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Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,
 I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your Christmas greetings, warm wishes, and generous gifts extended to me personally and for our beloved parish. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this joyous season have been a source of immense joy and inspiration. Your generosity towards the parish's needs reflects the true spirit of Christmas, fostering a sense of community and solidarity among us. May the blessings of Christmas remain with us throughout the new year, and may our shared journey as a parish family be filled with joy, peace, hope, love and abundant blessings.
 With sincerest gratitude and prayers,
 Fr. Jojo George

Thank You!
 We express our sincere gratitude to our kind and generous parishioners, the Knights of Columbus, Christ the King School, St. Joseph's School, and Our Lady Help of Christians School, whose massive efforts and incredible generosity, combined to raise over \$19,000 and enabled us to help almost 100 families for our St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Angels campaign.



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 soon!
 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.



Mass Time Changes for 2024 onwards 
 • **Tuesday Mass** will now be celebrated at **8:30 am.**
 • The **last two Masses on Sunday** will now be celebrated at **10:30 am** and **12 noon.**

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, Pedro Paica, and Hugh McCullough.



Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Jan. 9 - 8:30 am | Mass |
| Wed. Jan. 10 - 7:00 pm | +Marilyn Del Castillo req. Family |
| Thurs. Jan. 11 - 8:30 am | Mass |
| Fri. Jan. 12 - 7:00 pm | Mass |
| Sat. Jan. 13 - 5:00 pm | +Pascalia & John Baptist Rodrigues req. Priscilla Menezes |
| Sun. Jan. 14 - 9:00 am | Mass |
| Sun. Jan. 14 - 10:30 am | Mass for all parishioners |
| Sun. Jan. 14 - 12:00 noon | +Rosario Ponteri req. Marc Poles |

2024 Envelopes are 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!



Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Francis Leo

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, **“Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”**. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting our website at www.olqw.com



Please register with our parish!

Are you a member of our parish? Whether you live within our parish boundaries or simply desire to be part of our faith community, we strongly encourage you to register! A formal registration allows us to recognize you and your contributions to our parish. If you haven't already, please fill in a registration form at the Narthex during the weekend or in the office during the week.

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

Upcoming Liturgies (during the Mass)

- Sat. Jan. 6: 5:00 pm
- Sun. Jan. 7: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
- Sat. Jan. 13: 5:00 pm
- Sun. Jan. 14: 9:00 am



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**. Here at OLQW Parish, we will also honour all married couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2024, at all masses on the weekend of **February 10/11**. Please call the office if you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2024.



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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