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Blessed Christmas



*May the perfect Peace, Love and Joy that our Saviour brings into the world,
be yours, this Christmas and always!*



On behalf of myself and the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. I hope that this season brings much hope, peace, joy and love.

I would also like to thank you for your continued presence, prayers, and support to our community at Our Lady Queen of the World.

This is my prayer for you: May the Prince of Peace be born in your hearts and homes. May He fill our lives with hope, peace, joy and love. May the reign of Christ in our lives bring us peace and prosperity for the new year to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Fr. Jojo



We pray for our sick

We pray for all who are sick and are suffering, especially those in our parish family. May God give them peace, strength and healing.



We pray for our departed

We pray for all who have died, especially those from our parish family. May they find rest, peace, and joy in their eternal home.



Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 26 - 7:00 pm	+Elsie Lin req. Family
Wed. Dec. 27- 7:00 pm	Special Intention for Maricel Canivel req. Maria Gabriel +Departed souls of Marretta Family
Thurs. Dec. 28 - 8:30 am	+Elsie Lin req. Daisy Fisher
Fri. Dec. 29 - 7:00 pm	+George Pinto req. Connie de Souza +Elsie Lin req. Angela Tan Special Intention for Maricel Canivel req. Maria Gabriel
Sat. Dec. 30 - 5:00 pm	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun. Dec. 31 - 9:00 am	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun. Dec. 31 10:30 am	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun. Dec. 31 - 12:00 noon	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mon. Jan. 1 - 9:00 am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mon. Jan. 1 - 10:30 am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mon. Jan. 1 - 12:00 noon	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday Mass Time Changed to 8:30 AM



In order to give more opportunity to our faithful who can only attend Mass in the mornings, **starting on Tuesday January 2nd, our Tuesday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 in the morning.**

2024 Envelopes are now available in the Narthex.



Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes you use. If you recently changed your address or if the address on your envelope box is incorrect, please call the office at 905-884-7006 (ext. 0) and let us know. Thank You!

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND - MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30	Feast of the Holy Family	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31	Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon*
Sunday, December 31	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	5:00 pm
Monday, January 1, 2024	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon*

*Please note change in Morning Mass times on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

The Knights of Columbus invite the youth of our parish to participate in our **Keep Christ in Christmas Creative Contest**, which runs until **December 31**. We encourage our youth to use their talents to create an original work of theirs (i.e. a picture, short story, poem, song or video, or download a colouring page) which portrays Jesus as being the true meaning of Christmas. We ask them to then email a digital version of their entry with their name, age and grade to: olqwkeepchristinchristmas@gmail.com by **December 31**. Prizes for: Primary (JK to 3), Junior (4 to 6), Intermediate (7 to 8) and Senior (9 to 12).

Christmas Office Hours

Our office will be **CLOSED** from **Sunday December 24** to **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**.

Marriage Sunday 2024

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **Marriage Sunday** on the weekend of **February 10/11, 2024**. As part of the **Marriage Sunday** celebrations, **Archbishop Francis Leo** will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (**25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+**) in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are invited to **register online** at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Milestone anniversary celebrants may register for reserved seating, which is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend in person at the Cathedral may join the celebration via livestream Mass at: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. For more information please email formation@archtoronto.org or call **416-934-3400 ext. 523**.



We will also honour all married couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2024 at OLQW Parish, at all masses on the weekend of **February 10/11**.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2024, marks the annual celebration of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)**. We are all asked to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church. We are invited to join **Archbishop Francis Leo** and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church on **Sunday, January 21, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Markham**. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (Deadline to submit entries: January 15, 2024)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the **Archdiocese of Toronto** are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3G0I4ZT> and submit their entries at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

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