

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 2024. We are very grateful to you for sharing your time, talents and treasure in supporting our parish community.

- The Pastoral Team at OLQW



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!

Confirmation 

We pray for our young people preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They begin their program on **Wed. Jan. 17 at 7:00 pm.**

First Communion 

We pray for our young people preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. They begin their program on **Sat. Jan. 20 at 10:00 am.**

New Bible Study: "Follow Me"



We begin a new Bible Study "Follow Me" covering The Gospel of John on **January 8th/9th**. This study will be in person and online via Zoom. All registered participants should now have received an email with all the important details.




Milk Bag mat weaving resumes on Saturday January 13

We invite everyone to join us for our next milk bag mat weaving session on **Saturday January 13** in the parish hall from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Using milk bags, we create sleeping mats for our sisters and brothers in need.

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.**



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. We pray especially for Betty Hull and Pedro Paica.

2024 Envelopes are now available in the Narthex.

Mass Intentions	
Tues. Jan. 2 - 8:30 am	Mass
Wed. Jan. 3 - 7:00 pm	Mass
Thurs. Jan. 4 - 8:30 am	Mass
Fri. Jan. 5 - 7:00 pm	Mass
Sat. Jan. 6 - 5:00 pm	+Frank Falcone req. Giovanna Falcone
Sun. Jan. 7 - 9:00 am	Mass
Sun. Jan. 7 - 10:45 am	Mass for all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 7 - 12:30 pm	+Betty Hull req. Susan McGee



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 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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