



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday & Monday: Closed

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Jojo George	Pastor
Fr. Jim Huth	Weekend Assistance
Mr. Robert Tunney	Permanent Deacon
Mr. Domenic Rinaldi	Permanent Deacon
Donata DiRezze	Administrative Assistant
Tony Nazareth	Office Assistant
Lori Canlas	Pastoral Care & Counseling
Michelle Morello-Hayes	Music Director
Ian Lee	Youth Minister

SCHOOLS in Parish boundaries

Christ the King	905-771-6036
Our Lady Help of Christians	905-884-4023
St. John Paul II	905-709-3134
St. Joseph, Richmond Hill	905-884-5077
OLQW Catholic Academy	905-770-8656



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.



Sacramental Preparation Registration



2026/2027

NOW OPEN!

If your family is registered at Our Lady Queen of the World Parish and are interested in registering your child for the **Sacramental Preparation Programs** for **First Communion** or **Confirmation** starting in the **Fall of 2026**, registration is now **OPEN**. Please note:

- The child should be in **Grade 2 or above for First Communion**
- The youth should be in **Grade 7 or above in September for Confirmation**
- Email: olqwsacraments@archtoronto.org if you need more information. Please have your child's **Baptism Certificate** ready. For Confirmation, we also need a **record of their First Communion**.
- You can register online at:
www.olqw.com/sacraments/first-holy-communion
www.olqw.com/sacraments/confirmation

Thank You!

OLQW CRAFT & Vendor Show 2026

Save the Dates!
**Saturday, November 7
& Sunday, November 8**

Please register and support 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! Please fill in a registration form in the Narthex or at the office. If you wish to donate, you may use weekly donation envelopes or donate by:

Mail: 10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2

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To learn more visit: www.olqw.com/donation



Weekly Collection

This past week's collection was **\$8,985.10** (which includes PAG amount of **\$3,343.15**).
Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 Jeric White.

New Bible Study starts September 14/15

James - Pearls for wise living

Monday Mornings:

10:00 am to 12 Noon

Tuesday Evenings:

7:00 to 9:00 pm

In-person or on ZOOM

Cost: \$50 with Study Book

(special rate for first 40 registrants)

1. Register online
at www.olqw.com

2. Call Parish Office
to register at
905-884-7006

Mass Intentions

Tues. Aug. 18 - 8:30 am	+Saverio Bavaro req. Bavaro Family
Wed. Aug. 19 - 7:00 pm	+Yuk-Yung Wong req. Tommy & Irene Cheng +Alice Shimoda req. Solange Maletta
Thurs. Aug. 20 - 8:30 am	Special Intention
Fri. Aug. 21 - 7:00 pm	+Maria Khien Lai req. Long Dao +Valentino Del Fabro req. Marisa Del Fabro
Sat. Aug. 22 - 5:00 pm	+Betty Hull req. Family
Sun. Aug. 23 - 9:00 am	+Nicola, Antonia, and Domenic Iacobazzi req. Anna De Filippis
Sun. Aug. 23 - 10:30 am	Mass for All Parishioners
Sun. Aug. 23 - 12:00 noon	+Anna Marie Grubber req. Mary McDonald

ShareLife 50th Anniversary Mass

All are invited to a special Mass on **Saturday August 22 at 10:30 am** at **St. Michael's Cathedral**, celebrating **50 years of ShareLife**. ShareLife is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and is dedicated to serving those in need in our community, through faith, compassion and service. The Mass will be led by **His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo**, Archbishop of Toronto. This is a free event, but registration is required. **Please RSVP by August 17**. Register at www.sharelife.org/50 If you would like more information, please email: SLEvent@archtoronto.org

The Assumption and Queenship of Mary (August 15 and 22)



In the Roman Catholic Church, we celebrate two main Marian feasts in August. The Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Virgin Mary** on **August 15**, and the Feast of the **Queenship of Mary** on **August 22**. These are our Parish Feasts.

While the two may not seem directly connected, a closer look will show layers of spiritual meaning. The Assumption has been celebrated by the Church since at least the 6th century, and for many years its celebration was extended by an octave. In the history of the Church all major feasts were celebrated for a period of 8 days. This meant that essentially the same liturgy was said, using the same liturgical texts each day of the octave. The 8th day of the octave was seen as a final "farewell," honoring the spiritual themes of the feast for the last time. For this reason a complimentary feast was instituted on the 8th day.

The Assumption, had an octave celebration for many centuries. Then on May 4, 1944, Pope Pius XII established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22, the octave day of the feast of the Assumption. He did this so that by her intercession may be obtained "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue." However, Pope Paul VI decided to switch the feasts of the Immaculate Heart and the Queenship of Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was joined to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Saturday following the feast of the Sacred Heart, typically in June) and the Queenship of Mary was moved to August 22. This is most fitting as Mary became the "Queen of Heaven," after she was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven by her son, the King of Heaven. It also corresponds to Pope Pius XII's declaration of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, and Mary's Queenship in 1954. Pius XII firmly believed in the power of Mary as a "Queen of Peace." He said, "We are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost destroyed by recurring crises. After her assumption into Heaven, Mary has become our Queen and is right there beside her Son, hearing our prayers. She is the true "Queen of Peace," who can help us turn the tide of war through her powerful intercession."

Joy-Filled Marriage

Preparation Program
September 14 to October 26



Getting Married next year?

Start your special journey together with a strong, faith-filled foundation through our **Joy-Filled Marriage Preparation Program**.

Over the course of 6 engaging sessions, you and your fiancé(e) will explore essential topics like communication, faith, and the sacrament of marriage. Join other engaged couples in a warm and supportive environment as you prepare for a lifetime of love and commitment.

Sessions: September 14, 21, 28 & October 5, 19, 26

Monday Evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, OLQW Parish Hall
Registration Fee: \$275.00 per couple (includes learning materials and refreshments) - *Be sure to register early!*

Register online at: <https://www.olqw.com/joy-filled-marriage>

Take this beautiful step toward a lifetime of love and commitment. We look forward to walking this path with you!

God's Love is for Everybody



Throughout today's readings, we are reminded that God's love and mercy is for all of humanity, and it is not reserved just for a certain group of people. When God looks at humanity, He offers to each person an invitation to experience His love and mercy. When God speaks to the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, He tells Isaiah that even foreigners who join themselves to the Lord will be brought to God's holy mountain, or in other words to God's presence.

This message seems to be different than what we encounter in today's Gospel, however when we look closer we see that the gospel further illustrates God's desire to bring mercy to all. Although Jesus seemed to be initially hesitant to do what the Canaanite woman asks, the woman demonstrates that she had faith in Jesus as the Son of God, who would be able to do what she asked even if Jesus did come to the Israelites first. When God invites all people to experience His love and mercy, there is one requirement, and that is faith in Jesus Christ. When Jesus seemed to turn away the woman who came to Him for her daughter's healing, Jesus tests her faith, and it was the woman's faith that healed her daughter.

As we strive to live a life of discipleship, do we feel the same need God feels, of wanting everyone to experience the love and mercy of God? When we go to Mass or speak to people in our lives, are we instruments of God's love, reaching out to others, or do we hinder God's love to touch the lives of everyone we meet? Just as God wants everyone to be embraced by His love, God gives us the responsibility to bring people to him. As we reflect on this, God may place the names of people in our hearts who may need the love and mercy of God. Let us reach out to these people, and invite them in some way, either to a bible study, or back to Mass if they haven't been in a long time.

OLQW Parish Centre Construction Update



Our long anticipated parish construction project is now well underway. This project will enhance our facilities, support our ministries, and provide a welcoming space for worship, fellowship, and outreach. We are very grateful for the generosity and dedication of our parishioners, who have helped us reach this milestone.

The old office has been demolished, and the construction team is currently digging the foundation for the new building, which will include a priest's residence.

We ask for your continued prayers, and graciously ask our parish families who have not yet responded, for your financial support. Together, we are building not just a structure, but a stronger, more vibrant parish home for generations to come!

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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