular weekend Mass schedule:* 9 am, 11:15 am, 1 pm  
Blessed Palms at all Sunday Masses

### CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday (March 25):  
11:15 am, 4 pm, 7 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week  
(March 26 & 27): 11:15 am  
Good Friday (March 29): after 7:30 pm Liturgy

### HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

*No morning Masses; no confessions*  
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm  
Mandatum (*Washing of the Feet*), Blessed Sacrament  
Procession to Repository & Adoration until 10:30 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

*Day of fasting & abstinence; no Masses*  
Stations of the Cross: 1 pm  
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday:  
3 pm & 7:30 pm  
Veneration of the Cross; Communion Service;  
Confessions after the 7:30 pm service

### HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

*No morning Masses or 5 pm Mass; no confessions*  
Blessing of Easter Baskets: 11 am (*short service*)  
Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord:  
9 am, 11:15 am (Choir) & 1 pm



### JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration  
information and form

### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://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, March 23

**Saint Turibius**

8:05 a.m. Liberata Padilla

12:05 p.m. Efren Fule

5 p.m. Frances Yodice

Sunday, March 24

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

Reconciliation Monday, March 25

8:05 a.m. Matthew Lizzul

12:05 p.m. Peg and Ed McDonald

Tuesday, March 26

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Ben Block

Wednesday, March 27

8:05 a.m. Luz Arteche

12:05 p.m. Alfredo Castanar, Jr.

### TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28

*(No Morning Masses ~ No Confessions.)*

7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

*(No Masses)*

1 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Veneration

3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
*Veneration of the Cross, Communion Service*

7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Choir  
*Veneration, Communion, followed by Individual Confessions*

Holy Saturday, March 30

*(No Morning or 5 p.m. Masses ~ No Confessions)*

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil  
and Mass of Resurrection

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

## Remember Our Sick

Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, John Imperante Sr., Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Jorge Luis Olivares, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Main Events of the Week

Saturday, March 23

4:45 p.m., outdoors: **Blessing and Procession with Palms**  
followed by the Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 24



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
Blessed Palms at all Masses

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room:*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Reconciliation Monday, March 25

Confessions at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

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

6:45 p.m. *rectory meeting room:* **Bereavement Support Group**

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

Tuesday, March 26

11:15 a.m. *church:* **Confessions**

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

Wednesday, March 27

11:15 a.m. *church:* **Confessions**

**Religious Education - Stations of the Cross**

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

7-8:15 p.m. *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI*

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

Holy Thursday, March 28

**No Confessions**

Good Friday, March 29

**Rectory Offices Closed**

**Confessions after 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service**

Holy Saturday, March 30

**No Confessions**

11 a.m. *church:* **Easter Basket Blessings** (see p. 5)

The **Wine and Host** are offered  
in loving memory of  
**Nandranie Gulcharran**  
—requested by Drew

## Remember Our Deceased

Judy Fierro  
Cornelius Hazel  
Nati Javier



Sister Mary Lourdetta  
O'Keefe, RSM  
Michele Tuzzolino

## 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

### Holy Saturday with Our Lady of Solitude

*And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)*

**REFLECT:** Our Lady of Solitude (Spanish: María de la Soledad) is a title of Blessed Mother, and a special form of Marian devotion commemorating the solitude of Mary on Holy Saturday.

Holy Saturday “is not like other days. It is filled, quite poignantly and uniquely, with solitude and silence, with memory and hope. On Holy Saturday, Our Lady of Solitude stands as a beacon of hope and a tower of strength. With her and with the whole Church, we wait in silence and stillness.

“Today, through the example of Our Blessed Mother, we learn what it means to be guardians of memory. In a trust-filled solitude, Mary pondered in her heart the Word of God, the memory of her Son, the promises and prophesies. In an attentive silence, she dwelt in hope, in a hope that was stronger than death. In this she teaches us how to truly be contemplatives. Flowing from her ‘living water’ of memory came welling up within her the strength to remain standing at the Foot of the Cross and to remain filled with hope during that first long, painful Holy Saturday. She kept all these things in her heart, pondering them as a Guardian of Memory.

“Through the devastating darkness of Good Friday and the quiet longing of Holy Saturday, Our Lady (the perfect Guardian of Memory) continued to ponder, to contemplate, and to dwell in the security of one who knows the mercy and love of God. She dared to hope when everyone else had extinguished their lamps. And her light was burning brightly when her Son rose from the dead. May it be so with us. Our Lady of Solitude, pray for us and form us into true contemplatives like you.” (Our Lady of Solitude Monastery, <http://tinyurl.com/mr35yc93>).

**ACT:** On Holy Saturday, until the Easter Vigil, there is no Mass to attend; the tabernacle stands open and empty. Where are we to pray, if not with our Mother? Set aside some time on Holy Saturday to pray quietly with Mary. Pray the sorrowful mysteries.

**LEARN:** Lister to Msgr. John Esseff’s reflection on Holy Saturday with Mary, at Discerning Hearts (<http://tinyurl.com/2baph4kh>).

**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)

## Order of Mass Palm Sunday

*Cycle B—Choir Masses 5 p.m. & 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

“Palm Sunday Processional”—*Choir Masses*  
*Procession begins Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.*  
*Missal #143—“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*  
*(sung at the 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Masses)*

**MASS PARTS:** *Vermulst*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

### GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

“The Palms” (*J. Fauré*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #729—“At the Name of Jesus”*

### COMMUNION

“Ride On! Ride On!” (*J. P. Scott*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #154—“O Sacred Head, Surrounded”*

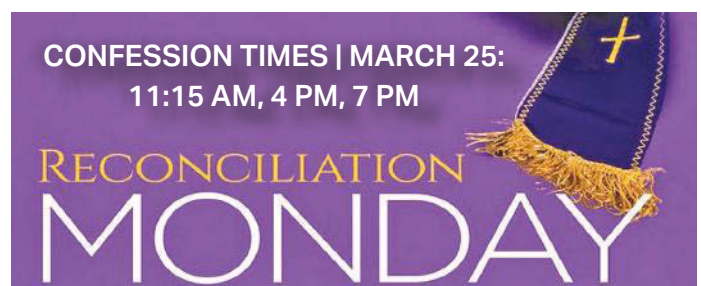
### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #717—“Lift High the Cross”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is our Easter gift to the church.
- » March 31, the second collection is our Easter support of senior priests. There is also an envelope for the Easter Music and Liturgy.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





## Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** Meets in rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact instructor Dr. Joseph Terry ([josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com))

to join on Zoom. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian).

**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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

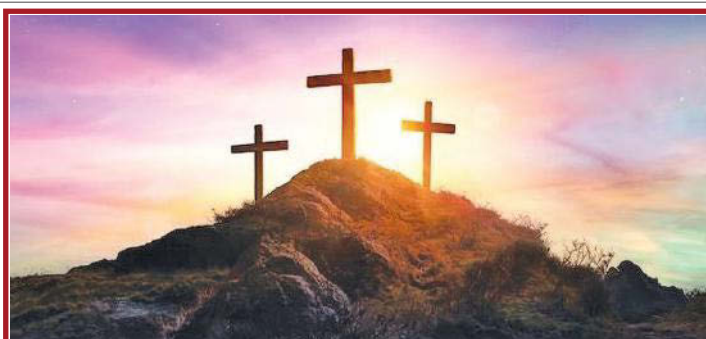
### Limited tickets available

## Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

**Saturday April 20 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Louis Armstrong Stadium** (Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing Meadows). Bishop Brennan will lead this day-long program with youth event, family catechesis, Eucharistic procession, and Mass. The event is free, but tickets are required. Our parish has 50 tickets to give to parish members on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please call the rectory to reserve tickets that you can pick up at the rectory during office hours. Individuals can request up to 2 tickets; families can request 4 tickets.

## Bereavement Support Group Meets on Monday

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They will on **Monday, March 25 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Future meetings are April 22, May 20, and June 17. For questions or additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).



## The Easter Triduum

Three days (*triduum* in Latin) represent the most sacred time in the Church year and recall events that changed the course of human history.

**Holy Thursday** celebrates the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. The rite of foot-washing is performed to recall Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and calling them to follow his example. We pray at the repository all through the night as Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

**Good Friday** remembers the Lord's Passion, crucifixion, and death. It is the one day of the year when the Church does not celebrate Mass. We observe fasting and abstinence and meditate on the last hours before Christ's death.

**Holy Saturday** is the Easter Vigil. On this night, we reenact the passage from death to life: lighting the Easter (Paschal) candle, recounting the story of our salvation, renewing our baptismal vows. It is also the day when those entering the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments for the first time.

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis urges support for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to aid Christians in the Holy Land, who are now less than 2% of the population. Your donations will help to sustain local parishes, schools, and Christian sites. Thank you.



# HOSANNA!

**BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. (MARK 11:9)**

*Blessed Palms that you receive today are meant to be placed in a significant place in your home as a sign of our faith in Jesus' triumph over sin, suffering, and death. Please do not leave palms in the pews. If you are unable to take them home, please return them to the table in the church.*



## Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Holy Saturday  
March 30 at 11 a.m.

The blessing of Easter baskets containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a tradition

among Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian Eastern Europeans. On Holy Saturday morning, bring your baskets to church to be blessed during a short service. If you have never participated, consider starting a new tradition!

## RCIA News

# Registration for Adult Confirmation Class Is Now Open

If you have been baptized and received First Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Registration is now open for classes starting on April 9, with conferral of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Please email Veronica McCarthy at [olqmrca@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrca@gmail.com) for information or complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation information Form on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia) (from the main menu, under Religious Education menu/RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

# Join Our Parish!

We are happy to have you join us at Mass today and this Holy Week and invite you to become an active part of our parish community. We want to know and serve you. If you are new to the neighborhood of Forest Hills, Queens, or attend Mass regularly in our church yet have never registered, we encourage you to become a registered parishioner. Adults can register themselves and family members using the parish registration form on our website:

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration)



Scan code to go directly to OLQM parish registration link

Registration is our primary means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for getting married or baptized in the Church and receiving Catholic funeral rites.

For those who are currently registered members of our parish, remember to notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records.

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### —Weekly Collections—

	Mar 17
Candle Offerings	\$1,678.00
1st Collection	9,270.17
2nd Collection (major repairs)	2,496.17
Fuel Collection	1,875.17
Easter Flowers	2,285.17
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>17,604.68</u>
Online Giving	3,953.04
Mail In	2,250.00
TOTAL	23,807.72
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(692.28)

\* 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

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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)

Deanery Corner

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

**Supermarket Sweeps! Sunday, April 14 @ 2 to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall** (70-01 Kessel St., Forest Hills). Tickets \$20, which includes 2 Bingo cards, coffee/tea, and pastries. Bingo winners receive a bag of groceries! Additional Bingo cards, raffles, and 50/50 tickets are available for purchase. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Adults only, Cash only event. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy. Questions? Email: [OLMCASupermarketSweeps@gmail.com](mailto:OLMCASupermarketSweeps@gmail.com).

**Youth Jubilee of the Holy Year 2025**

**July 27–August 4, 2025: 9-Day Pilgrimage to Rome.** Bishop Robert Brennan invites the youth of the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese to join him on this pilgrimage, which begins in Assisi, where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare and pray near the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. In Rome, attend the Holy Father’s general audience and Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica and walk through the Holy Doors to receive a plenary indulgence. Email: [Peter@petersway.com](mailto:Peter@petersway.com) for all-inclusive package pricing. Enrollment deadline (with \$250 deposit) is June 1, 2024.

*Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Home Academy Association Proudly Presents*



**Spring Bash 2024**  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
**McLaughlin Hall**

Please join us for an evening of dining, dancing, and great raffle prizes!

Our **ANNUAL SPRING BASH** is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with fellow parishioners. Gather your friends for a special evening in a beautifully transformed McLaughlin Hall!

**Tickets \$80 per person or \$750 to reserve a table for 10 people.**

Price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, and coffee. Bring your own wine. 70s disco attire is encouraged but not required. **Reservations are necessary.**

**All proceeds benefit Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy.**

Complete this reply form and return with payment by April 16th, to the school.

PRINT NAME(S) & PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE: \_\_\_\_\_ TICKET(S) FOR \$80 PER PERSON  
\_\_\_\_\_ TABLE FOR 10 PEOPLE FOR \$750

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

Your tickets will be held at the door. Please complete and return this form with your check payable to OLQMCA by April 16th. Mail to: OLQMCA – Spring Bash 72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375

For more information, contact the school: [info@olqmca.org](mailto:info@olqmca.org) or call the office at: (718) 263-2622