

Our Lady Queen of the World

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Feast of the Holy Family

Dear OLQW Parish Family,

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 holy 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 a true parish family, filled with joy, peace, hope, love, and of community and solidarity among us.

In this same spirit, let us confidently embrace the New Year.

I ask you in a special way to keep our parish in your prayers, particularly as we have just launched our campaign for the reconstruction of our Parish Centre.

We pray that each of us may feel spiritually called to make a prayerful and generous decision to support this important work.

Please make your commitment and return your pledge cards as soon as possible so we can receive the Archdiocese approval for a Spring construction start. I am confident that, as always,

I can count on your steadfast support to help enhance our spiritual home, so it will continue to be a welcoming place of faith, fellowship, and service for generations to come!

We at OLQW wish you all a blessed, joyful, safe and healthy 2026.

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

With sincerest gratitude, best wishes, and prayers,

Fr. Jojo



On behalf of our 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. You truly bless us all with your gifts of service!

Christmas Season Office Hours

Our parish office is CLOSED for the Christmas season and RE-OPENS on Sat. Jan. 3, 2026 at 10 am. We wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year!

2026 Envelopes are now 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, or if you cannot find your envelope box please call the office at 905-884-7006 (ext. 0) and we will help.

Thank You!

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 Pasquale Cerundolo, and Beatriz Ariza.

Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 30 - 8:30 am	Mass
Wed. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs. Jan. 1 - 9:00 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs. Jan. 1 - 10:30 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thurs. Jan. 1 - 12:00 Noon	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Fri. Jan. 2 - 7:00 pm	Mass
Sat. Jan. 3 - 5:00 pm	+Cyril, Betty, and Jeanine Bahoshy req. Zaineb Bahoshy-Georgie
Sun. Jan. 4 - 9:00 am	Special Intention for Benedict and Maria Yoo req. Veronica Yoo
Sun. Jan. 4 - 10:30 am	Mass for all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 4 - 12:00 Noon	Mass

Friars Student Writing Contest

(in commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026: January 18 to 25, 2026)

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." - Ephesians 4:4
High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026> or <https://bit.ly/4pjsJia>

Enter at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>
For more information, please contact:
ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org
or call **416-934-3400 x. 527.**

Deadline for entries: Monday January 12 at 2:00 pm

OLQW's Many Hands, One Journey Capital Campaign

We have just launched the Our Lady Queen of the World **Parish Centre Capital Campaign**, an essential step in financing the new build of the sacristy, parish offices, ministry meeting rooms, and rectory.

- **Pledge materials are included in the 2026 Offertory envelope boxes, which are available for pickup in the Narthex.** Extra copies are also available for parishioners who do not yet have regular offertory envelopes.
- **We are asking every parish family to prayerfully consider what they may be able to pledge** in support of this important project. **Demonstrating full parish participation is critical** in receiving Archdiocese approval. We are looking for over 90% participation to contribute to our campaign goal of **\$1.5M**.
- **Pledge card provides an option to customize your family donation amount.** Also, pledge commitment can be fulfilled **over a period of up to 5 years** providing added flexibility.
- We kindly ask that you **return your completed pledge card as soon as possible**, so that we may proceed with the next steps toward a **Spring construction start**.

Together, we are building a home for ministry and service that will bless our parish and community for generations to come—Thank You in advance for your support and God Bless!



The Holy Family

This weekend we honour the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. In honouring them, we also honour all families, big or small. By honouring 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/>

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*

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus remind the children of our parish aged 5 to 14 to submit their entries for our **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** in the box in the Narthex. The contest ends on **December 31**. Thank you to all who have participated. The winners will be announced in January 2026.

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



Upcoming Liturgies (weekend Masses):

- **December 3/4 - 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am**

Updated schedule for 2026 to follow.

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