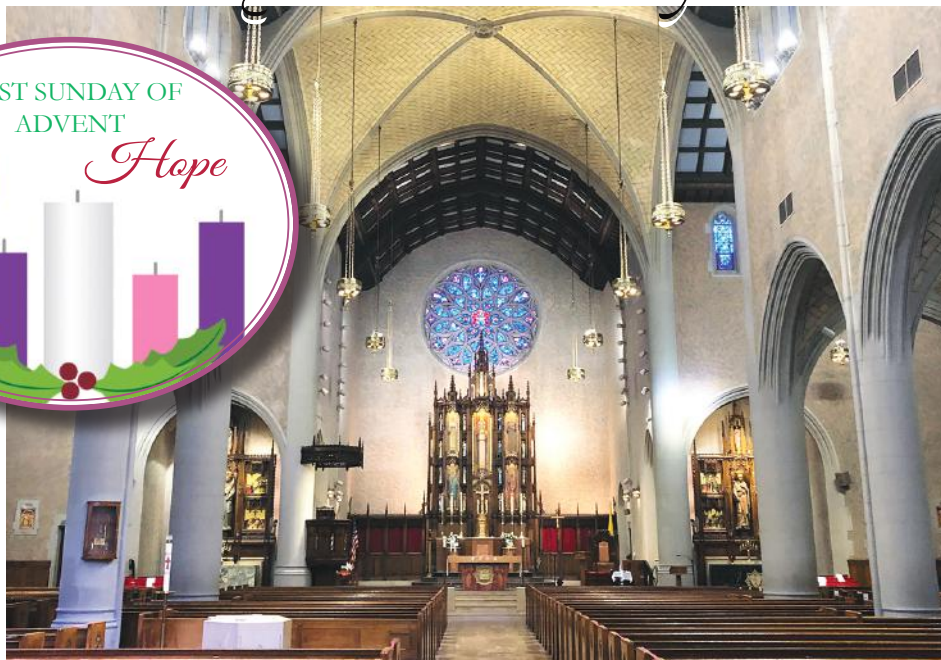


November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 28

8 a.m. Roberto Londono

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

Sunday, November 29

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8 a.m. Marie England

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Michael Dempsey

Tuesday, December 1

8 a.m. Albert and Florence Condino

12:05 p.m. Norina Garofalo

Wednesday, December 2

8 a.m. Joseph Pierra

12:05 p.m. Mary "Mae" Fitzgerald

Thursday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

8 a.m. John Downes

12:05 p.m. Carmine Primiano

Friday, December 4

Saint John Damascene

8 a.m. Betty Clemente [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Eugene J. Kelly Jr., Thomas Mulderrig,
Charles Walsh, and Gerard Shevlin

Saturday, December 5

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Edward Flood

5 p.m. Susan Villani

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 29

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE WEEKEND

(see page 4 for how to participate)

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study online meeting

Tuesday, December 1

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions
(Please wear a face mask when visiting the rectory)

6:30 p.m., Zoom: 'Through the Word' faith-sharing group

Wednesday, December 2

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, November 26

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Christmas Memorial Wreaths
Use the form on page 6

Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal
with a new donation by December 31st.
Thank you for helping us reach our goal.
Text ACA to 917-336-1255. Or use the purple DONATE
VIA GIVE CENTRAL button on our website. Or go direct to:
catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal

Until Further Notice

WEEKDAY MASSES: Use the church ramp entrance/exit at
Queens Boulevard for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass (Mon-
Sat). Following each Mass the church will be closed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: For private prayer time or to light a candle,
the church vestibule is open weekdays and Sunday; vestibule
entrance is at Ascan Avenue.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Sandy Imperante, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Remember Our Deceased

Jose Asca
George Kuzma
Nicolena Vitale

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, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

WELCOME! 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.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Advent

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. (Pope Francis)

REFLECT: “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor’s birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: ‘He must increase, but I must decrease.’

“Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven’s glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.
The angels and shepherds praise him
And the magi advance with the star,
For you are born for us,
Little Child, God eternal!

“To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become ‘children of God’ we must be ‘born from above’ or ‘born of God.’ Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this marvelous exchange.

O marvelous exchange! Man’s Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.”

ACT: Prepare for Advent by blessing the Advent Wreath (see <https://bit.ly/2HrQwNo>) and/or blessing the Christmas Tree (see <https://bit.ly/2TiqZsU>) as a family.

LEARN: Learn about Advent as a Season of Hope by reviewing EWTN’s daily Advent reflections, at <https://bit.ly/37vsagC>.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Order of Mass First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Missal #423—“All the Earth”

FIRST READING—*Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING—*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

GOSPEL—*Mark 13:33-37*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“My Soul Is Longing for Your Peace”

COMMUNION

Missal #323—“I Received the Living God”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #548—“Glory and Praise to Our God”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLQM is viewable at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collections are for the parish Pastoral Care program and for Christmas flowers.
- » Sunday, December 6, the second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. To contribute through our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Announced Masses Available

If you would like to schedule additional Mass intentions, we have openings in the 2021 Mass Book. To make arrangements and reserve an announced Mass, please call 718-268-6251 or stop by the rectory during office hours. Many dates are available for January and February 2021 and beyond. If a requested date is not available, a Mass at the closest date possible will be scheduled. Under the circumstances, we ask you to please wear your masks if visiting the rectory in person to make your request. Thank you.



Bring **CHRISTMAS JOY** to someone this season!

TAKE A TAG from the Christmas basket in church: **Nov. 28/29**

SHOP for a brand-new, age-appropriate gift for a boy or girl.*

RETURN AN UNWRAPPED GIFT: Dec. 5/6 & Dec. 12/13

* For teens ages 13-18, consider gift cards to allow them to purchase what they need. (Gift cards must be new. Do not give partially used cards.)

Instructions: Leave your unwrapped gifts in church at the St. Joseph altar. If you need to drop off gifts during hours the church is closed, you may bring them to the rectory. Gift cards can be put in an envelope clearly marked "Giving Tree Gift" and left in the rectory mailbox. (We ask everyone not to leave gifts in the church vestibule because we are afraid they'll get stolen.) When returning gifts, remember to attach the original gift tag.

If you are unable to come to church to take a tag, that's OK—you can still participate in our Christmas Giving Tree! We encourage you to simply buy a gift for a child or youth and bring it, unwrapped, to the rectory by the deadline and

following the instructions above. Our goal is to collect as many gifts as possible for boys and girls before Dec. 14, which is when Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas. **THANK YOU!**

Bereavement Support Can Help During the Holidays

If you are grieving the recent death of a loved one and feeling isolated, our parish support group can help. We HELP, CARE, and LISTEN to one another and work together through the hurt and grief. The support group is currently meeting on Zoom twice a month on Monday evenings. The December meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays, **Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?

You may be interested in one of our faith-sharing groups: **Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets 10–11AM and is discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. **Tuesday Evening 'Through the Word'** meets 6:30–8PM. To join this program, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

Weekly Collections

Because of an early deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday, the collection figures for Sunday, November 22 were not available for this week's bulletin. They will be published in a future bulletin.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrcia@gmail.com OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

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www.olqmca.org

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

— *From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Season of Hope

As we begin this season of expectation in Advent 2020, we look forward to the celebration of the great Feast of the Nativity. 2020 has been a challenging year. But we renew now our trust that God always provides for His people.

In addition to our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist during Advent, we invite you to join us for a Service of Advent Evening Prayer, on Sunday December 6 and again on Sunday December 13 at 3:15 p.m. in the Church. We will have two special guest speakers: Joseph Terry on December 6 and Deacon Greg Kandra on December 13. We look forward to praying with you.

Advent Blessings!

Bishop Paul Sanchez

ADVENT SEASON OF HOPE

Join our Prayer Services at
3:15 PM in the Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
MR. JOSEPH TERRY

Lecturer at Kingsborough College who completed
his Sacraments of Initiation in our parish this year

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
DEACON GREG KANDRA

Blogger, Author, OLQM Deacon

Services will be posted on our website
for those unable to attend





CHRISTMAS Memorial Wreaths/Trees

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the Church during this Advent and Christmas season. Anyone who would like to request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one or family member, please contact the rectory and return this form as soon as possible.

The 10 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 fund.

Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
2	Large Christmas Wreaths in Sanctuary of Church (Right side OR Left side)	\$600.00/each
1	Large Christmas Wreath Indoors (over balcony)	\$400.00
1	60-inch Christmas Wreath (outdoors, over center doors)	\$400.00
4	48-inch Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around Church)	\$250.00/each
6	Christmas Trees (around the outdoor manger)	\$150.00/each
10	Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
	Poinsettia Plants Large	\$75.00/each

Celebrate the CHRISTMAS season with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs!

Thank you for your generosity to OLQM Parish. We will remember you in our prayers and Masses this holy season! May God bless you and your loved ones.

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

Requested by: _____

Requester's Phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from items and prices above): _____