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<b>Ian Lee</b>	<b>Youth Minister</b>

## SCHOOLS in Parish boundaries

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<b>OLQW Catholic Academy</b>	905-770-8656



Please visit our website [olqw.com](http://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](mailto:olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org)

### CONFIRMATION

To inquire about the program for Gr. 7 candidates, please email: [olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org](mailto:olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org)



Our Lady Queen of the World Parish is wheel-chair accessible.  
Listening devices are available for weekend Masses.



# Summer Bible Camp 2026

Register Now! - Spots are filling up!



Get ready to join us for our **Summer Bible Camp Rainforest Adventure**, as we journey to learn more about the **Nature of God!** While discovering themes of hope and joy, campers will learn about different Bible stories through various activities such as **arts & crafts, science activities** and more! Join us at OLQW parish the week of **August 17-21, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

Registrations are open for children from **JK to Grade 6, (Open to children going into Grade 7 as well)** and the fee will be **\$150** for the entire week which will include **snacks** and a **T-shirt**, (lunch not provided). Due to the construction we expect to be ongoing during the camp, we have **limited the registration number to 70 campers** so please sign up soon! **Register at [www.olqw.com/olqw-youth](http://www.olqw.com/olqw-youth) - Spots are filling up fast!** **We also need volunteers to help with the Bible Camp.** (Volunteers can register using the same link above).

If you have questions please email our youth minister **Ian Lee** at **[ILee@archtoronto.org](mailto:ILee@archtoronto.org)**

## Pray for our Elect



During the **third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent**, we celebrate the **scrutinies** of our **RCIA elect** at the **9:00 am Mass**, as they continue to make their journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The scrutiny Mass readings focus on Christ being the **living water**, the **light of the world**, and the **resurrection and the life**. These scrutinies are celebrated to strengthen the elect and deepen their resolve to hold strongly to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.



### Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday March 19  
Mass at 8:30 am



### Solemnity of The Annunciation

Wednesday March 25  
Mass at 7:00 pm



### 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 in our parish family. May they find rest, peace, and joy in their eternal home.



### Mass Intentions

Tues. Mar. 17 - 8:30 am	Mass
Wed. Mar. 18 - 7:00 pm	+Departed Members of Thomas Family +Mary Matilda and Quintus Fernando req. Derrick Fernando +Evi Kwee req. Stephen Ganda +Elson Peter De Veyra req. Ethel De Veyra
Thurs. Mar. 19 - 8:30 am	Thanksgiving to God req. Lai-Fang Family
Fri. Mar. 20 - 7:00 pm* <small>*Please note that Friday Mass during Lent begins at about 7:20 pm after the Way of the Cross.</small>	+Maria Khien Lai req. Long Dao Thanksgiving to God req. Raj Family Thanksgiving to God req. Estrada Family +Valentino Del Fabro req. Marisa Del Fabro +Pasquale Cerundolo req. Family
Sat. Mar. 21 - 5:00 pm	+John and Adele Shearer req. Family
Sun. Mar. 22 - 9:00 am	+Wilfred and Conrad Garth req. Atton Family
Sun. Mar. 22 - 10:30 am	Mass for all parishioners
Sun. Mar. 22 - 12:00 Noon	+Departed Members of Chaisson Family

### Weekly Collection

This past week's collection was **\$8,881.27** (which includes **PAG** amount of **\$3,377.67**). Thank you for your support and generosity.



### SSVP "Bundle Up" Clothing Drive

(Weekend of March 22/23)

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP) will have the "Bundle Up" Clothing Drive the weekend of **March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please drop off new or gently used clothing, linens and footwear to the trailer in the OLQW parking lot. *For more information call 905-237-8669.*

OLQW YOUTH GROUP

## Stations of the Cross Shadow Play

**Friday March 20 at 7:00 pm**



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of Toronto

# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

### To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.

We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

### The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.

It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

**Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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