

May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

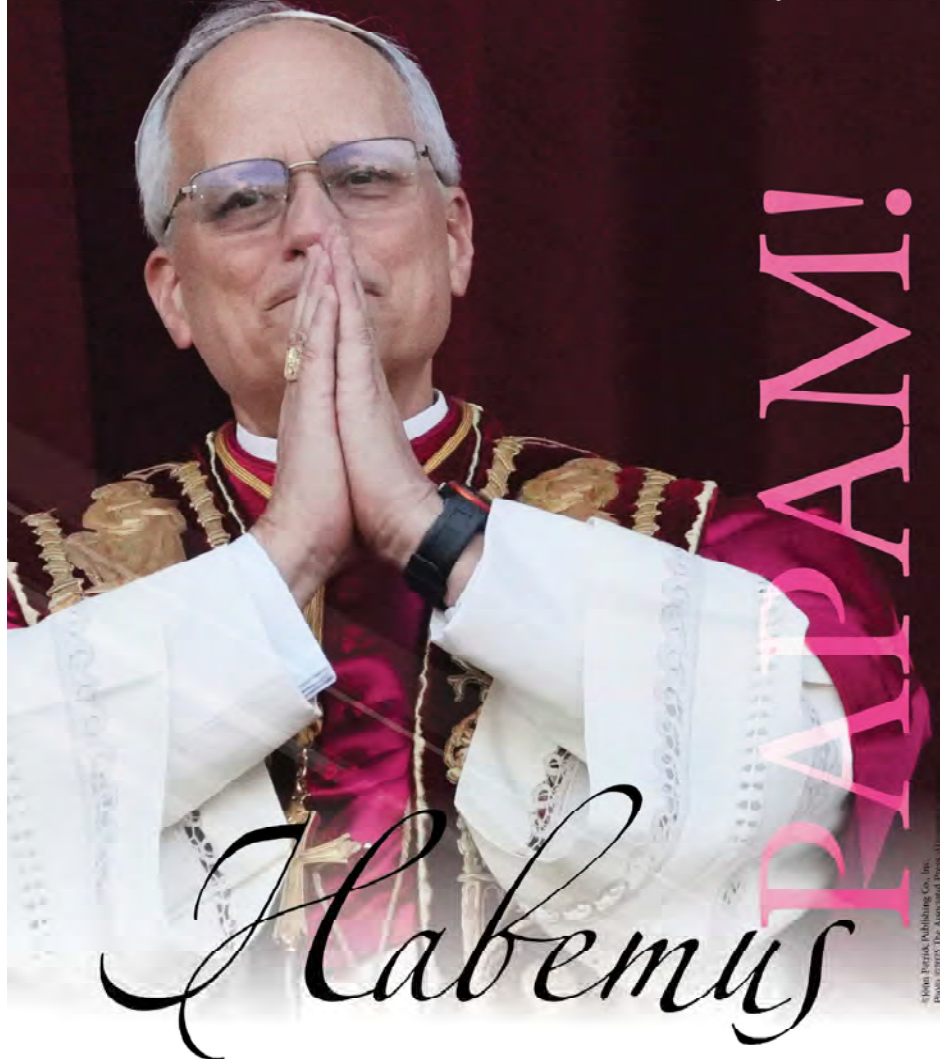
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Pope Leo XIV ~ Bishop of Rome

Formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.

Archdiocese of Chicago, U.S.A

May 8, 2025



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — PASTOR

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — PAROCHIAL VICAR



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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, May 17

12:05 p.m. Lawrence Sanchez, Sr.

5 p.m. Maria, Jackeline, and Rocio Vega

Sunday, May 18

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 19

8:05 a.m. Marie Tigerese T. Miller

12:05 p.m. Yan Eng

Tuesday, May 20

Saint Bernadine of Siena

8:05 a.m. Robert Melli

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Wednesday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:05 a.m. Brian Spaulding

12:05 p.m. Dorothea Pabustan

Thursday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

8:05 a.m. Peter J. O'Brien

12:05 p.m. Rose Ventrice

Friday, May 23

8:05 a.m. Dominic DeNapoli

12:05 p.m. Jorel M. Ilawan [living]

Saturday, May 24

12:05 p.m. Fermin P. Manalo, Jr. [living]

5 p.m. Richard Allen Mohr

Remember Our Sick

Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rob Champion, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Babu Easow, Bruce Edwards, Ronda Esser, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Spyro Harisiadis, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Roger Mejia, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Teruko Secor, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Teresa Wong, Mariana Zapata—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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 18

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: Bible Study

(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

Week 2 of Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes *(see p. 4)*

Monday, May 19

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**

Tuesday, May 20

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

7–8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** *(see p. 6)*

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

Wednesday, May 21

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, May 22

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, May 23

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall*: **MAYO Meeting**

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, May 24

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

Remember Our Deceased

Tessa Alfonso
Zultan Bermudez
John Chu
Barbara Cusumano
Luis Figueroa



Marcos Martinez, Sr.
Michael Rosellon
Father Raymond Wadas
Bishop Gerald Walsh

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.

This Week's Reflection

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

Mary in Our Spiritual Life

Pope Francis's concluding thoughts in his exhortation *"The Joy of the Gospel"* invite us to contemplate the role of Mary in our spiritual life.

Mary, Mother of Evangelization

"With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the Mother of the Church which evangelizes; without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelization." (284)

Jesus' Gift to His People

"On the cross, when Jesus endured in his own flesh the dramatic encounter of the sin of the world and God's mercy, he could feel at his feet the consoling presence of his mother and his friend. At that crucial moment, before fully accomplishing the work which his Father had entrusted to him, Jesus said to Mary: 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to his beloved friend: 'Here is your mother' (Jn 19:26-27). These words of the dying Jesus are not chiefly the expression of his devotion and concern for his mother; rather, they are a revelatory formula which manifests the mystery of a special saving mission. Jesus left us his mother to be our mother. Only after doing so did Jesus know that 'all was now finished' (Jn 19:28). At the foot of the cross, at the supreme hour of the new creation, Christ led us to Mary. He brought us to her because he did not want us to journey without a mother, and [we] read in this maternal image all the mysteries of the Gospel. The Lord did not want to leave the Church without this icon of womanhood. Mary, who brought him into the world with great faith, also accompanies 'the rest of her offspring, those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus' (Rev 12:17)." (285)

Blessed Isaac of Stella

"The close connection between Mary, the Church and each member of the faithful, based on the fact that each in his or her own way brings forth Christ, has been beautifully expressed by Blessed Isaac of Stella: 'In the inspired Scriptures, what is said in a universal sense of the virgin mother, the Church, is understood in an individual sense of the Virgin Mary.... In a way, every Christian is also believed to be a bride of God's word, a mother of Christ, his daughter and sister, at once virginal and fruitful... Christ dwelt for nine months in the tabernacle of Mary's womb. He dwells until the end of the ages in the tabernacle of the Church's faith. He will dwell forever in the knowledge and love of each faithful soul.'" (212)



The next Catholic Teaching Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Order of Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #178—"At the Lamb's High Feast"

MASS PARTS: Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul (*Shiavone*)

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5a

GOSPEL

John 13:31-33a

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"God So Loved the World" (*J. Strainer*)—Choir
Missal #425—"Christians, Let Us Love One Another"

COMMUNION

"If a Man Love Me" (*J. Roff*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
"Regina Caeli, Jubila" (*M. Praetorius*)—Leader of Song
Missal #610—"I Have Loved You"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #177—"Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for CCD and Religious Ed programs.

» May 25, the second collection will be for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.

» At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (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.

God Bless Pope Leo XIV from Chicago!

We rejoice with the Universal Church for our new Holy Father and marvel again at the work of the Holy Spirit among us, inspiring the electors to choose an American. You can read Father Passenant's reflection on this historic moment on our website or revisit last week's OLQMatters email (dated May 9), which has our pastor's entire message.

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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

Rosary and 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

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

Celebration of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date

Week 2 - Drawing Next Sunday

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Attention raffle and music lovers: Support the sung liturgies and concerts in our church by entering this sweepstakes!

Tickets are \$50 each. Only 100 tickets are being sold—great odds to win \$1,000.

More important, every ticket purchased is a true win for our parish and everyone who worships here!

To get your sweepstakes ticket, look for choir members in the church vestibule after Masses TODAY. Cash and credit accepted. If tickets remain, they will also be on sale next weekend, too (May 24/25).

The drawing is Sunday, May 25, after 1 p.m. Mass; no need to be present—we'll announce the winner in the bulletin. Thank you for supporting the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs!

Bereavement Support Group Meets on Monday

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet this Monday, **May 19** and again on **June 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**.

The group will not meet in July and August. Meetings will resume in the fall; dates to be announced. If you have questions, please contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

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 or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

— Weekly Collections —

While our printer upgrades its digital press, our May bulletins are being produced early. Collection figures for the week of May 4 were not yet available for this issue. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

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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



SPRING BLESSINGS

When heaven sends sunshine or drizzle, we take photos! Here are glimpses of some of our recent blessings. *Clockwise, from top left*—(1) The vibrant pink cherry blossoms have already given way to green, but the beauty of our church never fades; (2) those from our OCIA program were received as members of the Catholic Church after their profession of faith on Divine Mercy Sunday; (3) the youngest parishioners get a pep talk from Fr. Passenant before the milestone moment of their First Communion; (4) faithful feet stood in a prayer line for the Living Rosary, undeterred by the light rain.

OLQM Altar Server Sponsorship Requested for Their Summer Trip

Help us show our appreciation for our dedicated altar servers by contributing to their summer trip to Great Adventure. Envelopes are available near the church doors and can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR
SERVERS
UPON THIS **Rock!** I WILL
BUILD MY
CHURCH



Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

*Regina caeli laetare,
Alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti
portare. Alleluia.
Resurrexit Sicut dixit,
Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum.
Alleluia.*

Queen of Heaven,
rejoice, Alleluia.
For He whom you did
merit to bear, Alleluia.
Has risen, as he said,
Alleluia.
Pray for us to God,
Alleluia.

Urge Your NYS Senator to Reject Assisted Suicide

At the end of April, the NY State Assembly passed a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The Senate may vote next. Senate Bill 138 would let doctors prescribe lethal medication to end a patient's life.

Lawmakers need to hear from constituents to reject this dangerous practice. Assisted suicide endangers patients, caregivers, and vulnerable patients, especially the elderly and those with disabilities, and undermines the dignity of life. Suicide is not medical care.

The bishops of New York State encourage you to contact your NYS Senator and urge them to oppose this bill.

How? Visit www.NYSCatholic.org/action-center for tools to quickly locate the phone number for your State Senator or compose an email message. Please do so today.

Ensuring a Safe Environment for All

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement requires updated training for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions. If you are working with children in any capacity at our church, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete any outstanding training items. If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300, ext. 607.

Have You Pledged Yet?

Parish goal: \$110,076

Pledged to date: \$71,578

Paid to date: \$46,497

Donors to date: 150



The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. We have already raised over 65% of our goal in pledges, and 42% of our total goal has already been paid thanks to 150 donors. It's a positive sign. We could potentially meet or exceed our goal by end of summer. If you have not yet contributed to this diocesan campaign, help us keep the momentum going—every gift matters! 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/



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.

Memorialize a Loved One with an Altar Gift

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To make your request, visit the rectory during business hours.