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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.
Listening devices are available for weekend Masses.



As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 63-65).



One of the defining characteristics of Mary's life is her **profound openness to the action of God**. At the Annunciation she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (*Lk 1:38*).

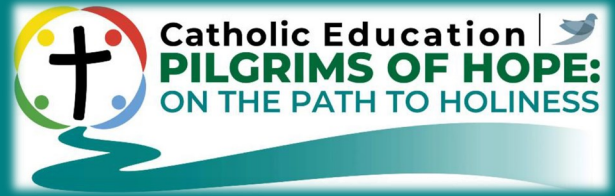
Mary's fiat – her free and courageous “yes” – reveals the **interior disposition** that lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. God initiates, grace is offered, and we respond in freedom. We are reminded that freedom is not the ability to do anything whatsoever, but the ability to choose what is good (*Veritatis Splendor*, 35; *CCC* 1731-1733).

Mary also manifests a deep capacity for **contemplation**. The Gospel of St. Luke relates that she “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart” (*Lk 2:19; CCC* 2717). Like Mary of Nazareth we are invited to cultivate spaces of prayer and reflection in our homes, schools, communities and hearts where the Word of God can take root and illuminate our path forward (*Verbum Domini*, 86-88). Attentiveness to the voice of God requires humility, openness and trust in the action of the Holy Spirit, truly listening to God.

Mary's contemplative heart never withdraws from the needs of the world. Her life is marked by a readiness to respond when God calls her into **service**. Whether it is her visit to Elizabeth after the Annunciation (*Lk 1:39-45*), welcoming the shepherds in Bethlehem (*Lk 2:16-19*), presenting the Child Jesus in the Temple (*Lk 2:22-25*), or standing faithfully beneath the Cross (*Jn 19:25*), Mary remains steadfast in her participation in the saving work of Christ (cf. *LG* 58).

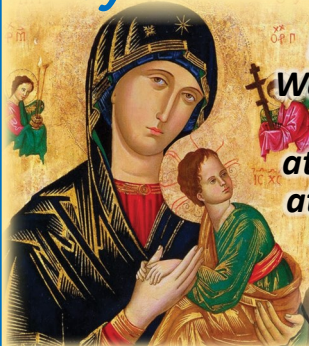
The month of May invites us to put aside our doubts, insecurities, and fears; to **renew our own response to God's call**. Standing devoutly and spiritually beside Mary, we learn again the courage of her surrender and the confidence of her faith (*Redemptoris Mater*, 14-15). The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed her (*Lk 1:35*), desires to work within us, forming Christ anew in the hearts of all believers (cf. *Gal* 4:19). When we turn our hearts to Mary, in her **faith** we learn anew how to welcome God's action in our lives. In her **humility** we discover the freedom that allows the Holy Spirit to work within us. In her **fidelity** we see the perseverance required to remain close to Christ even in moments of uncertainty.

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo—Message for the Month of the Blessed Mother



We now begin Catholic Education Week (May 3 – 8, 2026). We give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to embrace lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca

May is the Month of Mary



Please join us on Wednesday evenings for our Rosary at 6:30 pm followed at 7:00 pm by Mass and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

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 God grant them eternal rest, peace, and joy in Heaven. We pray especially for Pietro Mancini and Yolanda Powell.

Mass Intentions

Tues. May 5 - 8:30 am	+Faith Ramde
Wed. May 6 - 7:00 pm	+Henrietta Lobo req. Odette Casmiro
Thurs. May 7 - 8:30 am	+Peter Romita req. Teresa Romita
Fri. May 8 - 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving to God for 90 th Birthday req. Yolanda Ladines +Maria Khien Lai req. Long Dao +Departed Members of Thomas Family req. Betsy Thomas
Weekend Masses (May 9/10)	FOR ALL MOTHERS — living and deceased

Weekly Collection

This past week's collection was \$7,682.04 (which includes PAG amount of \$3,354.69). Thank you for your support and generosity.



Milk Bag mat weaving: Sat. May 9

We invite you to join us for our next milk bag mat weaving session on **Saturday May 9** in the parish hall from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We weave sleeping mats using milk bags, to help our brothers and sisters who are in need.

A Day with Mary

Saturday May 30 — 11 am to 4 pm

We are all invited to “A Day with Mary” on Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College in King City. This special family-friendly day will include **Holy Mass** celebrated by His Eminence **Frank Cardinal Leo**, the **Holy Rosary**, **Confessions**, a **keynote address for adults**, and **children’s catechesis for the little ones**. There will be music, fellowship, food for purchase, and more. There is **no fee to register** – this event is open to all.



Registration is now open until May 15 at: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

If you want more detailed information please visit: <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

Spring Bible Study (runs until June 16)

We invite you to join us for an **inspiring and informal Bible Study** where we reflect on the **upcoming Sunday Mass Readings**. We gather on **Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in the Parish Hall**. The study is also available **virtually on Zoom**. This study is free of charge. This is an excellent way to build fellowship and learn more about the Word of God and how it applies to our lives. **Please call the Parish Office at 905-884-7006 to register.**



We pray in a special way for our young people preparing to receiving the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** at the end of May.



Summer Bible Camp 2026

CAMP is SOLD OUT!



Thank you to all who signed up for our **Summer Bible Camp Rainforest Adventure**, at OLQW parish the week of **August 17-21**. We look forward to your participation in the camp in a few month’s time.

Thanks to your overwhelming response the camp is now sold out, and all our spots are filled up.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the Bible Camp. *Volunteers can register at this link:* www.olqw.com/olqwyouth

If you have questions please email our youth minister **Ian Lee** at ILee@archtoronto.org

OLQW Parish Centre Capital Campaign

We have launched our **OLQW Parish Centre Capital Campaign**, an essential step in financing the new build of the sacristy, parish offices, ministry meeting rooms, and rectory.



- We are asking each parish family to prayerfully consider what they may be able to pledge. We are looking for **every family’s participation** to contribute to our campaign goal of **\$1.5M**.
- Please pick up a pledge card at the church entrances. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, is much needed and greatly appreciated! We are currently at **just over 35% participation**.
- Thank you to all who have already made their commitment!



L’Arche Daybreak’s Walk with Hope

Saturday May 9, 2026

Registration begins at **9:00 am**.

The walk starts at **10:00 am** at **OLQWCA school**.

Please join us to create awareness, fundraise and have fun!

The goal of this year’s walk is to raise **\$100,000**, which will allow **L’Arche Daybreak** to support its much-needed programs and homes for adults with developmental disabilities in York Region.

For more details, to register for the walk and/or make a donation to our OLQW Parish Team to support L’Arche Daybreak and their amazing work, please visit: <https://larchedaybreak.com/walkwithhope>

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



Schedule of Liturgies (during Weekend Masses)

- May 2 to June 21 - 5:00 pm, 9:00 am and 10:30 am
- No Liturgy on May 16/17 (Victoria Day long weekend)
- Parents are kindly asked to stay in the church and to entrust their children to the care of our leaders and volunteers.

Young at Heart Weekly Activities



- **Tuesdays from 12:45 to 2:00 pm:** Exercise Class with Limor - In person in our parish hall.
- **Wednesdays from 10:15 am - 12:30 pm:** Line dancing and fitness program led by Susan Lao on Zoom, and in person in the parish hall. Call the Office (905-884-7006) to register.

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