

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

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TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

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## We are opening again for Public Masses!

Following public health directives, our church is now open for public masses. We look forward to seeing you again, in person! [Please register for Mass](#) on our website, the Parish App, or call the parish office at 905-884-7006.

## Our Journey through LENT...

### Friday Adoration, Way of the Cross, Confession and Mass

Every Friday in Lent: Adoration and Confessions, 6 to 7 pm; Way of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by Mass.

### Additional Masses during Lent:

We will have two additional Masses in Lent: **Saturday (Vigil) 6:30 pm, Tuesday at 7 pm.**

**Confessions during Lent:** Friday: 6 to 7 pm; Tuesday: 6 to 7 pm (by appointment).

**Lent Week of confession: Wednesday 24 March: 6 to 7 pm**

**Dates to remember in Holy week:** Palm Sunday (March 28), Good Friday (April 2), Easter Vigil (Sat. April 3), Easter Sunday (April 4)

### Lenten Donation Calendars

You can pick up a Lenten donation calendar in the church during Mass, or at the parish office. Proceeds will go to **Hill House Hospice**, an organization in Richmond Hill which has helped many of our parish families by providing palliative care for their loved ones.

### Knights of Columbus - 40 Cans for Lent

The **OLQW Knights of Columbus** will continue their annual **40 Cans for Lent Food Drive**. The Knights encourage you to support the **FreshCo** store at Major Mackenzie and Leslie which has been a dedicated supporter of our parish and our Richmond Hill Food Bank. You may purchase pre-packed bags from FreshCo which contain the Food Bank's [most needed items](#) which will later be delivered to the Food Bank. The Knights will host the second food drop-off day at our church parking lot on **Saturday March 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting our Lenten giving programs!

### Daily Reflections

For spiritual inspiration during Lent, you can meditate on [Words for the Weary](#), a lovely reflection series with special reference to these pandemic times.

## World Day of Prayer 2021 – Build on a Strong Foundation



**World Day of Prayer** is organized by **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)**. Christians from over 170 countries unite together in spirit, on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This movement has been active for nearly 100 years. Each year, a different country writes the service materials. The World Day of Prayer is generally celebrated on the **first Friday of March**. This year's service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of **Vanuatu**, a South Pacific Ocean nation made up of roughly 80 islands.

**Our Lady Queen of the World Parish** was to be the host church this year. Instead, in the interest of safety, we are promoting the virtual event available via the WICC's website. To participate online: [Click here to access this year's prayer service.](#) Please also consider [making a donation](#) to help WICC to fund their grant programs.

## MASS TIMES - [Please register for Mass](#) Public Masses have resumed

### WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday 8:30 am (9:30 am on Holidays)
- Tuesday 7 pm (new for Lent)
- Wednesday 7 pm (Rosary at 6:40 pm)
- Thursday 8:30 am
- Friday 7 pm (During Lent: Adoration from 6 to 7pm, Way of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by Mass)

### WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (new for Lent)
- Sunday Masses: 9 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

**LIVESTREAMED MASSES** are available by subscribing to our YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lj9qPj6GMkn1dpxH\\_GrVg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lj9qPj6GMkn1dpxH_GrVg)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm  
**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](http://www.olqw.com) or the Parish App for contact information for the Pastoral Team and Parish Staff.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Friday: 6 to 7 pm; Tuesday: 6 to 7 pm (by appointment)**  
or please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

## Support Our Advertisers!

For many years, our local businesses have supported our parish. Please give them your support at this challenging time. <https://www.olqw.com/commercial>

## Sacramental Preparation is now complete for 2021

Registration for Sacramental preparation is complete for 2021. As a parish community we prayerfully accompany and support the families participating in the sacramental programs for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep the young people and their families in prayer during this time of preparation to receive these sacraments.

## Letter from Cardinal Collins



### “Especially in a time of crisis, our sacramental life is essential”

“...I am grateful for the many sacrifices that you have made over the past 11 months. Throughout the pandemic, out of love for neighbour, in an effort to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, we have followed the health authorities’ direction on significant restrictions, limiting the ability of the faithful to gather. This has resulted in great spiritual sacrifice and pain for all of us, and especially for those who are isolated and vulnerable...”

To read the Cardinal’s full letter [click here](#)

## Webinars on spiritual formation and Catholic outreach

### Lector Formation Webinar

Wed. March 10, 2021, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
No cost, but registration is required.  
Please register at: <http://bit.ly/LFW-RegisterMar2021> by Mon. March 8,  
For more details, see the event poster:  
<http://bit.ly/LFW-PosterMar2021>

### St. Thérèse of Lisieux Spiritual Life Series:

Mondays: February 22, March 8 & 22,  
April 12 & 26 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Join a new spiritual life series on “The  
Story of a Soul” by St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

For more information contact:  
[lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com](mailto:lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com)

To register:  
<https://thestoryofasoul.eventbrite.ca>

To browse faith formation workshops:  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/programs--workshops/>

### Parish Ministry with Persons with Disabilities Webinar

To assist parishes with hospitality and catechesis for parishioners with special needs. Open to clergy, lay parish staff, volunteer catechists and those who assist parishioners with disabilities.

Sat. March 6 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
No cost, but registration is required.

Please register at: <http://bit.ly/SNW-RegisterMar62021> by Fri. March 5

For more details, see the event poster:  
<http://bit.ly/SNW-PosterMar62021>



### Ordinandi Youth Event

We invite all students in all school boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto to watch the 45-min virtual event to celebrate the ordination to priesthood of these holy men.

**MARCH 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Watch On YouTube: [www.youtube.com/archtoronto](http://www.youtube.com/archtoronto)

## RCIA Catechumens join God’s Elect!

On Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, Our Lady Queen of The World Parish welcomed **14 catechumens** to the family of **The Elect** or “**God’s chosen**”. The rite was beautifully conducted virtually via Zoom as part of the 9 am Mass. The Mass was livestreamed, as we were still in lockdown, to enable our parishioners to participate in, support, and witness this amazing step in the faith journey of these amazing people. We welcome **McKenna, Jacob and Charlotte** from the children’s program and **Mahtab, Helen, Cindy, Alice, Hamayun, Yan, Suki, Christopher, Iman, Bita and Cherry** from the adults program who are now officially members of **The Elect**. We also welcome **Esther**, who, by virtue of her Christian Baptism, was already a member of The Elect. We thank Fr. Jojo and Deacon Rob for administering the rite, as well as Cathie Furfaro who leads this ministry, along with our catechists, sponsors and the RCIA Support Team. We ask our parish family to continue to pray for our Elect as they now enter into a period of purification and enlightenment.



OLQW Knights of Columbus are pleased to present **Charitable Gaming Community Good**.

This new brand name and logo represents the good works in part that happen to support our local community as a result of our volunteer work for **Charitable Gaming through Bingo World & Gaming**.



## Young at Heart still very active!

The Young at Heart Ministry (150+ members strong) remains active and connected through the pandemic. We run weekly line dancing/exercise classes led by **Susan Lao on ZOOM on Wednesday at 10:30 am**. Call **Jane Ng Cheong at 416-830-5204** to join. This program has been made possible by a grant received through the **New Horizons for Seniors Program**, a government of Canada program, that covered the cost of purchasing computer and video equipment and operating costs.



## VOCATIONS

### Would you give up everything and put your trust in God?

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact:

**Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997** or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or visit: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Prayer for our RCIA Elect and us

Lord Jesus,

May we find joy in daily prayer,  
and by praying to you often,  
may we grow ever closer to you.

May we read your word and  
joyfully dwell on it in our hearts.  
May we humbly acknowledge our faults  
and work wholeheartedly to correct them.

May we dedicate our daily work  
as a pleasing offering to you.

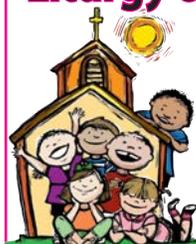
May we grow to love and seek virtue  
and holiness of life,

May we share with others the joy  
we have found in our faith. – Amen

## Support Our Parish

**In person:** Drop donation in collection basket at Mass  
**Mail:** 10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2  
**Credit card:** [click here](#)  
**Pre-Authorized Giving:** [click here](#)  
For more information visit [www.olqw.com/donation](http://www.olqw.com/donation)  
Thank you for continuing to support us during these challenging times for all.

## Liturgy of The Word for CHILDREN



Open to all children (JK to Gr. 4)  
Sundays at 11:30 am (on ZOOM)

Please email [lwcatolqw@gmail.com](mailto:lwcatolqw@gmail.com) for a secure link.

Our amazing team have been online every week since December to keep our kids in touch with their faith.