

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

Lord, *strengthen*
our spirits as we
await your promises

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm
Sunday | 8, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6 pm

DAILY

Monday-Saturday | 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Daily and Sunday: 30 minutes
before each Mass.

Saturday 3 pm

BY APPOINTMENT

Call the office at 985.626.6977

BAPTISMS | FUNERALS

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Call the office at 985.626.6977

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least eight months
before wedding date.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

985.630.0256

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8 am - 4 pm

Wednesday
10 am - 4 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Content for the November 23 edition
is due by **11:59 pm November 13,**
2025. Content for the November 30
edition is due by **11:59 pm**
November 20, 2025.

Please email Stephen Johnson at
sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org
with submissions for the bulletin.

WORSHIP & PRAY

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, which works to break the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that create lasting change. Your generosity empowers those in need to build a better future for themselves and their families. Thank you for helping bring hope and opportunity to our brothers and sisters across the country!



**CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Felix and Janice Rabito**.

OUR LADY HOPE OF THE HOPELESS

If you are interested in donating for the Icon candles, please visit our website or call the parish office.

ALTAR FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

If you are interested in donating for the altar floral arrangements, please visit our website or call the parish office.

PRAY WITH THE READINGS

The Scriptures are the divinely inspired Word of God. We invite you to pray with them daily. Scan the code to access the day's readings and let God speak to your heart.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15

9:00am Special Blessings

4:00pm Ron Ness; Jan Kuntz; August "Happy" Kuntz; Ed DiGiovanni; Monique Brunet Albares; Millie Thomas; James H. Davis; Marion Seeber; Felix Moisant; James Bordelon; Ronald Combe; Lynette Hatty; Sylvia McGuire; Sarah Stone; Harold Conner; Janice Rabito; Felix Rabito; Beryl Bourgeois

Special Intentions

Elizabeth James and Rio Storey; Tommye and Ryan Armand; Candy Fitch; Jules Simoneaux; Sean Esker; Alex Sherman

Sunday, November 16

8:00am Val and Peggy Dauterive

9:30am

Special Intention The Blanchard and Pillitire Families

11:30am

Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

6:00pm

Jude Paillet; Ron Ness; Pearl Berthelot; Trey Samatha; James H. Davis; Marion Seeber; Edward Luis Sellers; Eileen Broeckelmann; Sylvia McGuire; Gary R. Steckler; Sarah Stone; Felix Moisant; Mel Hightower; Harold Conner; Mary Lukas; Janice Rabito; Emile Damare III; Riley Trapani; Ronnie Durr; Timothy P. Villeret

Special Intentions

Mary Sue and Mike Lanaux; Liam Wagner Wallace; Lori and Mark Lane; Jason Barberito; Jules Simoneaux; Patty Taormina; The Gonzalez Family; The Bellocco Family; Sean Esker; Elizabeth James and Rio Storey

Monday, November 17

9:00am Michael Drago

Tuesday, November 18

9:00am Catherine "Tina" Brantley

Wednesday, November 19

9:00am Special Intention

Kathleen Dominique

Thursday, November 20

9:00am Anna L. Cooper

Friday, November 21

9:00am Myako Paillet

YOUR WEEK(S) AHEAD

Sunday, November 16

- Take a moment and help save a life. Our quarterly Blood Drive takes place in the Parish Center, from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm, to benefit a local child who is battling cancer. There is an urgent need for O Positive blood.

Monday, November 17

- Got a Light? #igiveCatholic early giving begins today! Will you help us ignite it, share it and spread it?

Tuesday, November 18

- The Knights of Columbus meet in the Cafeteria at 6 pm.
- All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to REACH night at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Wednesday, November 19

- Worship @ MQP prayer meeting will take place in the Youth Room.
- Let us pray for all our Confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament at 7 pm.

Friday, November 21

- Moms and their little ones are welcome to join Pray & Play at 9:30 am in the Child Care Room.

Saturday, November 22

- Comfort & Joy is hosting a Thanksgiving Turkey luncheon for the families we are serving this Thanksgiving from 11 am - 1 pm. See the back of the bulletin for how to volunteer and donate.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

November 27
9 am

Begin your Thanksgiving celebration in the best way, by giving thanks to God. Join us for Mass, a beautiful opportunity to gather as a parish family in gratitude and prayer.

Each family in attendance will receive blessed bread and wine to share at their Thanksgiving meal as a reminder that all we have and all we are come from God's loving hands.



#IGIVECATHOLIC

got a
light?

SCAN
HERE TO
IGNITE
THE
LIGHT



EARLY GIVING STARTS MONDAY!

CONNECT

What is Alpha?



Mary, Queen of Peace will begin the new year with an invitation to all with questioning minds and open hearts to engage in a deeper encounter with Jesus through the parish's newly launched Alpha program. Nicole Johnson and Tiffany McGoey, co-directors of evangelization, engagement and adult formation at Mary, Queen of Peace, will work with a team of MQP parishioners to offer a series of 11 weekly sessions beginning Jan. 13, each focusing on a specific theme and emphasizing hospitality to invite all participants to inquire and share without fear of being judged.

"Alpha is all about evangelization," Nicole explains. "We take Jesus into our everyday life so that we can bring Jesus to others, inviting them to a meal so that we can share the light and love of Christ. Our invitation to Alpha is addressed to anyone who has questions. Whether you are a practicing Catholic or not, no matter how strong your faith may be, Alpha is the place for all of us to ask the difficult questions without being met with judgment – to be seen, and heard, and known, and loved."

On Tuesday evenings through mid-April, participants will come together at 6:30 pm in the MQP Parish Center to join their assigned host and table partners for a dinner served by hospitality members of the Alpha team. After dining and viewing the session's video, participants at each table will engage in conversation, allowing time to grow in faith, friendship, and meaningful discussion together. Each session will conclude around 8:30 pm.

Specific themes will explore Jesus's humanity and divinity, the gift of redemption, the importance of prayer and Bible study, and living in today's world as true disciples of Christ. Each session will conclude around 8:30 pm. Participants also will be invited to a special Saturday session on March 14 focusing on the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Since its founding in 1977, the Alpha program has been conducted in more than 100 languages and has inspired exploration of Christianity by more than 35 million persons in 175 countries. Over the past decade, Alpha courses in the Catholic Church have reached more than 2.5 million participants, with 2,200 courses held in parishes across the United States in 2024.

"Our hope is that everyone who participates in Alpha will begin a new journey of discipleship, growing with Jesus and inviting others to encounter Him," Tiffany says.

Advance registration is required for participation in the winter/spring 2026 Alpha program at MQP. Registration is free and may be submitted online through Dec. 19 on the parish website at www.maryqueenofpeace.org/alpha. Teens of high school age interested in dialogue about faith with their peers are also invited to participate. Inquiries for further information may be made to Nicole and Tiffany at the parish office at 985-202-0265.

ADULT
Confirmation

ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC ADULT WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Contact: Nicole Johnson | njohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org

PARISH LIFE



YAH Monthly Meeting - Monday, November 17 | 10 am - Ronnie Abboud, 25-year volunteer at the World War II Museum, will bring artifacts for an interactive presentation.

Bookworms - Wednesday, November 19 | 12:30 - 2 pm - This month we will discuss "James" by Percival Everett.

Thanksgiving Luncheon - Thursday, November 20 | Noon - Keith Young's Restaurant 165 Hwy 21 Madisonville, LA 70447, Cost, \$46.00: Deadline for signing up is **Wednesday, November 12**.

In order to attend YAH events, you must be a registered member. Feel free to reach out to Terri Hall, ermat918@aol.com or Laura Fatzer, laurafatzer@gmail.com if you have any questions.



ADORATION | COMMUNITY | THEOLOGY | SERVICE

January 8 - 11, 2026

Solomon Retreat Center

No matter where you are on your journey, the ACTS Retreat invites you to step away and encounter Jesus in a powerful way. This Catholic retreat is designed to reignite your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your connection to our parish community. Learn more and register by scanning the code. Space is limited.



**Reignite your faith. Renew your spirit.
Encounter Christ.**

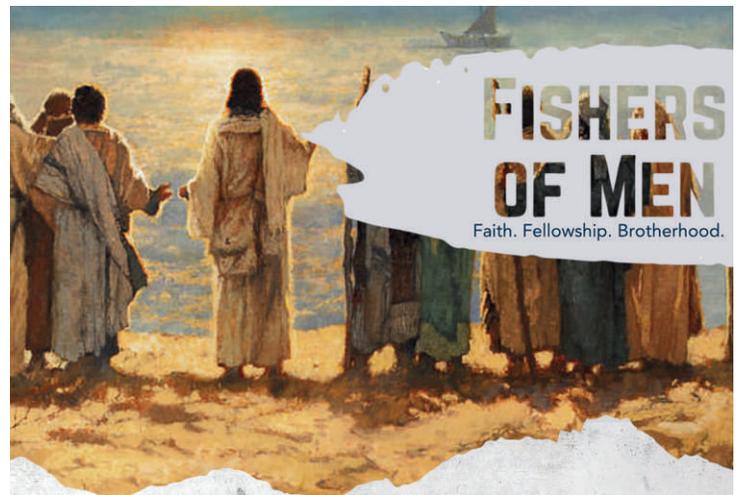
**BLOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER 16
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
PARISH CENTER**

Urgent need for TYPE O blood



Replacement drive for 3-year-old Rowan Eilers currently battling cancer.

SCAN ME! >>>



Fishers of Men is a **men's spirituality ministry** created by the men of Mary, Queen of Peace, for the men of Mary, Queen of Peace.

Together, we grow in faith through the reading and discussion of Scripture, sharing life's challenges, and supporting one another as we strive to live out God's call in our homes, workplaces, and the world.

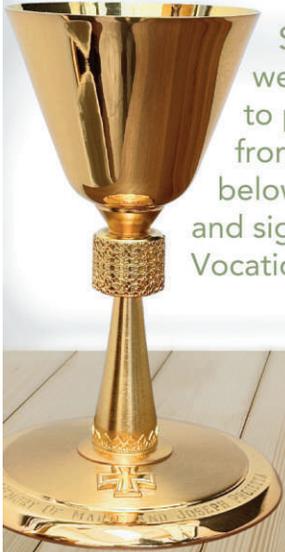
No prep needed; just come as you are and be part of the journey.

**Mondays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Parish Center - Room 2**

Interested in joining, just come on in or contact Jackie Starks | jstarks100@bellsouth.net for more information.

CONNECT

VOCATIONS CHALICE



Step up to the challenge as we invite you and your family to pray for vocations, especially from our parish! Scan the code below to find more information and sign up to pray with the Vocations Chalice in your home.

SCAN



A Night in Bethlehem

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6 - 9 PM

MQPCS FIELD

(WEATHER PERMITTING) MQPCS CAFETERIA AS BACKUP

STEP BACK IN TIME AND EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO WANDER THROUGH THE BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE—VISIT JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP, SAMPLE MEDITERRANEAN TREATS, MAKE ADVENT CALENDARS AND MORE.

CHECK IN AT THE **CENSUS TABLE** AND "PAY YOUR TAX" WITH A CANNED GOOD DONATION FOR THOSE IN NEED.

THE EVENING ENDS WITH A COZY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING *THE STAR*, HOSTED BY THE MQPCS CO-OP AT 8 PM.

\$20/FAMILY

We need your help to bring Bethlehem to life! Volunteer, donate supplies, or pray for the event. Contact **Renee Cresap** at reneecresap@yahoo.com

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EDITION



Presenter
Fr. Cuong Tran

Saturday, November 29

8 am - 2 pm

\$25

Before the holiday rush begins, take a morning to slow down and refocus your heart on what truly matters. Join us for the first annual **Advent and Christmas Day of Reflection for Men** at Mary, Queen of Peace, led by Fr. Cuong Tran. This time together offers a chance to step away from the noise, connect with other men of faith, and prepare your spirit for the coming of Christ. The morning includes coffee and fellowship, inspiring talks, quiet reflection, Mass, and a hearty lunch of gumbo, salad, and dessert. Come be renewed in faith and ready to lead your family into the joy of the season.

If you'd like to take part in the Men's Day of Reflection, the cost is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch, and all sessions. To register, please contact Steve Fradella at steve.fradella8444@gmail.com or Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts at lalberts119@gmail.com.



FROM THE PASTOR

DIVORCE & ANNULMENT

Mary, Queen of Peace is here to journey with you during the annulment process. Deacon Jack Finn is open to speaking to anyone who needs answers. Please contact him at jjfynn@arch-no.org.



Disciples make disciples. Since the time that Jesus sent his followers out to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19), the history of the Church has shown us that the two sides of this phrase consistently prove true: making disciples is part of being a disciple of Jesus, and disciples don’t spring into existence without accompaniment from another disciple.

This is no less true today. In 2013, Pope Francis wrote that our culture is “paradoxically suffering from anonymity and at the same time obsessed with the details of other people’s lives” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 169). Twelve more years of seeing our lives systematized by big data and enthralled by social media influences have proven his statement true.

So, what’s the remedy for the dual sicknesses of anonymity and over exposure? Genuine accompaniment. As Pope Francis writes, “The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5). The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.”

When we accompany someone, we get to know them at a true and deep level. Anonymity vanishes, and we see more details than those merely apparent at the surface level. When we accompany someone, we slow down and walk at their pace. We see them for who they are—not as we want them to be. And we slowly but surely show them the way forward. Pope Francis goes on, “Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true freedom.”

GRIEF RECOVERY

Grief comes in many forms—loss of a loved one, divorce, or other major life changes. If you're struggling, you're not alone.

Mary, Queen of Peace is offering one-on-one Grief Recovery sessions using **The Grief Recovery Method®**, a proven, compassionate approach that helps you work through unresolved grief in a safe, private setting.

Sessions meet on Wednesdays.

To learn more or to join, contact the parish office.

Healing is possible. We're here to walk with you.

Accompaniment is not erratic or unfocused. We are patient and compassionate, and yet, while the road may wind every which way, we have an intended destination: true freedom in God. We call this habit of mission, “Meet people where they are and help them take the next step.” Meet and move. This is the art of accompaniment.

Sometimes meeting people where they are is the difficult part! It takes skill, sensitivity, and awareness to discern someone’s spiritual readiness for growth. And sometimes it’s difficult to help them take a step closer to God.

This week, consider how you can slow yourself down to really see the people in your life, to offer them the compassionate gaze that heals and liberates, to draw them toward the freedom God wants to give. At MQP, let’s be a people on mission to meet and move others closer to the heart of Jesus – to accompany them along the path of salvation!

SUMMIT NIGHT

NOVEMBER 17
6:30 - 7:30 PM

PRAISE | ADORATION | WORSHIP



WORSHIP LEADER **JOHN FINCH**

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2026-2027

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OPEN HOUSE



Come discover what makes our school family unique!

December 4, 2025

8:00AM

Preschool 3 & 4, Kindergarten

10:00AM

1st - 5th Grade

Guided by Christ, Formed in Virtue, Called to Lead



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A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS WITHIN REACH

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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YOUTH

RISE

night

8th - 12th
GRADE

November 16

7 - 8:30 pm

**ADORATION
CONFESSION
PRAYER TEAMS
PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

REACH

PAX

7th - 12th Grades

night

November 18

**6:30 - 8:30 pm
YOUTH ROOM**



Join in and bring a friend

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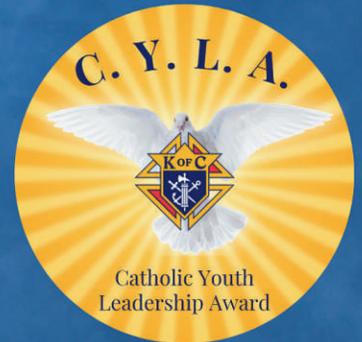
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HOW IT WORKS:

Step 1: Make your donation to Aspiring Scholars by the end of the year.

Step 2: You will receive a 95% tax credit certificate by the end of January 2026.

Step 3: File your taxes with your certificate to receive your 95% credit!

DON'T DELAY!

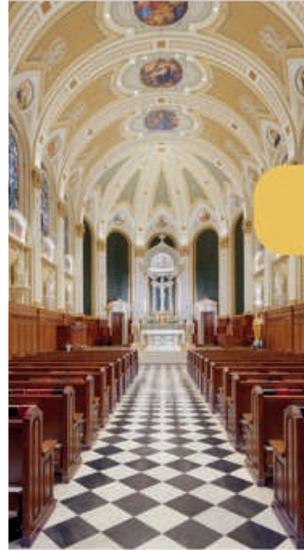
The deadline for 95% credit for the 2025 tax deduction is December 31, 2025.



Scan to invest in our children.

VOCATIO

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We invite you to join us in discerning God's call for you by learning more about the priesthood

Where / When?

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- November 22
- January 31
- February 21
- March 28

Office of Vocations

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CATHOLIC WOMEN
in Action

2025 Northshore Advent Morning of Reflection

*"The Light shines in the Darkness and the Darkness has not overcome it."
(John 1:5)*

Mary, Queen of Peace Church
in Mandeville

Thursday, December 11
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Join Catholic Women in Action (CWIA) for our 2025 Northshore Advent Morning of Reflection.

THEME: "The Light shines in the Darkness and the Darkness has not overcome it." *Preparing for Christmas When Your Heart is Heavy*

CELEBRANT: Most Reverend Thomas Rodi (retired Archbishop, Diocese of Mobile)

SPEAKER: Elizabeth B. Fitzpatrick

SCHEDULE:

- 8:30-11:30 AM: Confession available
- 9:00 AM Mass
- Reflection speaker to follow

REFLECTION SPEAKER



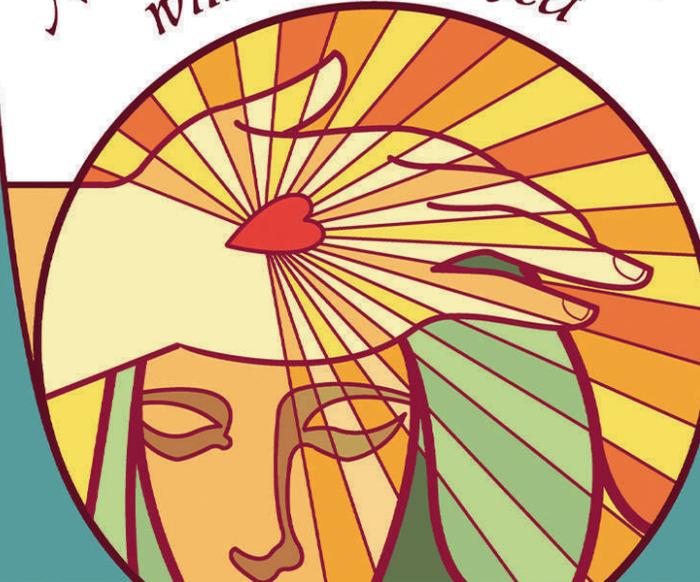
As a mother, grandmother, and former middle school teacher, **Liz Fitzpatrick** understands literature's profound influence on young minds.

After surviving a massive stroke at 38, she began writing Christmas stories in thanksgiving to God. She has authored *Father Si-mi-ty* and *A Great Light in the Darkness* and is writing two books for younger readers. When not writing, Liz plays piano in nursing homes and volunteers at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.



For more, please contact Kathi Zimmerman
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Not a hair on your head
will be destroyed



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STEWARDSHIP

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BEFORE DECEMBER 31?

Just take a look through the bulletin to see your generosity in action. Mary, Queen of Peace Parish seeks to reach all of our parishioners where they are! We have something for everyone!

Our one mission is to help foster life-changing encounters with Jesus.

Through the generosity of our parishioners we are able to continue the work of fostering life-changing encounters with Jesus.

For more information please feel free to contact Lori Kilgore at lkilgore@maryqueenofpeace.org or Jen Coco at jcoco@maryqueenofpeace.org

STEWARDS OF THE MONTH

Bob and Maryanne Taylor are a quiet but dynamic duo at MQP! Fairly new to the parish, they jumped in quickly to share their gifts in many ways - from the choir to retreats to the safety and security committee. Bob also serves as our commentator for the Easter Triduum and contributes to The Porch Light magazine. They will also be part of Alpha, which launches in January. Thank you, Bob and Maryanne, for being good stewards of God's gifts!



If you have a suggestion for Steward of the Month, please contact Karen Baker at kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org

Parish Giving
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