



DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS



ARE YOU THE ONE  
*who is to come?*

~ Matthew 11:3



Comfort & Joy in  
Action  
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Got a Light? You  
Sure Do!  
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JOY to the WORLD  
Benefit Concert  
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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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 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](mailto:sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org)  
with submissions for the bulletin.

# WORSHIP & PRAY

## REJOICING IN NEW LIFE!

We joyfully our newly baptized in to the family of faith. May the light of Christ shine brightly in their hearts and may God's grace guide them as they begin their beautiful journey of faith.

Rod Anatole Boudreaux  
Meric Ann Riviere  
Nora Lynn Thomas  
Vivian Mae Villars  
Amelia Kathryn Westfall  
Faye Frances Worley



## 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 **Robbie Rees**

## 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 13**

9:00am Christian H. Jones

4:00pm Ed DiGiovanni

**Sunday, December 14**

8:00am Roy Quave

9:30am Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

11:30am Ron Ness; Rhonda Ramos; Monique Brunet Albares; Buddy Cosse; Nancy J. Lawrence; Sylvia McGuire; John "Jack" Linder; Paula Assaf; Felix Rabito; Riley Trapani; Ronnie Durr; Mike Lanoux; Carolyn Trupiano; Charles "Mel" Hightower; Phu Nguyen; Harold Jenkins

**Special Intentions**

Marsha Davis; Carmela Talamo Ramos and Family; Elizabeth James; Rio Storey; Ngan Nguyen

6:00pm Steven Dugal; Dr. David Powers; Pearl Berthelot; Sylvia McGuire; Felix Rabito; Sarah Stone; Paula Assaf; Beryl Bourgeois; Blake Hunter; Kathy Ferrage; Linda Monies; Bossier Matirne Jr.; Catharina Nguyen; Phu Nguyen; Linda Reck Michel

**Special Intentions**

Carl Guichard; Ken Combe; Jackie Hightower and Family

**Monday, December 15**

9:00am Morris and Celeste Paillet

**Tuesday, December 16**

9:00am Richard Smith

**Wednesday, December 17**

9:00am Burt Saunders

**Thursday, December 18**

9:00am Virginia Greco

**Friday, December 19**

9:00am Richard Smith

# PARISH LIFE

## DECEMBER DETAILS!

### 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. Families are invited to spend time in adoration and pray for vocations to the priesthood.

### Sunday, December 21

- Joy to the World! Our MQP Choir invites you to a benefit concert, 3 pm, in the church. A love offering will benefit the Samaritan Center .

### Wednesday, December 24

- Christmas Eve. No 9 am Mass. Christmas Masses at 4 pm (Church and Cafeteria); 6 pm and 10 pm. NO CONFESSIONS.

### Thursday, December 25

- Merry Christmas! Masses at 8 am and 10 am. NO CONFESSIONS.

### Thursday, December 31

- Mass at 4 pm. Vigil for Mary, Mother of God.

### Friday, January 1

- Happy New Year! Masses at 9 am and 11 am.

### Parish Office Closure

- The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24 - Thursday, January 1, 2026 and will re open on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 8 am.



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.

## 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](mailto:sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org).

## Bambinelli Sunday

### DECEMBER 14 9:30AM MASS



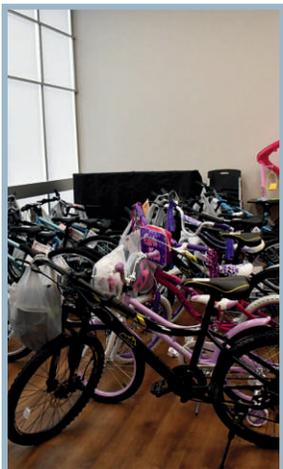
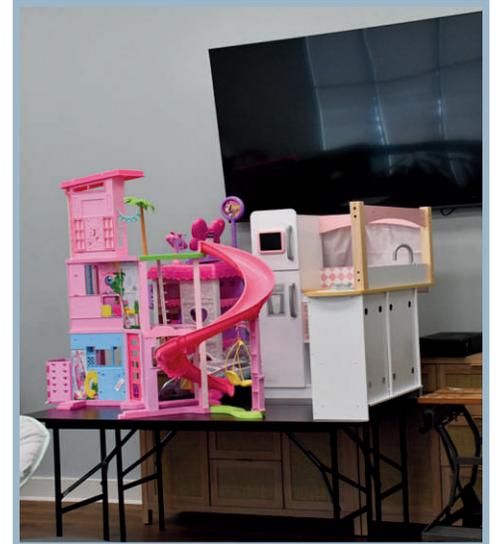
All are encouraged to bring a baby Jesus figurine to be blessed by Fr. Cooper

# COMFORT & JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE

What an incredible show of generosity and community spirit! Thanks to your overwhelming support, **200 Angels**—including children, local seniors and STARC adults—have been blessed through this year's Christmas Drive! Each of the 100 families received a \$100 gift certificate. We also helped 125 families from St. Tammany Parish Hospital Cancer Center, spending \$10,625 for specific food items. Cancer dietitians created recipes for each family, to be delivered to STPH. That took four pallets of food that went into 125 bags.

**Thank you for your spectacular love and commitment!**

Our amazing team of "elves" were spotted hard at work in the Parish Center, moving, sorting and preparing the mountain of wonderful gifts you provided. Your dedication to adopting angels, donating supplies and giving financial gifts has ensured that Christmas hope reaches every family we serve. Please take a look at the photos below to see the joyful spirit of service and fellowship in action!



# PARISH LIFE

## YOUNG AT heart

**YAH Games - No morning games December 15 due to monthly meeting.** Mahjong will play beginning at 1pm.

**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](mailto:ermat918@aol.com) or Laura Fatzer, [laurafatzer@gmail.com](mailto: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

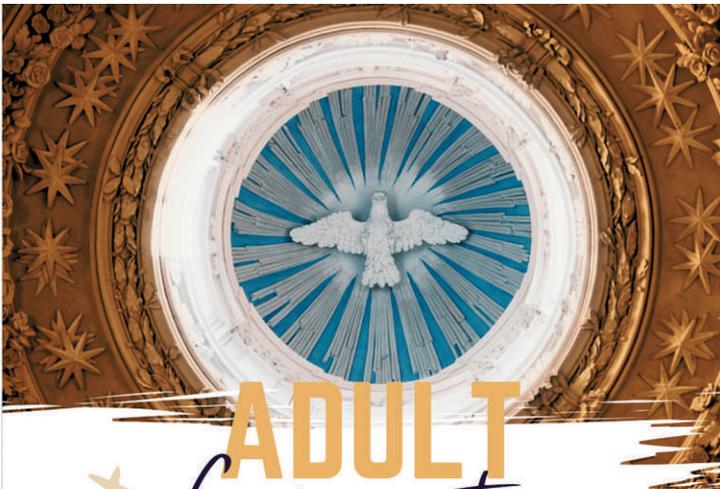


### BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOLY VOCATIONS

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.



## ADULT Confirmation

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

Contact: Nicole Johnson |  
[njohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:njohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org)

## MEN'S DIVORCE CARE

A journey of hope and  
healing for all men  
experiencing the  
effects of divorce.

Beginning January 8  
7 am

Scan the code  
to learn more  
and register



# CONNECT

## Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God**

**MASS TIMES**  
WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 31

4 pm Vigil

**THURSDAY**  
JANUARY 1

9 am  
11 am



ALL MARRIED COUPLES  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## Supper & Substance

AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP  
JANUARY 17

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish Center  
\$45 per couple  
6:00 PM Cocktail/Social Hour  
7:00-9:00 PM Dinner & Fun followed by  
a Witness from Rose & Ryan Rea  
Country Chic Attire encouraged



Scan the  
code to  
register



## DEANERY A D V E N T CONFESIONS

Wednesday  
December 17  
6 - 8 pm

Most Holy Trinity  
Church

## PLEASE PLAN AHEAD NO CONFESIONS

will be heard before  
11:30 am Mass on the  
following Sundays.

January 4

January 11

February 1

# FROM THE PASTOR

## Got a light?

It started out as a bit of a joke by someone as we were talking about themes for #iGiveCatholic this year. But it stuck with me. Got a light? The truth is that all the baptized have a light. My light as a priest is no different than the light of Christ shared with you at baptism. Our mission while on this earth is to share that light as best we can, spreading it near and far. Why? Because everyone deserves to shine.

Thanks to more than 300 donors, who raised upwards of \$120,000, Mary, Queen of Peace will be sharing the light generously over the next year. These funds will support many ways we want to ignite the light of faith for those in our parish and in our community. For instance:

**Alpha:** This program, to be launched in January, invites you to come into a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere, a safe place for questions large and small. Each Tuesday night session will start with a meal – that’s 11 meals for 80 people each week. Your generosity will feed body and soul. You are helping to ignite many lights!

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** This hands-on faith formation program for children is a beautiful way for little ones to encounter the Lord in scripture and liturgy. It will launch next school year and be available not only for our MQPCS children but for our Christ in the Chaos kids as well. You will be hearing more about it soon and will see just how beautifully the light of Christ will spread, thanks to you!

**Order of Christian Initiation:** We have more than 40 people coming into the Catholic Church at Easter, with 19 to be baptized. Your generosity will help surround them with all they need to continue to walk this journey of faith. You are igniting their light!

There are many more lights to be ignited, shared, and spread. The good news is that so many of you, by participating in #iGiveCatholic, have shown that your candles are burning brightly in the parish that is Mary, Queen of Peace. It was truly humbling to watch the donations rolling in on Giving Tuesday. Every donation was like a candle dispelling the darkness.

**Got a light? You sure do!** Keep shining, keep sharing, and keep spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ right here in our corner of the world.

there's a seat for you  
at the  
**table**

everyone welcome  
what do you think?

Is the Bible relevant today? Is there more to life than this? Do you ever pray? Who was Jesus? What does faith mean to you?

At Alpha you can ask anything—it's a safe space to question life, faith & meaning. Everyone is welcome.

You are invited no matter your background or beliefs. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure to come back. Scan the code to learn more & register.

**Alpha** Tuesday Nights  
January - April

got a  
light?  
**YOU SURE DO!**  
**OVER \$121,000  
RAISED BY  
321 DONORS**  
**THANK YOU!**

# Christmas Masses

DECEMBER 24

4 pm

Church & Cafeteria

6 pm & 10 pm

Church

DECEMBER 25

8 am & 10 am

Church

No Confessions before Christmas Masses

# CONNECT

## Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School



2026-2027  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN  
LEARN MORE ABOUT US BY VISITING  
[WWW.MQPCS.ORG](http://WWW.MQPCS.ORG)



Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability in violation of state law and federal law or regulation in the administration of its educational policies or programs. The information provided in the application will not be used for any unlawful discriminatory purpose.



## MQPCS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS WITHIN REACH

Did you know MQPCS  
accepts the following  
tuition scholarships?

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CODE TO  
LEARN MORE



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## REGISTERED ACTIVE & SUPPORTING AT MQP

We're glad you're interested in Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School! We would like to remind you of the church support guidelines set by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Each student registered in a Catholic school is charged a Non-Parish Support Fee. If you are a Registered, Active, and Supporting parishioner, the parish pays this fee.

This means that you are:

- **Registered:** You are in our database as a registered, active parishioner.
- **Active:** You are involved in the life of the parish. This includes regular attendance at Sunday Mass.
- **Supporting:** Your contributions to the weekly offertory must be no less than **\$450 per family\*** before December 31, 2025 to qualify you for the 2026-2027 school year. You must use Church Support Envelopes or pay electronically for this amount to be recorded. Online giving is available at [www.maryqueenofpeace.org](http://www.maryqueenofpeace.org)

A family should request a voucher for the Parish School Fee if Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School does not have space in the grade in which applied.

\* THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIAL FUND APPEAL PAYMENTS OR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.



*...I am sending  
my messenger...  
he will prepare  
your way before you.*

# YOUTH

**REACH** PAX youth  
7th - 12th Grades *night*

**Christmas Party**

**December 17**  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**YOUTH ROOM**

**join in and bring a friend**

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Y	N	D	N	K	M	D	I	N	G
P	E	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	R
A	W	W	A	L	K	K	C	F	E
I	S	V	X	B	V	A	L	I	A
I	G	I	R	L	Q	P	E	C	T
A	S	I	A	E	X	R	A	C	E
H	I	S	I	S	Q	I	N	D	R
E	G	J	S	S	A	S	S	F	H
A	H	X	E	E	K	O	E	U	M
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Prison Sight Walk Cleanse Hear  
Raise News Blessed Prophet Greater

**PAX** *youth*

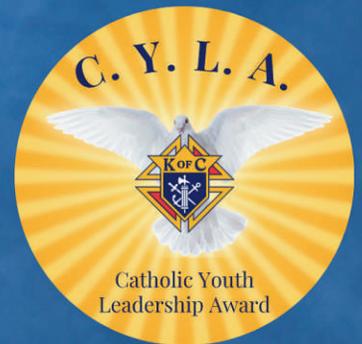
**GET** *rooted*

**IN YOUR FAITH**

**ROOTED GROUP LEADERS NEEDED**  
scan the code to learn more



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The Catholic Youth Leadership Award was established in 1959 by the Louisiana State Council.

**ATTENTION!**  
**Practicing Catholic High School Seniors**

**Win up to \$5,000 Scholarship**  
**Application Deadline**  
**January 25, 2026**

**Scan the code to learn more and apply**



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



## BEARERS & BUILDERS OF HOPE

Silent Women's Retreat  
with Sr. Judy Gomila, MSC  
January 16-18, 2026



Explore the varied ways that we, people of faith, continue to choose to be bearers and builders of HOPE. On both mountain-top days and in valley experiences, we follow the footsteps of Christ, our Hope.



Register at [neworleansretreats.com](http://neworleansretreats.com) or by calling 504-267-9604. Scholarships are available.



ASPIRING SCHOLARS

## DID YOU KNOW?

Your Louisiana state tax dollars can provide scholarships to attend Catholic schools!



### 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.

## NIGHT OF DEBATE

# DOES AI BELONG IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION?

**DEBATER 1**  
**DR. ALEXANDER SKUFCA, Ph.D**  
UPPER SCHOOL HEADMASTER HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

**MODERATOR**  
**BRIAN BUTLER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ECHO COMMUNITY

**HOST**  
**ROB STAMPER**  
DIRECTOR OF YAO ECHO COMMUNITY

**DEBATER 2**  
**DR. BRIAN J.A. BOYD, Ph.D**  
DIR. OF THE CENTER OF ETHICS & ECONOMIC JUSTICE AT LOYOLA NEW ORLEANS

**DECEMBER 19 2025**

**6:30 pm Doors Open**

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

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## LET'S COVER OUR PARISH IN PRAYER

visit the

# PRAYER WALL

- leave a prayer intention
- pray for an intention
- write a praise report

**scan to pray**

# 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](mailto:lkilgore@maryqueenofpeace.org) or Jen Coco at [jcoco@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto: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](mailto:kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org)

**Parish Giving**  
**December 7: \$24,234.24**  
**November e-giving: \$53,497.87**  
 Thank you for your generosity!



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