



DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

*Prepare the way
of the Lord.*



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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

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Call the office at 985.626.6977

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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

NEW PARISHIONERS

A Warm Welcome to Our New Families! Let's joyfully welcome the families who joined our parish last month. We are blessed to have you in our community and look forward to walking together in faith, fellowship, and service!

Naquin Family
Guidroz Family
Muller Family
Lanning Family
Villere Family
Thibodeaux Family
Bryant Family
Newberry Family
Becnel Family
Anderson Family
McLaughlin Family
Turner Family
Rivere Family
Norton Family
Twigg Family

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 for the Intentions of Anne Guenard

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: DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6

9:00am Ron Ness

4:00pm Louise Bertucci

Sunday, December 7

8:00am Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

9:30am

Ron Ness; Katherine Crawford; Trey Samatha; Sylvia McGuire; Felix Rabito; Nancy J. Lawrence; John Schambach; Sarah Stone; Donald Spafford; Janice Rabito; Marion Seeber; Riley Trapani; Gary J. Bloom; Santa and Homer Salsman; Timothy P. Villeret; Dr. John T. Myers, Jr.; Linda Monies; Charles "Mel" Hightower; Catharina Nguyen; Phu Nguyen

Special Intentions

Blanchard and Pillitire Families; Jeffrey Charlet; Jackie Barberito; Elizabeth James; Rio Storey; Ngan Nguyen

11:30am

Rhonda Ramos; J. Ernest Prieto and Family; Monique Brunet Albares; Nancy J. Lawrence; Maureen Miller; Felix Rabito; Matthew Walsh; John "Jack" Linder; Paula Assaf; Sylvia McGuire; Sarah Stone; Ronnie Durr; August Paretto; Laura O'Rourke; Beryl Bourgeois; Carolyn Trupiano; Kathy Ferrage; Harold Jenkins; Ann Marie Camden

Special Intentions

Carmela Talamo Ramos and Family; Mary Sue and Mike Lanoux; Carl Guichard

6:00pm Sylvia McGuire

Monday, December 8

9:00am Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

12:00pm Ronnie Alonzo

7:00pm Henry Fruhling

Tuesday, December 9

9:00am Robert Braiwick

Wednesday, December 10

9:00am Joseph Laciura

Thursday, December 11

9:00am Harmony Waller

Friday, December 12

9:00am John Braiwick

PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER DETAILS!

Sunday, December 7

- Hospitality Sunday! Grab a buddy and a beignet! Join your parish family and meet someone new.

Monday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9 am, Noon, and 7 pm.

Tuesday, December 9

- First Reconciliation for our second-graders.

Thursday, December 11

- Catholic Women in Action Morning of Reflection, starting with Mass at 9 am, with speaker Liz Fitzpatrick.
- Summit Night: Beautiful music and Adoration, 6:30 pm

Friday, December 12

- Bring the family and enjoy A Night in Bethlehem, 6 pm behind the school.

Saturday, December 13

- Our Comfort and Joy volunteers bring joy to the world of those in need, with gift pickup and lunch.

Sunday, December 14

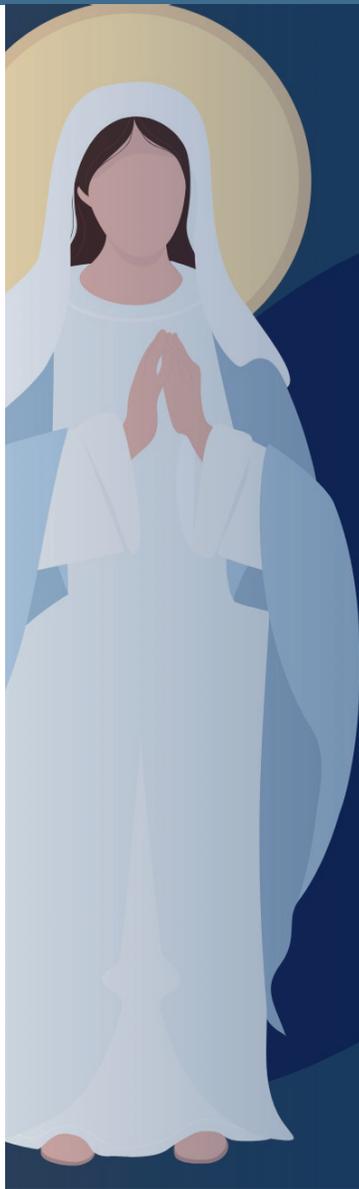
- Bambinelli Sunday! Bring your Baby Jesus figurine to 9:30 Mass for a blessing, followed by Breakfast with Baby Jesus.

Monday, December 15

- Vocations Holy Hour, 6 pm

Sunday, December 21

- Joy to the World! Our MQP Choir invites you to a benefit concert, 3 pm.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The feast falls on Monday, December 8 and is a Holy day of obligation.

MASS TIMES

9 am w/ MQPCS
12 pm
7 pm

Monday
December 8

LIGHTS, CAMERA... LITURGY!

Ever wonder how the livestream at MQP happens? Our Communications Ministry is growing, and we need your help on the **Tech Team! No experience required**—just a willingness to learn and a heart to serve. Be part of the mission that helps others experience Mass from home. Please contact Stephen Johnson if interested in volunteering for the Tech Team at sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org.

Hospitality Sunday December 7

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



SAINTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Doug and Renee Cresap certainly don't need a map to find their way around the campus at Mary, Queen of Peace.

Not only are they active in various ministries, but they have been MQP parents for 13 years as their three children attended school there.

Their time at MQP has coincided with a radical deepening of their Catholic faith, making them living examples of the parish's mission: "fostering life-changing encounters with Jesus."

A little over a decade ago, the Cresaps were looking for a Catholic school to enroll their children. They visited several in the area before settling on MQP.

"Ultimately, we decided that Mary, Queen of Peace felt like home for us," Doug said. "It had more of a family feel."

Renee was no stranger to MQP. She had attended Mass there with her family dating back to when the church was in the Turtle Creek Shopping Center on Highway 22.

She, too, felt good about making MQP the Cresap family's home parish.

"It was warm and inviting," Renee said.

And it was the start of a spiritual journey that has paid huge dividends for the cradle Catholics.

"Through the school, we kind of established our roots," Doug said. "Over time, we got more and more involved in the church."

The Cresaps were on a mission to deepen their faith. Doug even took Bible study classes with members of other denominations. It exposed him to Bible study, small group meetings and fervent fellowship promoted by other faiths.

They even briefly pondered joining another denomination but eventually realized that Catholicism was part of their spiritual DNA.

"We both were raised Catholic," Renee said. "And he (Doug) said 'our parents really sacrificed a lot to raise us in the faith so before we walk away, we need to know what we're walking away from.'"

It didn't take long for them to realize that MQP could provide all that they needed to bolster their spiritual lives, and more.

"I started finding all these other ways to get this Protestant kind of knowledge or study, but through Catholicism," Doug said. "I felt called to go start a small group, people that I knew who were looking for more and were in the same stage of life."

Before long, they both developed a thirst for learning about and sharing the faith with others. That thirst led them to better understand why they believe what they believe. There were many "aha" moments.

"I would learn things and come in and tell him 'Did you know this?'" Renee said. "And there was an excitement, and there was a conversation that we had never had as a couple about our faith up until that point and it just catapulted us to where we are now."

The Cresaps are now involved in a myriad of activities and ministries at MQP. Doug helped stage retreats and launched a men's small group that meets early on Friday morning. He serves as an usher at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays and is a member of the Alpha and Men's Ministry team.

Renee leads the Faith Friday Women's Bible Study, serves on the Stewardship Committee and is in

charge of the upcoming Night in Bethlehem event.

Together, the Cresaps do in-home marriage preparation for couples approaching matrimony in the Church.

Their revved-up Catholic faith has enriched both their spiritual and family lives.

"It helped us grow so much closer as a couple being on that journey together and sharing in that common thing – that common thing being something as important as your faith life," Doug said. "It's huge."

He said it was the desire to promote the story of their unique spiritual journey that prompted them to participate in the marriage preparation program at MQP.

"We wanted to share that excitement with other couples," Doug said.

The Cresap family includes daughters Mia, 17, and Ava, 15; and son, Carter, 10. All are products of MQP school, where Carter remains enrolled.

"Mary Queen of Peace is really an extension of our home and our family," Renee said. "It's my second home and I love being around everyone here."



PARISH LIFE



YAH Games - No games the week of 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 was 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.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE
IS HOSTING A MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC
HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

JOIN US ON
MONDAY,
DECEMBER
15TH FOR OUR
NEXT HOLY
HOUR!
6-7 PM

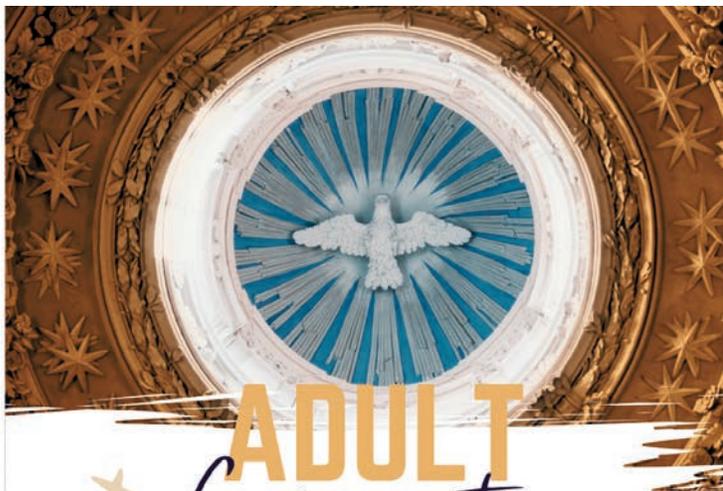


BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOLY VOCATIONS

Join us as we pray to strengthen family life and faith. The ordained life, consecrated life, marriage and single life are all paths to fulfilling your Christian vocation and finding personal joy.

Prayer is the foundation and heart of our mission. Eucharistic Adoration for vocations is where we begin.

For more information, contact Juliana Cloud at 504.236.7585.



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experiencing the
effects of divorce.

Beginning January 8
7 am

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and register



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A CHRISTMAS BENEFIT
CONCERT

DEC **21** SUN | LOVE OFFERINGS BENEFIT
3pm THE SAMARITAN
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MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



FROM THE PASTOR

When you go to Mass this Monday to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you may want to think about this: It was the devotion of the laity, in large part, that led Pope Pius IX to officially declare, in 1854, that the Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin:

We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful.

The road that led to the promulgation of this dogma stretches back to the early years of the Church, perhaps as early as the 5th century, under various names, such as the Conception of Saint Anne (the mother of Mary), and the Conception of Mary. The feast spread widely through the Eastern and Western churches and grew in popularity among the people – even though some medieval theologians and philosophers were opposed to making it doctrine, believing that Mary was free from sin, but not at the instant of her conception.

The people continued to speak as the devotion grew and spread. In 1476, Pope Sixtus IV authorized dioceses to introduce the feast of the Conception of Mary if they wished to do so, and in 1708 Pope

Clement XI made the Feast of the Conception of Mary a holy day of obligation.

This all led up to Pope Pius IX appointing a commission to investigate the topic of the Immaculate Conception. In 1851, bishops reported to him that the time seemed right to define the dogma – in large part because the bishops consulted the faithful. The development of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, therefore, is seen as a beautiful example of the *sensus fidelium* at work.

So when you go to Mass on Monday (and it is a Holy Day of Obligation, so you can choose 9 am, Noon or 7 pm), remember the strength of the sense of God's faithful people – people like you.



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.

Bambinelli Sunday

**DECEMBER 14
9:30AM MASS**



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

PARISH LIFE

A Night in Bethlehem

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6 - 9 PM

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(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 AND JOY GIFT DISTRIBUTION.

THE EVENING ENDS WITH A COZY
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING *THE STAR*,
HOSTED BY THE MQPCS CO-OP AT 7:30 PM.

\$20/FAMILY



**REGISTRATION
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2026-2027

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AT THE 9:30 MASS

UPCOMING DATE: DECEMBER 14

REHEARSALS: 8:30 AM ON THE SUNDAY WE SING

OPEN TO 3RD THROUGH 7TH GRADERS FROM ALL SCHOOLS
CONTACT REAGAN HIGHTOWER TO FIND OUT MORE
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ADVENT



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WORDSEARCH



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- ADVENT
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- JOSEPH
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(HOTEL IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA)

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PAX youth

SCAN ME

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everyone welcome
what do you think?

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Alpha Tuesday Nights
January - April

PAX youth

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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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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

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Our December Steward of the Month is Gail Owens, who has coordinated the Christmas Angel drive and the Thanksgiving drive and is heavily involved in our outreach and service.



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

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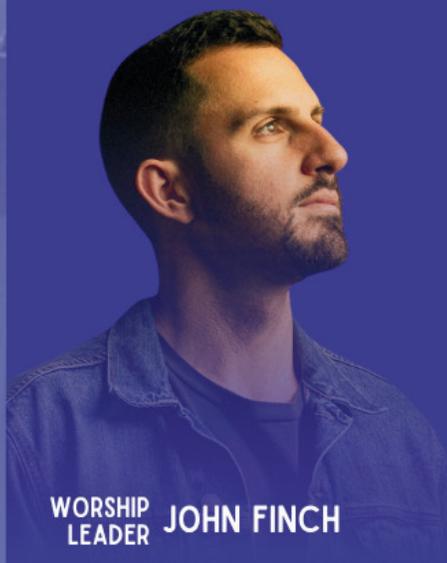
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