

October 20, 2024 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Photo by Denise De Maria

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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)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org



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Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
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, October 19

**Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
and Companions**

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Aldo Arcomano

5 p.m. Emma Castino

Sunday, October 20

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

Monday, October 21

8:05 a.m. Olivia Javinett

12:05 p.m. Ann LoPresto

Tuesday, October 22

Saint John Paul II

8:05 a.m. Emilia Burqueros Parello

12:05 p.m. George and Melanese De Haven

Wednesday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano

8:05 a.m. Jose Edgar Valencia

12:05 p.m. George Del Grosso

Thursday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

8:05 a.m. Matilde Muñoz [living]

12:05 p.m. Laura Prioli

Friday, October 25

8:05 a.m. Gilberto Muñoz [living]

12:05 p.m. Joan Ackerman

Saturday, October 26

8:05 a.m. Louise Del Franco [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Jonathan William Moresco

5 p.m. David Martin Scott

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, October 20

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study
(enter at the glass door by the Mary statue)

Monday, October 21

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

7–8 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, October 22

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

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, October 25

**6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: Martyrs Mercy Active Youth
Organization (MAYO) Halloween Party/Dance**

Saturday, October 26

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1:30–4 p.m. rectory meeting room: Single Adults Group

Potluck Party (see p. 4)

**PRAY A ROSARY DURING OCTOBER
~MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY~**

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Taylor A. Calder, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Zenaida Faya, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Elizabeth Hansen, Simon Ho, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Enrique Roque, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Carlos Luis Velazquez, 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.

Remember Our Deceased

Angelita Aquitania

Louis Deretz



Theresa Houseman

Jacqueline Lakah

Brother Joseph Patric Reilly, FSC

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

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Teaching

Ed. Note: During the two months prior to the national election, the reflections focus on Church teachings on forming consciences for faithful citizenship.

Faithful Citizens and the Primacy of Religious Liberty

“For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5: 1)

REFLECT: “Respect for the dignity of the person demands the recognition of the religious dimension of the individual. This is not simply a requirement concerning matters of faith, but a requirement that finds itself inextricably bound up with the very reality of the individual. In fact, the individual’s relation to God is a constitutive element of the very being and existence of an individual: it is in God that we ‘live, move and have our being.’ Even if not all believe this truth, the many who are convinced of it have the right to be respected for their faith and for their life-choice, individual and communal, that flows from that faith. This is the right of freedom of conscience and religious freedom, the effective acknowledgment of which is among the highest goods and the most serious duties of every people that truly wishes to assure the good of the person and society.

“Religious freedom is a cornerstone of the structure of human rights, and for this reason an irreplaceable factor in the good of individuals and of the whole of society, as well as of the personal fulfilment of each individual.... The civil and social right to religious freedom, inasmuch as it touches the most intimate sphere of the spirit, is a point of reference for the other fundamental rights and in some way becomes a measure of them.” (Christifideles Laici)

“Catholics have a particular duty to make sure that protections like these do not weaken.... This is not only to secure the just freedom of the Church and the faithful here but also to offer hope and an encouraging witness to those who suffer direct and even violent religious persecution in countries where the protection is far weaker.” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility)

ACT: Prepare for the election by learning where our national and local candidates stand on issues of religious freedom, the right for parents to educate their children according to their faith, and conscience protection.

LEARN: Visit USCCB Religious Liberty (www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty) to learn about the Church’s teachings on religious freedom, current issues and threats, and what you can do to preserve religious liberty. Watch the video, Why Does Religious Freedom Matter? (<https://tinyurl.com/mr6tn2we>).

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.

Order of Mass

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #557—“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

Missal #859—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lor, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“But the Lord Is Mindful” (F. Mendelssohn)—Choir
Missal #505—“Only This I Want”

COMMUNION

“Ave Verum” (Ch. Gounod)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #479—“Shelter Me, O God”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #448—“Blest Be the Lord”

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

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for World Mission Sunday.
- » October 27, the second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for All Souls’ Day.
- » 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.

Final 8:05 a.m. Saturday Mass on November 30 as Schedule Adjusts

In response to Bishop Brennan’s call for parishes to collaborate and share pastoral and administrative resources (June 23 bulletin), we are adjusting our **Saturday schedule**. The last Saturday to celebrate Mass at 8:05 a.m. is November 30. **All other Mass times Monday–Friday and on Sunday remain the same.** On Saturdays, we will continue to offer Mass at 12:05 p.m. and the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass, which fulfills your Sunday obligation. For those desiring a Saturday morning Mass, we recommend 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy (70-01 Kessel St) or 9 a.m. Mass in Spanish at Our Lady of the Cenacle in Richmond Hill (136-06 87th Ave).

Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.

Weekly in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.

on Zoom. Current study: the Acts of the Apostles. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josepherry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at 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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Bereavement Meeting 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 meet monthly (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. With the holidays approaching, this time of year can be challenging. The support group will be here for you—meeting this Monday, **Oct 21**, and again on **Nov 18** and **Dec 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT —Weekly Collections—

	Oct 13
Candle Offerings	\$1,649.00
1st Collection	7,795.13
2nd Collection (major repairs)	2,332.13
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>11,776.26</u>
Online Parish Giving	3,921.09
Mail In	2,556.00
TOTAL	\$18,253.35
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,246.65)

* 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.

Special Collection: Hurricane Relief to Catholic Services \$2,150.00
Does not accrue to the parish.

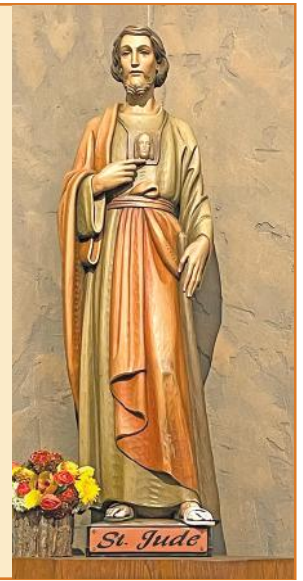
Consider a Legacy Gift

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.

St. Jude Novena

Sunday, October 20 to
Monday, October 28

Join in prayer and bring your intentions to St. Jude for physical, mental, spiritual health. We will recite the novena prayer in honor of St. Jude Thaddeus after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses (October 20 & 27) and the 12:05 p.m. Masses Monday through Saturday. The prayer sheet is in the church.
St. Jude, pray for us.



Single Adults Group: Potluck Party Time!

It's our 24th anniversary! Let's party on **Saturday, October 26, from 1:30–4 p.m.** in the rectory basement. Sweet or savory, bring a dish or beverage to share. RSVP to Denise De Maria (dmtdemaria@hotmail.com) by October 23. Newcomers and old-timers invited. Plus, watch for details on our November Meeting/Game Day and December's Christmas Cheer party.

OLQM CHURCH FALL FLING RAFFLE

Return your tickets to the rectory. \$25/each. \$100 for sheet of six (6 chances). \$1,000 Grand prize. \$250 Second prize. \$100 Third prize. Drawing on Sunday, November 3.

Contact Us

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[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
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

OLQM November Highlights

Check upcoming bulletins for further details on each of these activities.

All Saints Day | Friday, Nov 1 | Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Oct 31.

Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass | Saturday, Nov 2 | 10:30 a.m.

All Souls' Day Remembrances | Saturday, Nov 2 | 12:05 p.m. Sung Mass. During November, all Masses will have a reading of the names (in alphabetical order) of those buried at our parish these past 5 years.

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck | Sunday, Nov 10 | 9 a.m. to noon, accepting drop-offs of new and gently used clothing

Wills and Estates Seminar | Saturday, Nov 16 | 10 a.m. in rectory basement meeting room. FREE but RSVP req'd by calling the rectory.

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes | Weekends Nov 16/17, Nov 23/24, Nov 30/Dec 1 | Tickets on sale after Masses.

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive | Weekend Nov 16/17 | Bring a bag of canned and nonperishable food to Mass with you to donate to the food pantries of our sister parishes.

Installation of New Altar Servers | Sunday, Nov 17 | 9 a.m. Mass.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service | Sunday, Nov 24 | 4 p.m. at Church in the Gardens. Join our clergy and other religious leaders of our Forest Hills community for this annual tradition.

Thanksgiving Day Mass | Thursday, Nov 28 | 9 a.m. (note the new time this year). This the only Mass of the day. We will again collect canned/nonperishable food items for our sister parishes' food pantries.



WINTER COAT & CLOTHING DRIVE

WHEN: ANY SUNDAY MASS ON OCTOBER 26 & 27

Donate new or pre-loved winter clothes. Most needed items are...

- WINTER COATS
- FALL & WINTER CLOTHING **ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN & MEN**
- **INFANT CLOTHES (SIZE 24 MONTHS)**
- WOMEN'S CLOTHING

All donations will go to **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**, which is serving migrants in need of these cold weather essentials.

Every coat, sweater, scarf, and pair of gloves can make someone's winter more comfortable.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is our religious education program for adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. OCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To join our program, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

About Today's World Mission Sunday Special Collection

World Mission Sunday is observed on October 20 each year with a message to remember the legacy of missionary work. The U.S. church was once a beneficiary of mission efforts supported by the generosity of other Catholics. Now, we should support our brothers and sisters elsewhere to ensure that the Gospel of Jesus Christ reaches the ends of the earth. The collection taken today will help the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to build and sustain more than 1,150 mission territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Thank you for being part of this vital mission, through your prayers and, to the extent possible, a generous financial contribution using the special envelope.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Meet Sister Domitilla! She arrived from Ghana on September 24 and began teaching classes the very next day. She's amazing! She is now guiding our level 1 and level 5 students. We are grateful for her immediate and dedicated involvement in our parish's Religious Education program under the direction of Deacon Thomas Jorge.

Recently at OLQM

Blessing of the Animals

October 4

From the smiles on their faces, you know it was a special day. Photos are courtesy Denise De Maria. For more pictures of church events and worship, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.



ALL SOULS' DAY (NOVEMBER 2) ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND NEAR THE CHURCH ENTRANCES

Deanery Corner

A place to share news at nearby parishes.

Golden Age Club @ Our Lady of Mercy meets Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., in the OLM Parish Hall (elevator access). Join for bingo or bring your own games, puzzles, and cards. Free coffee and dessert every week! Meet new people. Get out of the house and socialize. Contact Frances Coseglia at 646-248-0492.

Rosary and Altar Society @ Our Lady of Mercy welcomes men and women of all ages and of all interests who are devoted to Our Lady. They meet once a month in the OLM Parish Hall after 9 a.m. Mass. They will meet 11/16 and 12/21. Call Renate at 718-551-7986 for more information.

Continue to Fulfill Your Pledges

We have successfully raised \$114,568 for the diocesan annual Appeal, fulfilling our parish's 2024 obligation. So far, \$139,895 has been paid of a total of \$158,235 pledged by 321 donors. All outstanding pledges are due by Dec 31. The surplus comes back to our parish.



Catholic High School Open Houses

Parents and students can visit these schools during the dates and times listed.

CATHEDRAL PREP & SEMINARY (boys)
56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst
Sunday, October 27 | 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
P: 718-592-6800;
www.cathedralprep.org

CHRIST THE KING (coed)
68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village
Wednesday, October 23 | 6-8 p.m.
P: 718-366-7400 ext. 240;
www.cktny.org

NOTRE DAME (girls)
327 West 13th St, Manhattan
Sunday, October 27 | 1-5 p.m.
P: 212-620-5575, ext. 318;
www.cheznous.org

TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools)
For 8th-graders planning to apply for fall 2025 admission, the deadline to register for the TACHS exam is Oct 30.
Apply at:
tachsinfo.com/registration

The exam will be administered Saturday, Nov 9 in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, with sessions at 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.