



Our Lady Queen of the World

BULLETIN

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Lockdown: Public Masses Cancelled

York Region enters Lockdown effective Monday, December 14 at 12:01 AM. Sadly, this means that all public Masses are temporarily cancelled.



Letter from Fr. Jojo

"Lockdown" - Moving to 10 person capacity - December 14 at 12:01 AM

I wish to thank all our parishioners for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the GTA has increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the "Lockdown Stage" as identified by the Province of Ontario. In addition, Premier Ford announced on December 11, 2020 special emergency measures that need to be taken in York region.

For this reason, as of Monday, December 14, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. I will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from COVID-19.

While it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to **livestream our Masses**:

Daily Masses: Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7PM.

Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 9 AM.

Mass intentions for the 12:30 PM will be included with 9 AM Mass intentions.

OFFICE HOURS: Our staff will be working remotely, wherever possible.

The Parish Office will be open on **WEDNESDAYS ONLY from 9 AM to 4PM and by appointment only**. Please be assured that staff will check email and phone messages regularly. Please feel free to leave us a message, should you need to contact us. Check www.olqw.com or the Parish App for contact information for the Pastoral Team and Parish Staff.

I recognize these measures are extremely challenging. I am also so incredibly grateful for the efforts of our heroic volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and cleaning the church between services, ensuring that we can operate safely and responsibly. Your selflessness and generosity is inspiring!

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves. Updates will be posted on all our social media platforms.

We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jojo Kachappilly

MASS TIMES - Livestream only Public Masses cancelled due to lockdown

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday 8:30 AM (9:30 AM on Holidays)
- Wednesday 7:00 PM
- Thursday 8:30 AM
- Friday 7:00 PM

WEEKEND MASSES

- **Saturday:** 5:00 PM
- **Sunday Masses:** 9:00 AM

LIVESTREAMED MASSES are available by subscribing to our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyQueenoftheWorldCatholicChurch>

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**Closed for Christmas Holidays from
Dec. 25, reopening Wed. Jan. 6, 2021**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

If you wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the Parish Office to make an appointment. Thank you.



Liturgy of The Word for CHILDREN

**Sundays
at 11:30 AM**
Virtually
on ZOOM



**Open to all
children
(JK to Gr. 4)**

Please email lwcatolqw@gmail.com to receive a secure link.

Line Dancing and Exercise

The Young at Heart Ministry continues to hold the weekly line dancing/exercise class led by Susan Lao on ZOOM on Wednesday mornings starting at 10:30 AM for line dancing followed by cardio/stretching exercises at 11:00 AM. All Young at Heart members are welcomed to participate. Contact Jane Ng Cheong at 416-830-5204 for more information.

New Bible Study – ACTS

Many of us are familiar with the Gospel parable of the ten maidens awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13). Their sole mission is to greet and accompany the bridegroom into the wedding feast. We, The Church, are Christ's bride. Like the bridesmaids, we need a deeper understanding of Jesus and His love for us, His Church. To get this understanding of Our Lord we also need to understand and fulfill our role as members of His Church. How can we do this? – Join the next Bible Study **Acts of the Apostles** and learn the story of Our Church and how it came to be. The study begins on January 11/12, 2021. For more information or to register: email tony.nazareth@hotmail.com



Calling our kids and youth!

The OLQW Knights of Columbus invite our children and youth to showcase their talents in our "Keep Christ in Christmas" creativity contest. We are excited to present this opportunity to our young people to restore their involvement in our parish, which has been restricted due to the pandemic. The contest is open to all children/youth up to high school level. Participants are asked to create a picture, poem, story, song or inspirational video etc... which reflects Jesus and His coming among us, being the centre and heart of Christmas. Entries will be judged by age/grade. Please submit a digital version of your entry including your name, age and grade to olqwkeepchristinchristmas@gmail.com by Dec. 20. While there will only be a few winners, all entries will be displayed in a presentation at the Christmas Masses and on our website: olqw.com



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."



New Bible Study for YOUTH!

The Teen Timeline

Introducing an awesome new Bible Study for our youth. Learn the key characters and stories of the Bible in this 8 week study. Starts mid Jan. 2021. Please contact Dorothy Whelan for details: dwhelan@archtoronto.org



VOCATIONS

Be a witness to the Light!

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life contact:

**Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**
or email: vocations@archtoronto.org
or visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Sacramental Preparation for First Communion, First Reconciliation & Confirmation

If your child is in **Gr. 2 or Gr.7 in Fall 2020**, and Our Lady Queen of the World Parish is where you worship and attend regularly, please contact Dorothy Whelan for instructions on how to register online for the parish preparation program for First Communion and Confirmation. dwhelan@archtoronto.org

Support Your Parish

In person: If you can attend our Masses in person, place your offering in the collection basket at the exit of the church. OR Scan the QR Code label displayed on the leaflet holder in the pew.

Mail your offering to the parish office:
10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2

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