

Our Lady Queen of the World

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Feast of the Holy Family

We wish all members of Our Lady Queen of the World parish family a blessed, joyful, safe and healthy 2025.

We are very grateful to you for sharing your time, talents and treasure in supporting our parish community.

- The Pastoral Team at OLQW



Thank You!

On behalf of the entire parish community, we thank all those in ministry who gave generously of their talent and time to make our Christmas Liturgical Celebrations very beautiful, meaningful and memorable. Your service blesses us all!




Music Concert & Parish Fundraiser

Jonathan Michael in concert at OLQW church on Saturday February 1 at 7:00 pm also featuring organist/pianist, Joshua Tamayo and the Beau Strings Orchestra.


Tickets:
 Adults: \$25 | Seniors: \$ 20
 Children 12 and under: \$10
 Tickets on sale after weekend Masses in the Narthex or at www.olqw.com

Jubilee Year 2025




The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be **"Pilgrims of Hope"**. In the words of Pope Francis: *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."* The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to this Mass. To learn more visit: <http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee>



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. 31 - 5:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wed. Jan. 1 - 9:00 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wed. Jan. 1 - 10:30 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wed. Jan. 1 - 12:00 Noon	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs. Jan. 2 - 8:30 am	Mass
Fri. Jan. 3 - 7:00 pm	Mass
Sat. Jan. 4 - 5:00 pm	+Pascalia & John Baptist Rodrigues req. Priscilla Menezes
Sun. Jan. 5 - 9:00 am	+Frank Falcone req. Giovanna Falcone
Sun. Jan. 5 - 10:30 am	Mass for all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 5 - 12:00 Noon	+Mike Zentil req. Donata & Angelo DiRezze

2025 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!

Mary - Mother of God

Our new year opens in the name of our Mother. "Mother of God" is the most important title of Our Lady. But we might ask why we say Mother of God, and not Mother of Jesus. In the past some wanted to be content simply with the latter, but the Church has declared that Mary is the Mother of God. We should be grateful, because these words contain a magnificent truth about God and about ourselves. From the moment that our Lord became incarnate in Mary, and for all time, he took on our humanity. There is no longer God without man; the flesh Jesus took from his Mother is our own, now and for all eternity. To call Mary the Mother of God reminds us of this: God is close to humanity, even as children are close to the mother who bears them in her womb. — Pope Francis



The Holy Family

This weekend we honour the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. By honoring all families, we honour the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their family would have still faced the daily hardships, hurt and challenges that face most families, including the illness and death of loved ones, gossip and criticism from others, and the toil of daily work and providing for the family. This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. God the Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue. God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. God desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite God to make your family a holy family. — <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>



Marriage Sunday 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **Marriage Sunday** on the weekend of **February 8/9, 2025**. As part of the **Marriage Sunday** celebrations, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** 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 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025** 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/>. We will also honour all married couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2025 at OIQW Parish, at all masses on the weekend of **February 8/9, 2025**.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus remind the children of our parish aged 5 to 14 to submit their entries for our **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**, which ends on **December 31**. Thank you to all who participated. The winners will be announced in January 2025.

Christmas Office Hours

Our office will be **CLOSED** on **Tuesday December 24**. We will then re-open on **Thursday January 2, 2025**.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Friars Student Writing Contest

January 18 to 25, 2025, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). 2025 **Theme: "Do you believe this?"** (John 11:26) - **Jesus' question to Martha before raising Lazarus from the dead**. We are invited to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region), and a wide representation of Christian leaders, to pray for the full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at 4 p.m. at North City Church in Woodbridge. Friars Student Writing Contest 2025 (Deadline to submit entries: Monday January 13) 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 500-word essay exploring the 2025 theme. Great prizes for the top three submissions. Students should consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to understand the theme, and address the focus question on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo> and submit their entries at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.



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