

November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**  
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#### DEACON

Deacon Greg Kandra

#### OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

Anne Zuschlag

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

#### TRUSTEES

Roger Aguinaldo  
Veronica McCarthy

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon Thomas Jorge

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)  
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

#### PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

David Close

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lorna Stark

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8 a.m. and 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 a.m. and 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.

#### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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



#### 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)

#### GIVE NOW

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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, November 26

8 a.m. Marie Lowry

12:05 p.m. Emmanuel [living]

5 p.m. Richard A. Mohr

Sunday, November 27

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

Monday, November 28

8 a.m. Richard Cleary

12:05 p.m. Immaculada Vidal Alvarez

Tuesday, November 29

8 a.m. R. Prentice

12:05 p.m. Emilia Soriano

Wednesday, November 30

**Saint Andrew**

8 a.m. Eugene Schumann, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Thursday, December 1

8 a.m. Faro Vitale

12:05 p.m. Patrice M. Nigro

Friday, December 2

8 a.m. Mateo Morales [living]

12:05 p.m. George Kelly

Saturday, December 3

**Saint Francis Xavier**

8 a.m. Peg and Ed McDonald

12:05 p.m. Martin Quimsom

5 p.m. Sharon and Marvin Spieler

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 27

All Masses: **Christmas Giving Tree Weekend**

*Leave unwrapped gifts at the tree at the St. Joseph altar. See p. 5 for more information*

10 a.m. Zoom: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

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

Monday, November 28

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

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

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

Wednesday, November 30

**Religious Education**

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**

Thursday, December 1

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*(Evening Benediction returns February 23, 2023)*

Saturday, December 3

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



## Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Reszo Hrosz, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Gary Hoskie, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Annabelle Resitano, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**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, please 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.

## Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Donald E. Babinski  
William Ambrose Callahan  
Gloria Carron  
Rev. James Devine  
Marcos Martinez, Sr.



Joan Mehlmann  
Dana Mihailescu  
Antoinette Perez  
Christel Ovalle  
Dr. Susan Sanelli

Nicolae Scurtu

**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.**

# This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching  
**Pope Benedict on Advent**

*Advent is the season of the presence and expectation of the eternal.*  
(Pope Benedict XVI)

**REFLECT:** “Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us. How often does God give us a glimpse of his love! To keep, as it were, an ‘interior journal’ of this love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life! Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present. Should not the certainty of his presence help us see the world with different eyes? Should it not help us to consider the whole of our life as a ‘visit,’ as a way in which he can come to us and become close to us in every situation?”

“Another fundamental element of Advent is expectation, an expectation which is at the same time hope.... Hope marks humanity’s journey, but for Christians it is enlivened by a certainty: the Lord is present in the passage of our lives, he accompanies us and will one day also dry our tears. One day, not far off, everything will find its fulfilment in the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice and peace....

“Advent is the season of the presence and expectation of the eternal.... It is joy in the fact that God made himself a Child. This joy, invisibly present within us, encourages us to journey on with confidence. A model and support of this deep joy is the Virgin Mary, through whom we were given the Infant Jesus. May she, a faithful disciple of her Son, obtain for us the grace of living this liturgical season alert and hardworking, while we wait. Amen!” (Pope Benedict XVI, November 28, 2009)

**ACT:** Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath (<https://bit.ly/3zGCAY2>). Light the first violet candle and sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

**LEARN:** Read Pope Benedict XVI’s homily on Advent at <https://bit.ly/3gWjvus>.

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).

**Attn: Parents! Calling All Actors & Singers in Grades 2-8**

We preparing for the parish 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. Children are asked to volunteer. Singers, contact Ms. Longobardi ([jomlongo@gmail.com](mailto:jomlongo@gmail.com)). Actors for nonspeaking roles, contact Mrs. Sheila Smith-Gonzalez ([ssmithgonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:ssmithgonzalez@gmail.com)). Deadline November 30.

## Order of Mass

### First Sunday of Advent

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #44—“O Come, Divine Messiah”*  
*“Enter His Sanctuary Singing”—Choir*

**MASS PARTS:** A Community Mass

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**SECOND READING:** Romans 13:11-14

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 24:37-44

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

*“Let All Mortal Flesh” (G. Holst)—Choir*  
*Missal #40—“Come, Lord Jesus”*

#### COMMUNION

*“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying” (P. Nicolai)—Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #601—“Christ, Be Our Light”*

#### CLOSING HYMN

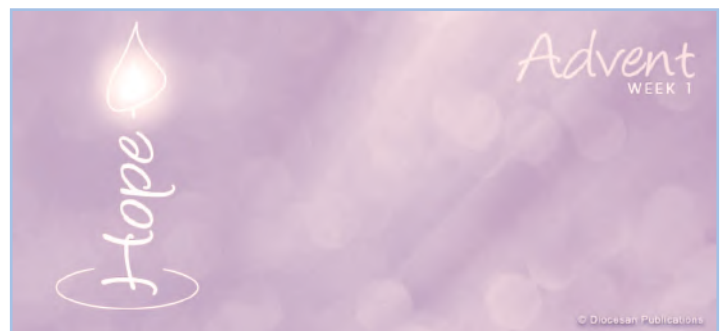
*Missal #69—“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*  
*Missal #44—“O Come, Divine Messiah”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

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

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for majors repairs. There is also an envelope for the Christmas flowers.
- » December 4, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.
- » 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.



## OLQM December Calendar

### December 8: Immaculate Conception

*Holy Day of Obligation; Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. 12/7; holy day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

### December 11: Bambinelli Sunday

*Blessing of baby Jesus statues at all Masses*

### December 11: A Christmas Festival

*4 p.m. in the church, concert of Christmas music; admission by ticket only*

### December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

*12:05 p.m. Mass with procession of roses*

### December 19: Advent Reconciliation

*Monday Confessions times: 11:15 a.m., 4-5 p.m., and 7-8 p.m.*

### December 24: Christmas Eve

*5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass  
9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by Christmas Mass at Night*

### December 25: Christmas Day

*Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.*

## R C I A

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you age 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To learn more, contact [olqmrca@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrca@gmail.com) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 827, and leave a message (including a call back number). All emails and calls will receive a responses.



### Deanery Corner

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

**Let There Be Light! ♦ Advent Mission, November 29–30 and December 1 @ 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (83-17 78th Ave, Glendale). Deacon Greg Kandra is the presenter. All are invited to get ready for Christmas!

**LIVESTREAM @OLQM:** Sunday Mass at 11:15AM is livestreamed for the benefit of the homebound and the sick who are unable to be in church in person. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast).

## Christmas Memorial Wreaths/Trees

*We are accepting memorial donations to decorate the church for Christmas. To request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, **return this form to the rectory by December 13th**. The memorial listings will appear in the Christmas bulletin. The 11:15 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intention of those individuals being memorialized and the donors to the Christmas flower offering.*

**Christmas memorial offerings that are remain available are indicated below.**



Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
3	48-inch Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around Church)	\$300.00/each
4	Christmas Trees (around the outdoor manger)	\$175.00/each
4	Christmas Trees (around the indoor manger)	\$175.00/each
9	Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
Many	Poinsettia Plants Large	\$75.00/each

Gift in Memory of: *please print name(s)*

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

Requester's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering (select from remaining items listed above): \_\_\_\_\_

## Giving Tree Gift Collection

Return gifts on the weekends of November 26/27 through December 10/11

Thank you for participating in this much-loved parish tradition! Beginning today and no later than December 12th, leave your UNWRAPPED gifts\*—with the tag attached—under the tree in the church so that Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens can distribute them in time for Christmas.

\**TIP:* For teens ages 13-18, consider new gift cards to let them purchase what they need. **Gift cards must be new** (please do not give partially used cards).

When returning gifts, attach the original tag indicating that your gift is for a boy or girl and their age. **If you do not have a tag, that's OK.** You can still participate by purchasing a brand-new gift for a child. Just attach a label marked Giving Tree Gift to your unwrapped item.

Please do not leave gifts in the church vestibule. Return to the tree at the Saint Joseph altar. If the church is closed, you may drop off gifts at the rectory by December 12. Gift cards can be put in an envelope marked Giving Tree Gift and left in the rectory mailbox. We want

to collect as many gifts as possible for boys and girls and teens in time for Catholic Charities to collect them and distribute them for Christmas. If you shop on Amazon Smile, please also consider selecting Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church as your charity.



**Support  
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
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When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1687469>

### When Christmas Shopping

Please consider the Amazon Smile option with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs as your chosen charity. When you shop through Amazon Smile, they donate 0.05% of the purchase price to our church in the process, with no added cost to you.

For the sake of my brothers and friends I say,  
"Peace be with you." For the sake of the house of  
the LORD, our God, I pray for your good.

(Psalm 122:8-9)

### Contact Us

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[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

YouTube (Sunday livestream):  
[www.youtube.com/olqmwstewardship](https://www.youtube.com/olqmwstewardship)

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[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

### Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door near the Mary statue). They will meet on **Dec. 19**. All meetings begin at **7 p.m.** RSVP is required. Please email the group facilitator, Mike Acquilano, at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

### Weekly Collections

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the collection figures for Sunday, November 27 were not available in time for the early bulletin closing. The collection figures will appear in next week's bulletin.



## Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

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Forest Hills, New York 11375

# Sacred Music Society Our Lady Queen of Martyrs A Christmas Festival

Sunday December 11, 2022 at 4 pm

Come celebrate the Christmas season with  
**A Christmas Festival**  
presented by the  
**Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
Sing along and share in the joy of Christmas carols and  
holiday favorites!

**John Easterlin, featured artist**  
**Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano**  
**Deacon Greg & Siobhain Kandra, narrators**  
**Barbara Podgurski, piano**

**David Close, conductor**  
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir  
Oratorio Society of Queens

**Tickets: \$30**

Tickets are available at the rectory  
during office hours.  
For more information, call 718.268.6251

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## FREE Wills Seminar

Saturday, December 3 @ 10 a.m.

OLQM rectory meeting room (RSVP required)

Half of all adults do not have an estate plan. Failure to plan ahead can result in significant costs for you and your beneficiaries. This seminar with Donna Furey, Esq., an elder law, trusts, and estates attorney, will cover essential topics—from charitable giving to power of attorney, estate and capital gains taxes, and Medicaid laws and eligibility. It is open to all parishioners and friends, but you must RSVP to the rectory at 718-268-6251. All registered attendees will receive a free estate planning guide.

**Christmas Fair** 🎄 Dec 10 & 11 @ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
at **American Martyrs** (79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside). For  
information, contact Theresa at 718-428-5308 or Jovie at  
718-225-0217. Or email [christmas.fair@yahoo.com](mailto:christmas.fair@yahoo.com).

**End-of-Year Reminder:**  
**Outstanding Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges**  
**Are Due December 31st.**



## Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with  
others? Join a faith-sharing group.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** Current topic is  
St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson  
by email: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study:**  
7–8 p.m. The group is engaged in a *year-long study* on  
Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join in  
the study on Zoom, contact Joe: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m.**  
Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd  
Wednesday of the month. 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).