



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tuesday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
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Sunday & Monday: Closed

PARISH TEAM

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Mr. Domenic Rinaldi	Permanent Deacon
Donata DiRezze	Administrative Assistant
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Please visit our website olqw.com for our weekly bulletin, a complete description of our ministries and a calendar of our upcoming events.

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am
Friday: 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 noon

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation is available every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or by appointment.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Available upon request, please call the parish office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass and would like communion brought to you please call the parish office.

BAPTISM

If you want to baptize your child, please speak to the priest after Mass.

MARRIAGE

If you wish to get married, please contact the priest one year in advance, as this is the requirement.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you would like to join our Catholic Community, please speak to the priest after Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

To inquire about the program for Gr. 2 candidates, please email: olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org

CONFIRMATION

To inquire about the program for Gr. 7 candidates, please email: olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org



Our Lady Queen of the World Parish is wheel-chair accessible.
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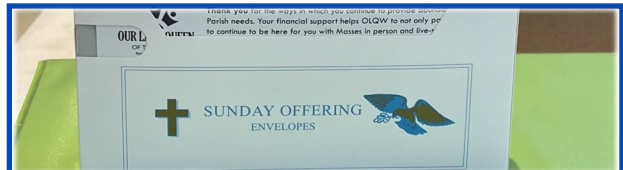
CHRISTMAS SEASON - MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve	5:00 pm (with Christmas Pageant) 12:00 Midnight
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon
Saturday, December 28	Feast of the Holy Family	5:00 pm (Blessing of Families)
Sunday, December 29	Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon (Blessing of Families)
Tuesday, December 31	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon



Advent Prayer for Joy

Dear Lord, No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph, is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.



2025 Envelopes are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your box.



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. 17 - 8:30 am	+Errol Esprit req. Daisy Fisher
Wed. Dec. 18 - 7:00 pm	+Grazia Fiore req. Family +J.J. Panela req. Daisy Fisher
Thurs. Dec. 19 - 8:30 am	+Fr. Joseph Lam Tran req. Daisy Fisher
Fri. Dec. 20 - 7:00 pm	+Barry Falcon req. Daisy Fisher +Joanne Bruno req. Donata DiRezze +James Simmons req. OLOW Parish Staff Joseph McDonald req. Mary McDonald Ryan Patrick req. Theresa Mendes
Sat. Dec. 21 - 5:00 pm	+Bontian and Cecilia Teng Tan req. Becky Ludo
Sun. Dec. 22 - 9:00 am	+James Lam req. Lam Family
Sun. Dec. 22 - 10:30 am	Mass for all parishioners
Sun. Dec. 22 - 12:00 pm	+Maria Lisa Canlas req. Canlas Family

Weekly Collection

This past week's collection was **\$9,974.89** including PAG amount of **\$3,594.69**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for Children of our Parish

The Knights of Columbus invite the children of our parish aged 5 to 14 to participate in our **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, which runs until December 31**. Children are encouraged to create a poster which portrays Jesus as being the true meaning of Christmas. **You must pick up an official entry form in the Narthex after Mass, in order to enter.** For more information ask one of our Knights or you may also email: olqwkeepchristinchristmas@gmail.com Prizes will be awarded for three age categories **(5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14)**.



Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

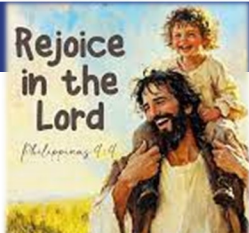
Last weekend, **Pope Francis** presided at a Consistory to elevate **21 Catholic bishops** to the **College of Cardinals**. Among them was the **Most Rev. Frank Leo**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

We pray for the newest members of the College of Cardinals. In a special way, we give thanks for our chief shepherd, **Cardinal Leo**. May the newest members of the College of Cardinals continue to serve Holy Mother Church and the Holy Father faithfully, and shepherd Christ's flock courageously, helping to strengthen our relationship with Jesus our Saviour.

Reflection on today's readings

An Attitude of Gratitude

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly. One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional "attitude of gratitude." Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that "comparison is the thief of joy." When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As disciples of Jesus, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.
— *Archdiocese of Toronto - Scripture reflections*



First Reconciliation and First Communion update



We continue to pray for all our young people who took part in the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** this

Saturday. They will now begin the next step of their spiritual journey as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion next year.



Advent Day of Confessions

Friday December 20
6:00 to 7:30 pm

(Followed by Mass at 7:30 pm).

Please note the change in the Friday evening Mass time for December 20 only. The Mass will begin at 7:30 pm to allow time for our priests to complete the Confessions.

Liturgy of The Word with CHILDREN (JK to Grade 4)



Upcoming Liturgies with Children (during the regular weekend Mass)

- December 14/15 - 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
 - December 21/22 - 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
 - December 28/29 - No session - Christmas Break
- Parents are kindly requested to remain in the church and entrust their children to the care of our leaders and volunteers.

Confirmation Enrolment



The **Rite of Enrolment** ceremony marks the start of a journey of faith for our young people and their parents, as they begin the sacramental formation process. They experience being part of a larger faith community who prays and supports them. We pray for our **Confirmation Candidates** who will submit their enrolment forms at all of this weekend's Masses.

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