

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

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DECEMBER 24



Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:45 a.m. Mass
 12:30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 26

12:00 noon + Gregorio Abogado Jr. req. Austriaco Family

Wednesday, December 27

7:00 p. m. Mass

Thursday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 29

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Julie Ha req. Michelle Kang

Saturday, December 30

9:30 a.m. Mass
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:45 a.m. Mass For All Parishioners
 12:30 p. m. Mass

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

ESPECIALLY:

Ashley Miklar

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RECENTLY ESPECIALLY:

Giovanni Rizzi and Henry Beattie

YOUNG AT HEART

FITNESS WEDNESDAYS AT 11 AM

Due to Christmas break class will not be available on Wednesday, December 27th. Will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018.

EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP

Exercise only continues until February 1st, 2018 with a Christmas break on December 21st and December 28th only. Exercises will resume on January 4th and 7:00 p.m. Line dancing/Zumba resumes February 1st, 2018.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

Our Bible Study and Prayer Ministry will take a short break for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

We will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 with our "Breaking Open the Word" sessions, where we will reflect on the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings.

Our Bible Study program "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" will resume in mid April.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Thanks and God Bless!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Driving away darkness

There is always that sense of joy and excitement in the air on Christmas, isn't there? Even, if it has been a very hard year – and it has been, for so many of us--somehow Christmas always brings with it a new feeling of hope in the air.

Charles Dickens gave us one of the most hopeful of Christmas stories about the transformation of old Ebenezer Scrooge. At the time of Charles Dickens, the Victorians used to decorate their Christmas cards with pictures of beautiful red-breasted robins hopping around in the snow. They were a silent reminder of the Spring of New Life that Christmas brings. And that is exactly how it should be? Christmas is about the birth of Hope – Our Hope, Jesus--our best hope, in fact, our only Hope, for overcoming all the pain and loss, all the separation in our lives.

Now, can hope really be possible, when you consider some of the terrible sufferings, some of you have experienced in the last year? Maybe you're wondering if I'm just very naive, having the nerve to ask you, "Can you still allow Hope to be possible in your life?"

Well, it's Christmas Day! And if that is not the day on which to believe in the miracle of overcoming doubt--what day would be? Ask old Scrooge. This is the day on which to suspend all doubt and disbelief, and make that leap into really BELIEVING that you are a child of God. The transformed Scrooge rejoiced that he felt as light as a newborn baby! We are celebrating that Light that came into the world. Today, feel the lightness of our childhood in God, and, as Scrooge did, let us keep the lightness of Christmas in our hearts all the year!

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

Blessings and peace in Christ,

Fr. Michel, Fr. Gig, Deacon Malcolm, Cathie, Dorothy, Angela, Donata, and Angela.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking to help out with various ministries, media ministry, milk Bag Weaving, or be a part of the Youth Group please contact dorothy.olqw@rogers.com for further information.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANK YOU, CHRISTMAS ANGELS!**



Our parishioners embraced the Advent Spirit of justice and peace, reaching out to families in need in our community. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful for your generous outpouring of support for the 100 families whose festivities were brighter this year, thanks to the gift cards they received from you, our "Christmas Angels." We also thank the staff and students of our parish schools, St. Joseph CES and Our Lady Help of Christians CES for their gift card donations and to The Knights of Columbus who contributed \$1500. God Bless you, all!

2018 DATES	
January 20	June 16
February 3	Summer Break July and August
March 24	September 22
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 24

**MILKBAG MINISTRY
2018 DATES**

Thank you to the many volunteers who keep this ministry so fruitful! Over the past 12 months, you have completed **over 100 mats and 100 pillows**. These mats have gone to help our brothers and sisters in Everyone is welcome on these **Saturdays, from 10 am to 4 pm in the Parish Hall**.

MASS SCHEDULE ~ CHRISTMAS SEASON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH-REGULAR SUNDAY MASS

9:00 am, 10:45 am., 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:CHRISTMAS EVE:

5:00 pm Mass with Christmas Pageant
12:00 am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

DECEMBER 30-31st

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31st 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Monday, January 1st 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: JANUARY 7TH

Saturday, January 6th 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday, January 7th 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

YEAR 2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the Parish hall. Kindly write your name, address and telephone number on the first envelope. If you notice any errors on the labelled boxes, please contact the office.

DO NOT USE BEFORE 2018.

Welcome to all new Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of the World

Please pick up a box of envelopes and fill out a registration form which can be found in the Parish Hall. Please put your name and phone number on the envelopes for the first couple of times that you use them. Thank you

XLT: RESOLVE

Youth Event sponsored by St. Justin Martyr parish
Jan 2, 2018 @ Flato Markham Theatre

171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

How will you welcome in 2018? Join Joel Spanek, Joe Zamboanga Jennifer Reitzel and many other amazing speakers in an evening of Praise and Worship, Witness and Eucharistic Adoration. This ministry team will help teens and adults alike discern what they need to "Resolve" so that 2018 can be a new, transformative and faith-filled year. All done in a fun, unique and spiritually engaging way. Email/tickets; youth@stjustin.com

FRIARS' STUDENTS WRITING AWARD, 2018

"Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power." Exodus 15:1-21

Reflect on the passage from Exodus 15:1-21 and then submit a 500-word essay that responds to the question: Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to starve off these assaults to human dignity? Explain. The top three essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Contestants must be 14-18 years of age and currently enrolled in an Ontario Secondary School. For more details www.catholicregister.org/writingaward. Deadline for submission is Monday January 8th 2018.



You might be surprised to learn that we have some people among us who do not enjoy an abundance of this world's goods. Therefore we would ask you to support our St. Vincent de Paul Society "HELP THE POOR" box. It is always ready and waiting at both the north and main entrance of our church

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