

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

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*prepare the way...*

**DECEMBER 23**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 24**

(No morning Mass)

**5:00 p.m. Mass (with Christmas Pageant)**

**Tuesday, December 25**

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

**10:45 a.m. Mass**

**12:30 a.m. Mass**

**Wednesday, December 26**

**7:00 p.m. Mass**

**Thursday, December 27**

**8:30 a.m. +Selwyn Dias & Family req. Celis Dias**

**Friday, December 28**

**7:00 p.m. +Gaetana Luongo req. Joyce Whelton**

**Saturday, December 29**

**9:30 a.m. + Leonila Dalisay req. Diane Dalisay-Sun**

**5:00 p.m. Mass (Family Blessings)**

**Sunday, December 30**

**9:00 a.m. Mass (Family Blessings)**

**10:45 a.m. Mass (Family Blessings)**

**12:30 p.m. Mass (Family Blessings)**

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**ESPECIALLY**

Fr. Frank Voorwerk

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Nitin Kuruvilla, Shereen Cooke, Monica Nevis  
and Annette Stern

**EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP**

Line dance/zumba will take place from 7:00 to 7:45 pm. Tai chi/exercise follows.

**YOUNG AT HEART FITNESS**

Seniors are invited every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. for fitness exercise classes. The Tuesday class is led by VON volunteer Limor Benezra and Wednesday class is led by VON volunteer Susan Lao. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON TUESDAYS DURING DECEMBER 2018. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.**

**THE WEDNESDAY CLASS IS ALSO CANCELLED ON DEC.26<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AND JAN.2<sup>ND</sup> 2019. CLASS TO BE REPLACED WITH THURS. JAN.3<sup>RD</sup> 2019.**



**BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM**

Our Bible Study and Prayer Ministry will take a short break for Christmas, resuming on **Monday January 7th and Tuesday January 8th, 2019**. We wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas season. May the Peace, Love and Joy of the Christ child, Our Saviour Jesus, fill your hearts and homes, and may you share this blessing with everyone you meet. *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* Isaiah 9:6

**MASS SCHEDULE ~ CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*No Morning Mass*

5:00 pm Vigil Mass with Christmas Pageant

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 a.m. 10:45 am and 12:30 pm

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:**

**DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*No Morning Mass*

Vigil: 5 PM Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: TUESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**

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

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Closed December 25 to January

Re-opens Thursday, January 3, 2019

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

In prayerful support of Claude Griffith, Therese Chung, Sofia Bellavance, Doreen Leavens, Theresa Allison, Myrna MacIntosh, Dorothy Garth, Elizabeth Van Arend, Nikola and Anna Prebeg, Mary Snyders and the residents of Brookside, Hilltop, and Langstaff Community Care Seniors' Residences.

**XLT RELENTLESS**

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## POPE FRANCIS' 2017 CHRISTMAS HOMILY

So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope for the future. Yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood.

Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship -- the One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honouring and assisting the weak and frail.

That night, the One who had no place to be born is proclaimed to those who had no place at the table or in the streets. The shepherds are the first to hear this Good News. By reason of their work, they were men and women forced to live on the edges of society. Their state of life and the places they had to stay prevented them from observing the ritual prescriptions of religious purification; as a result, they were considered unclean.

Their skin, their clothing, their smell, their way of speaking, their origin, all betrayed them. Everything about them generated mistrust. They were men and women to be kept at a distance, to be feared. They were considered pagans among believers, sinners among the just, foreigners among citizens. Yet to them – pagans, sinners and foreigners – the angel says: “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Lk 2.10-11)

The faith we proclaim today makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our neighbourhoods, travels on our buses and knocks on our doors.

This same faith impels us to make space for a new social imagination and not be afraid of experiencing new forms of relationship, in which none have to feel that there is no room for them on this earth. Christmas is a time for turning the power of fear into the power of charity. The charity that does not grow accustomed to injustice, as if it were something natural, but that has the courage, amid tensions and conflicts, to make itself a “house of bread,” a land of hospitality.

In the Child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. He offers himself to us, so that we can take him into our arms, lift him and embrace him. So that in him we will not be afraid to take into our arms, raise up and embrace the stranger. In this Child, God invites us to be messengers of hope, sentinels for those bowed down by despair. In this child, God makes us agents of his hospitality.

*Blessings and Peace in Christ, Fr., Michel, Fr. Jojo, Deacon Rob, Donata, Angela, Cathie, Angela, Dorothy*

## SERRA CLUB TRAVELING CHALICE

With strong support from Fr. Michel and the pastoral team, Serra Club of Toronto Central is implementing the **Travelling**



**Chalice Program** at our parish beginning January, 2019. This program invites individual parishioners or families to take home, for a one-week period, a dedicated Chalice to pray for all vocations. This is a special chalice! Fr. Michel celebrated Mass with it in the Holy Land on the 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of our Parish. Please consider this beautiful devotion and pray for healthy renewal in the priestly vocation, especially at this moment of crisis in the life of the Church. Thank you to all who have already signed up to participate. Only **six dates are still available:** (April 27/28; May 11/12; May 18/19; May 25/26; June 15/16; June 29/30.)

You may sign up for one of these weeks by emailing [cathie.olqw@rogers.com](mailto:cathie.olqw@rogers.com)

## STAINED GLASS RESTORATION

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Stained Glass Restoration. All the individual windows have now been purchased. The image of *Our Lady Queen of the World* has received 53 donations so far. This window is offered as a way for any parishioner who wishes to donate a **minimum of \$100** to be able to do so. Special thanks to **parishioner and artist, Ken Van Winkle**, for these beautiful restorations.

## 2018-2019 MISSALS

Missals can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Religious Store after all weekend Masses

## ARCHIVES – CRECHES DISPLAY

Come have a look at the display of different crèches near the Reconciliation Room. Thank you, **Kevin Dark, Archives Coordinator**, for preparing the wonderful display as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Saviour.



## YEAR 2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 envelopes in the Parish hall. Kindly write your name, address and telephone number on the first envelope. Please contact the office for any changes.

**DO NOT USE BEFORE 2019.**

**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 in the Parish Hall. Please put your name and phone number on the envelopes for the first couple of times of use.

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