



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

...stay awake!

~ Matthew 24:42



Summit Night
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Be Vigilant!
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Christmas Comfort
& Joy
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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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Wednesday
10 am - 4 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Content for the December 14 edition
is due by **11:59 pm December 4,
2025**. Content for the December 21
edition is due by **11:59 pm December
11, 2025**.

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

WORSHIP & PRAY

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SANCTUARY LAMP

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

OUR LADY HOPE OF THE HOPELESS

The Icon Candles burn In Memory of Marion Seeber

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 29

9:00am Nathaniel Paillet

4:00pm Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

Sunday, November 30

8:00am Monique Brunet Albares; Val Dauterive Jr.; Felix Rabito; Larry Rhodes; Sylvia McGuire; Sarah Stone; Janice Rabito; Valery Spiess; Riley Trapani; Gary J. Bloom; Santa and Homer Salsman; Joanna Czaderna; Stacey Schiro; Linda Monies

Special Intentions

Dcn. Mo Casadaban; Dcn. Jack Finn; Dcn. Eddy Beckendorf; Dcn. Abner Guillory; Dcn. Timothy Jackson; Elizabeth James; Rio Storey

9:30am Ron Ness; Audrey B. O'Cain; Leonard "Deanie" Allemand; Felix Rabito; Sylvia McGuire; John "Jack" Linder; Nancy J. Lawrence; Sarah Stone; Beryl Bourgeois; Ronnie Durr; Merlin Strickland; John Schambach; Laura O'Rourke; Carolyn Trupiano; Dr. John T. Myers Jr.; Harold Jenkins

Special Intentions

Jeffrey Charlet; Sean Esker; Cleve Nilsen; Cindy Nilsen; Ngan Nguyen

11:30am Denis McDonald

6:00pm Millie Thomas

Monday, December 1

9:00am Peter Brue

Tuesday, December 2

9:00am Shirley Braiwick

Wednesday, December 3

9:00am Carleton Pool

Thursday, December 4

9:00am Nancy Salvatore

Friday, December 5

9:00am Richard Brue

YOUR WEEK(S) AHEAD

Sunday, November 30

- First Sunday of Advent! Pick up your Little Book to help you on your journey this holy season.

Monday, December 1

- Christ in the Chaos monthly meeting for students and parents. Special prayers as our second-graders prepare for First Reconciliation.

Tuesday, December 2

- Got a light? Share it! It's #GivingTuesday, when we come together to say #iGiveCatholic to support our mission of fostering life-changing encounters with Jesus.

Friday, December 5

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after 9 am Mass until 2 pm. Quiet time with the Lord.

Sunday, December 7

- Hospitality Sunday! Join your parish family and meet someone new.



#iGIVECATHOLIC is Tuesday, December 2!

got a
light?

JOIN US

LIVE! from MQQP

Join Fr. Cooper and Friends on YouTube and Facebook

for an exciting day of giving as we ignite, share, and spread the light of Christ.

Fun, games, challenges, prizes, and more!

7 am to 9 am: Ignite it!

11 am to 1 pm: Share it!

7 pm to 9 pm: Spread it!

Stay tuned for all the details!

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Mt 5:16

SCAN
HERE TO
IGNITE
THE
LIGHT



Hospitality Sunday December 7

come enjoy some
coffee, hot chocolate
& beignets with your
parish family



CONNECT

Bambinelli Sunday

DECEMBER 14
9:30AM MASS



All are encouraged to bring a baby Jesus figurine to be blessed by Fr. Cooper



Knights of Columbus
Council 12072

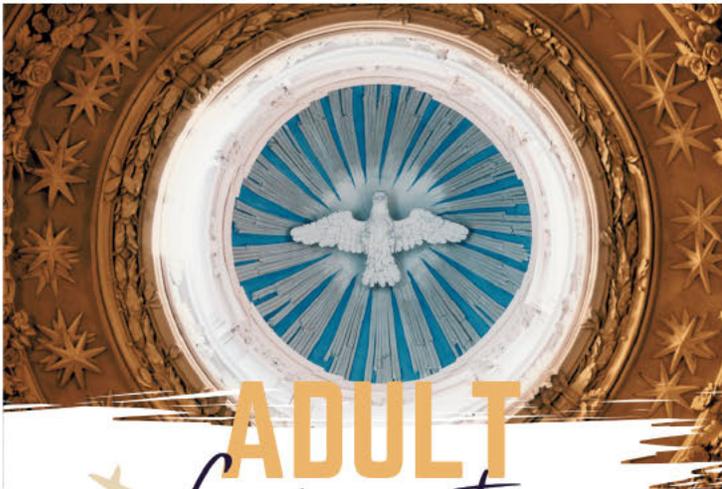
BREAKFAST WITH BABY JESUS & ST. NICK!

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14

8-11AM
PANCAKES,
PICTURES, & MORE!



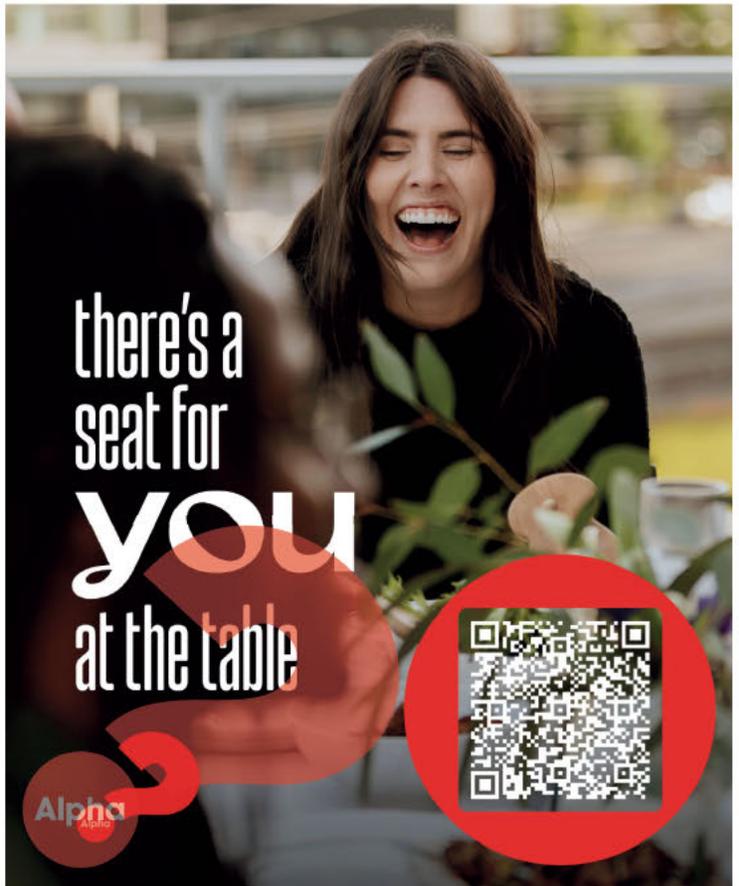
Our Knights will be serving pancakes with eggs, bacon or sausage for \$5 a plate. Proceeds benefit the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center.



ADULT Confirmation

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

Contact: Nicole Johnson |
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seat for
you
at the table



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PARISH LIFE



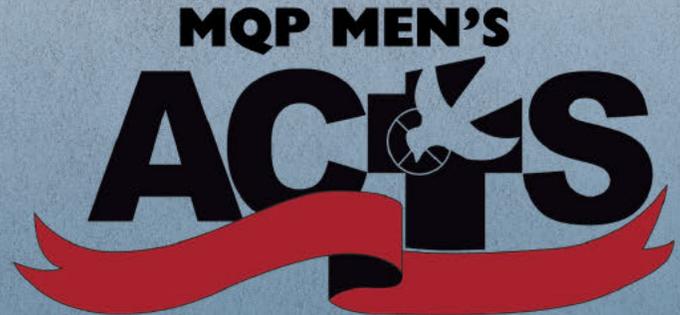
YAH Games - Monday, December 1 | 10 am - 12 pm Canasta, Scrabble, Dominoes and more Mahjong plays at 1 pm. **No games December 8 due the Christmas Drive in the Parish Center.**

YAH Christmas Dinner Dance - Saturday December 13 | 6 pm - Join us for dinner from Bonanno's Catering and dance to the sounds of *Piece of Cake*. Cost is \$45/person or \$55/non-member spouse registration deadline is December 5.

YAH Monthly Meeting - Monday, December 15 | 11 am - Potluck! All members bring your favorite dish.

Bookworms - Wednesday, December 17 | 12:30 - 2 pm - This month we will discuss "*The Ride of Her Life*" by Elizabeth Letts.

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

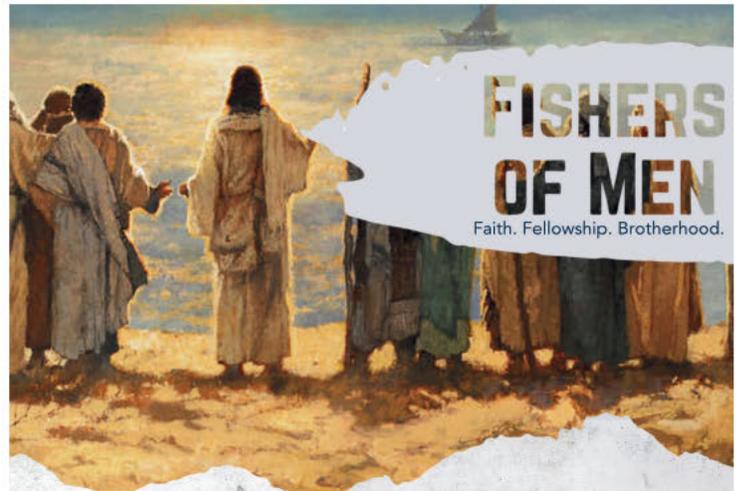
No matter where you are on your journey, the ACTS Retreat invites you to step away and encounter Jesus in a powerful way. This Catholic retreat is designed to reignite your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your connection to our parish community. Learn more and register by scanning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



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

TOGETHER, YOUR GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAVE PRODUCED FRUIT A HUNDRED-FOLD, BRINGING PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE OVERWHELMED WITH LIFE'S BURDENS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2025, SVDP CONFERENCE OF MARY QUEEN OF PEACE, WAS ABLE TO ASSIST 28 NEIGHBORS PROVIDING \$22,411 FOR MORTGAGES, UTILITIES, RX MEDICINE, FOOD AND GAS. ANNUALLY (OCT 1, 2024 - SEPT 30, 2025) YOUR TOTAL GENEROUS GIFTS OF \$72,036 HELPED US PROVIDE \$77,890 IN SUPPORT AND SUSTENANCE FOR 116 NEIGHBORS. TOGETHER WITH YOUR GIFTS, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONTINUE HIS WORK AND MISSION IN OUR PARISH.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN SET UP A RECURRING DONATION TO HELP THE POOR? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.



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

SUMMIT NIGHT

DECEMBER 11
6:30 - 7:30 PM



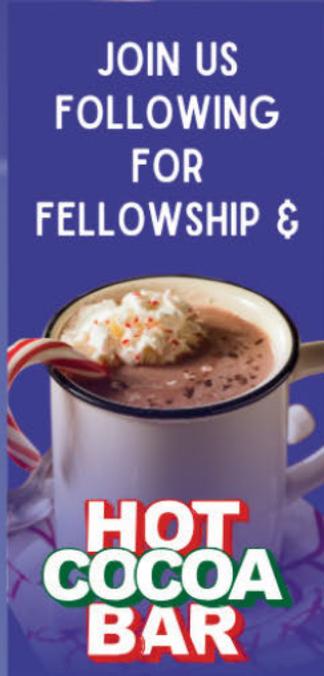
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WORSHIP LEADER JOHN FINCH



WITH GUEST CELLIST RICLEBIO SOUZA



JOIN US FOLLOWING FOR FELLOWSHIP &

HOT COCOA BAR



FROM THE PASTOR

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.

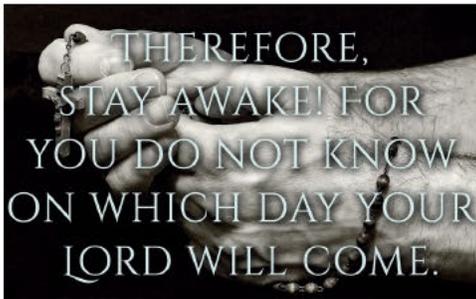


As we begin this holy season of Advent, this time of hopeful expectation, we are reminded to be vigilant, to stay awake to the presence of the Lord among us. Year after year, I hear people say: "This Advent will be different. I will slow down." And yet the temptations are all around us to do anything but slow down. There are gifts to buy and wrap; cookies to bake; cards to write and send; parties to attend; friends and family to visit.

None of these activities are bad in and of themselves, but the Lord asks us to be vigilant, to keep Him always in our sight, to make Him our priority. As Pope Francis reminded us in 2020: "It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God. Saint Augustine said: 'Timeo lesum transeuntem' (I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed). Drawn by our own interests ... and distracted by so many vain things, we risk losing sight of what is essential."

The God who became flesh is what is most essential. Amid the preparations for Christmas, we should always be alert to God with us, recognizing Him in the eyes of the poor, the smile of a child, the face of a stranger. We are all connected by our common humanity; we are all made in the image and likeness of God. This Advent, stay awake to God's presence and remember to make Him present through loving acts of kindness.

Remember to be the light, share the light, and spread the light. One place to start is this Tuesday, when you can take part in our #iGiveCatholic "Got a Light?" campaign. You can help spread the light of Christ so that more and more people can wake up to His goodness and share His love.



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ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AND
SUPPORT A LOCAL CHARITY ORGANIZATION



Vocations Holy Hour

Monday, December 15

6 - 7 pm

Join us in praying for the strengthening of faith, family life and the call to religious vocations. For more information contact Juliana Cloud at 504.236.7585

PARISH LIFE

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 THEMED CRAFTS AND MORE.

CHECK IN AT THE **CENSUS TABLE** AND "PAY YOUR TAX"
WITH CHRISTMAS CANDY DONATIONS FOR COMFORT
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THE EVENING ENDS WITH A COZY
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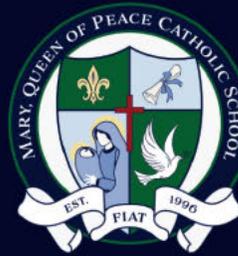
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OPEN HOUSE



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December 4, 2025
8:00AM
Preschool 3 & 4, Kindergarten
10:00AM
1st - 5th Grade

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WORDSEARCH



- MARY
- JOSEPH
- REJOICE
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- CANDLE
- ISRAEL



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MARCH FOR LIFE
Pilgrimage

WASHINGTON, D.C. METRO AREA
(HOTEL IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA)

Support our youth attending this year's march

PAX youth

SCAN ME

ECHO COMMUNITY

NIGHT OF DEBATE
DOES AI BELONG IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION?

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DEBATER 2
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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
504.527.5794 | kzimmerman@ccfnola.org



STEWARDSHIP

SOWING GENEROUSLY

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
 ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

As the year comes to a close, we're reminded of the impact we can make when we come together with purpose and generosity. This season offers a powerful opportunity to reflect on what matters most and to invest in a future filled with hope, progress and possibilities.

Your support helps to continue our mission to foster 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
 November 23: Not Available
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- Toy Transport: Dec 6-7 (after Mass) move toys to the Parish Center
- Sort & Build: Dec 8-12 (10 am - 1 pm) sort gifts and build bikes
- Angel Christmas Meal: Dec 13 (10 am - 2 pm) prep, serve and fellowship
- Family Nights: Watch you email for "Sort and Wrap" night dates!

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- Help us reach our goal of \$100 per family
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