

March 30, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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**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, March 29

12:05 p.m. James Patsos

5 p.m. Lynn B. Wood

Sunday, March 30

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

Monday, March 31

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Jose B. Del Rosario

Tuesday, April 1

8:05 a.m. Jane D. Charles

12:05 p.m. Manuela Miguel and family

Wednesday, April 2

**Saint Francis of Paola**

8:05 a.m. John S. DeBiase

12:05 p.m. Robert DeBlasio

Thursday, April 3

8:05 a.m. Maria D'Altorio Dayre

12:05 p.m. Vivona family [living]

Friday, April 4

**Saint Isidore**

8:05 a.m. Nicolo Pollini

12:05 p.m. Lui Eng

Saturday, April 5

**Saint Vincent Ferrer**

12:05 p.m. Joseph Trubia

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

## 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, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Ernny 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.

**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).

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 30

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

2:30 p.m. *rectory meeting room:* **Baptism Instruction**

Monday, March 31

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

*church:* **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, April 1

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

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

7–8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** (*see p. 5*)

Wednesday, April 2

**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, April 3

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, April 4

7:30 p.m. *church:* **Stations of the Cross**  
followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, April 5

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

6:30–11 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **OLQM Catholic Academy**

**Spring Bash** (*admission by ticket only; see p. 5*)

**We are taking requests for Easter Memorials.**

See p. 6 for the form to use.

### The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

**Theresa Callaghan**

—requested by the Snow family

## Remember Our Deceased

Brother Gary Eck, SM

Anastasia Millan

Brother Richard Hartz, SM

Avelina Revierta Sibulo

Khalid Jalajel

Yvette Zampt

Janusz Kowalski

## This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee Prayer for Lay Volunteers

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, with joy and wonder we seek to make our own your Magnificat, joining you in your hymn of thankfulness and love. With you we give thanks to God, "whose mercy is from generation to generation," for the exalted vocation and the many forms of mission entrusted to the lay faithful.

God has called each of them by name to live his own communion of love and holiness. He has sent them forth to shine with the light of Christ and to communicate the fire of the Spirit in every part of society through their life inspired by the gospel.

O Virgin of the Magnificat, fill their hearts with a gratitude and enthusiasm for this vocation and mission. With humility and magnanimity, you were the "handmaid of the Lord." Give us your unreserved willingness for service to God and the salvation of the world. Open our hearts to the great anticipation of the Kingdom of God and of the proclamation of the Gospel.

Your mother's heart is ever mindful of the many dangers and evils that threaten to overpower men and women in our time. Your heart also takes notice of the many initiatives undertaken for good, the great yearning for values, and the progress achieved in bringing forth the abundant fruits of salvation.

O Virgin full of courage, may your spiritual strength and trust in God inspire us, so that we might know how to overcome all the obstacles that we encounter in accomplishing our mission. Teach us to treat the affairs of the world with a real sense of Christian responsibility and a joyful hope of the coming of God's Kingdom and of a "new heaven and a new earth."



O Virgin Mother, guide and sustain us so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church of your Son. Enable us to do our part in helping to establish on earth the civilization of truth and love, as God wills it, for his glory. Amen.

Source: From *Christifideles Laici* by St. John Paul II, Libreria Editrice Vaticana © 1988.

## Order of Mass Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

### ENTRANCE

Missal #125—"Again We Keep This Solemn Feast"

MASS PARTS: People's Mass (*Vermulst*)

### FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

"God So Loved the World" (*S. Stainer*)—Choir  
Missal #622—"You Gather In the Outcast"

### COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (*E. Elgar*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #518—"Christ, Be Our Light"

### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #141—"The Glory of These Forty Days"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the church grounds.
- » April 6, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Easter Flowers.
- » 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.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction



## 2026 MASS REQUEST FORMS

Mass intention forms are available on the piano in church. Please limit your Mass intention requests to one sheet (two sides) at first so that we can accommodate as many as possible and everyone has a chance to request a Mass. Return completed forms, with payment, by mail or to the rectory.

### Convent Now in Use by YAI

The convent building, as of March 2025, now serves as a permanent residence for individuals supported by Young Adult Institute (YAI), an agency dedicated to assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is an active 24/7 home, with staff entering the building at various hours throughout the day to provide care. We appreciate your awareness and support in welcoming our new neighbors.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Christian faithful are obliged to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and works of piety and charity. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Good Friday (April 18) is a day of fast, meaning only one full meal may be taken. All Fridays are penitential days in remembrance of Christ's Passion. The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty to receive Communion at least once a year extends to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15).



### Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

**Have you pledged yet?** The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. For 2025, our parish goal is to raise \$110,076. Please prayerfully consider a gift! Use the envelopes in church or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/)

### About the Catholic Relief Services Collection

The second collection today is being taken for the U.S. Bishops' overseas appeal. Funds will benefit six Church-related entities that all offer aid to the vulnerable in carrying out Christ's mandate in Matthew's Gospel to care for the "least of these." Specifically, the funds will be used to lend assistance to people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution, or extreme poverty. Please be generous today to the extent possible.

### KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

#### —Weekly Collections—

	<b>Mar 23</b>
Candle Offerings	\$1,630.00
1st Collection	8,150.23
2nd Collection <i>(fuel)</i>	2,771.23
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,551.46</u>
Online Giving	4,415.46
Mail In	2,126.00
TOTAL	19,092.92
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,497.08)

\* 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).

#### "God is making His appeal through us."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

### Contact Us

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[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)



## Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith 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).

**Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m.** Gather weekly with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 to request meeting location.

**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.

## OLQM Catholic Academy SPRING BASH

*McLaughlin Hall*

*Saturday, April 5 | 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.*

Expect a lively Havana Nights-themed evening of music, dancing, dinner, auctions, and raffles—with all proceeds supporting our Catholic academy! It is a fun social gathering for school parents, alumni, and friends of the parish and academy.

Tickets: \$80 per person | \$750 for a table of 10

Use this QR code to buy your tickets.



## The Word Made Flesh: Lenten Mission

7 p.m. Monday, April 7 to Wednesday, April 9  
Sacred Heart Church, 83-17 78th Ave., Glendale

You are invited to deepen your own Lenten journey at this three-night mission led by Father Richard Veras, director of pastoral formation and professor of homiletics at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. The mission theme is “The Word Made Flesh: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever.” All are welcome—attend yourself or bring family and friends for this opportunity to grow in faith this Lent!



## Reconciliation Monday: April 14

The parable of the prodigal son in today’s Gospel is one of the most enduring and meaningful of the parables—and one that we encounter often when seeking reconciliation with God, which is so vital to making these forty days of Lent matter. In the story, Luke writes that the father sees his son “while he was still a long way off . . . and was filled with compassion,” and the father runs to embrace this son. So it is with our Heavenly Father. The parable assures us that forgiveness is possible. God waits for us, watches for us.

We should be reassured that even when we are a long way off, He runs to us, to welcome us home. And we should run to Him, too. During this period of Lent, on Reconciliation Monday, April 14, we will have extended hours for confession to provide everyone with an opportunity to experience God’s mercy and begin anew. Confessions on April 14 will be at 11:15 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

## For Parents with Little Children

We cherish having young children at Mass, even when they cry at inopportune times. We also recognize the need to maintain a peaceful atmosphere for everyone during worship. Sometimes children are persistently fussy, and we will not be upset if parents feel they need to make their child comfortable. If your child is restless, you are welcome to use the vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a comforting area. These spaces are equipped with speakers, so you can still hear and follow along with Mass while attending to your child. Ushers can provide directions and assistance.



## Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet next on **Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. Qs? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).



# EASTER Memorials 2025

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the church for Easter. The 1 p.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday will be offered for the memorials donated.

DESCRIPTION OF MEMORIALS	OFFERING
(2) Tall Cherry OR (2) Yellow Forsythia Blossom Trees	\$200/each tree
(2) Magnolia Blossom Trees	\$150/each tree
(2) Large Forsythia Vases	\$100/each
(6) Forsythia Vases across High Altar	\$ 50/each
Triple Stem Easter Lily Plant	\$100/each
Group of Five Tulip Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 60/each
Group of Two Azalea Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Group of Three Hyacinth Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Easter Lily Plant	\$ 35/each
(New for 2025) Group of Two Kalanchoe Plants	\$ 30/each

Celebrate the EASTER SEASON with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Please return this form (with payment) to the rectory.*

Gift from/in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please PRINT)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering (select from items and prices above):

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