

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



# MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

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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

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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 January 11 edition is  
due by **11:59 pm January 1, 2026**.  
Content for the January 18 edition is  
due by **11:59 pm January 8, 2026**.  
Please email Stephen Johnson at  
[sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org)  
with submissions for the bulletin.

# WORSHIP & PRAY

## A GRATEFUL THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN ADVERTIZERS

We are deeply thankful for the businesses and individuals who support our weekly bulletin. Their generosity helps keep it free for all parishioners and allows us to stay connected as a parish family. Please take a moment to browse their ads and consider supporting them. Your patronage is a wonderful way to show appreciation for those who so kindly support our parish.

## WELCOME TO MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

We're so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time or considering making MQP your parish home, we'd love to stay connected. Sign up for our email newsletter and consider registering with the parish to receive updates, upcoming events, and opportunities to grow in faith and community. Scan the code below to get connected today.

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sign up



## SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of  
**Marion Seeber**

## OUR LADY HOPE OF THE HOPELESS

The Icon Candles burn for the Intentions of  
**Johnny Morise**

## 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 27**

**9:00am** Sylvia McGuire

**4:00pm**

Walter Knapp; John D. Becker; Allen Scott; Ron Ness; William and Audrey Pfaff; Gerry Acosta Landry; Douglas Landry; Ed DiGiovanni; Monique Brunet Albares; Allena and Carmen Webber; Mary Lukas; Joseph Constant II; Eloise R. Vidal; Felix Rabito; Janice Rabito; Sarah Stone; Riley Trapani; Homer and Santa Salsman; Beryl Bourgeois; Mike Lanaux; Mike Greene; Doug Renaudin; Blake Hunter; Carolyn Trupiano; Gordon Bitterwolf

**Special Intentions**

Tommye and Ryan Armand; JoAnn Beach

**Sunday, December 28**

**8:00am** Ron Ness; Dr. David Powers; Felix Rabito; Nancy J. Lawrence; Sylvia McGuire; Sarah Stone; Janice Rabito; Robert Juneau; Riley Trapani; Souls in Purgatory; Mike Lanaux; Mike Greene; Doug Renaudin; Blake Hunter; Bossier Matirne, Jr.; Juanita Tate; Kitty and Mark Millien

**Special Intentions**

David Andras; Mary, Queen of Peace School; Mary, Queen of Peace Students; Mary, Queen of Peace Teachers; JoAnn Beach; Marilyn Walters; Mia and Jim Wood; Donald Harmon; Maria Olagues; Ty Talamo; Jules Walters

**9:30am** Jennifer Looney

**Special Intention**

Tommye and Ryan Armand

**11:30am** Buddy Cosse

**6:00pm** Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

**Monday, December 29**

**9:00am** Virginia Edmonson and Carol Scalise

**Tuesday, December 30**

**9:00am** Ron Ness

**Wednesday, December 31**

**9:00am** Donald Lee Huppert

**Thursday, January 1**

**9:00am** Thaddeus Jones; Marion Seeber

**Special Intention**

Raymond James' Staff

**Friday, January 2**

**9:00am** Julie Smyczyaski

## COMING UP

### Wednesday, December 31

- New Year's Eve. Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, 4 pm.

### Thursday, January 1

- Happy New Year! Mary, Mother of God Masses at 9 am and 11 am.

### Friday, January 2

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after 9 am Mass until Benediction at 2 pm.

### Sunday, January 4

- Feast of the Epiphany. Hospitality Sunday after morning Masses. Stop by for king cake and Blessed Chalk!

### Monday, January 5

- Christ in the Chaos, our family formation, will take place at 6 pm in the cafeteria and school.

### Wednesday, January 7

- Worship at MQP prayer meeting in the Youth Room will begin at 12:30 pm

### Thursday, January 8

- Our very first Men's ACTS Retreat kicks off today. Let us pray for the men attending. See the prayer for the retreat on page 6.

### 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.



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**MASS TIMES**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**DECEMBER 31**  
4 pm Vigil

**THURSDAY**  
**JANUARY 1**  
9 am  
11 am

## 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).

## PLEASE PLAN AHEAD NO CONFESSIONS

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

**January 4**

**January 11**

**February 1**

# CONNECT

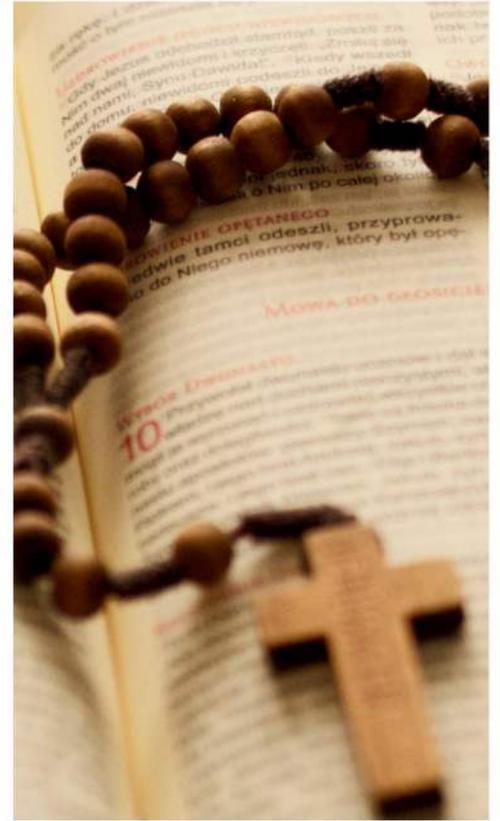
## SATURDAY MORNING ROSARY MINISTRY

The Saturday Morning Rosary Ministry began many years ago with a small group from Mary, Queen of Peace making an early morning trip across the Causeway each Saturday. Squeezed into Jerry Broussard's car, they traveled to pray the Holy Rosary with Wilson Breaux, who took a bus from New Orleans to lead the Rosary at 6:00 a.m. outside an abortion clinic. Our group joined him weekly for several years, until the clinic closed.

When the clinic closed, the need for prayer had not ended. Recognizing that abortion remains a painful reality, the group brought the prayer vigil home to MQP, continuing the same spirit of prayer and witness on parish grounds.

Today, the ministry meets every Saturday at 6:00 a.m. in the church to pray the rosary together. This ministry is open to all who want to join in humble prayer, asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother for an end to abortion and for a deeper respect for human life.

The Fishers of Men and the Knights of Columbus invite all MQP parishioners, along with family and friends, to commit to joining the Saturday Morning Rosary at least one Saturday each month. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own prayer intentions, trusting in the power of prayer to bring about real and lasting change. All are welcome.



## BAMBINELLI BLESSING

There were plenty of smiles around at 9:30 Mass on December 14 when we celebrated Bambinelli Sunday. The traditional blessing of the Baby Jesus included inviting families and children to come forward to have their figure of Baby Jesus blessed so He can go home to take His rightful place in the family Nativity scene.

Fr. Cooper also invited the children to sit with him for the homily, passing out bells and telling them all about keeping Jesus close in our hearts, because it is Jesus who animates our lives, just as the little piece inside the bell causes it to ring.

The Knights of Columbus hosted a Breakfast with Baby Jesus after Mass, with hundreds enjoying pancakes, eggs, sausage and visits with Santa!

The Bambinelli Sunday tradition was started by Pope John Paul II on the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, to encourage families to have the Baby Jesus from their home Nativity blessed.



# PARISH LIFE



YAH Members, we have concluded our 2025 Fall Semester, announcements regarding Spring 2026 activities will be made known in the near future. Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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.

## A PRAYER FOR THE MEN'S ACTS RETREAT



ADORATION | COMMUNITY | THEOLOGY | SERVICE

**January 8 - 11, 2026**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat and for gathering these beloved brothers in faith. We pray for each retreatant, asking that You prepare their hearts and minds to receive Your Word.

Lord Jesus, we ask that You draw each participant closer to You, allowing them to rest in Your presence and experience Your transformative love. May they encounter You anew, recognizing Your grace and mercy in their lives.

Holy Spirit, breathe Your fire of life into them. Give them wisdom to listen attentively, ponder prayerfully, and speak wisely. Help them to be open to Your guidance, to see Your truth, and to find joy in Your presence.

We pray for protection over the entire weekend, that all distractions fade, and only Your presence remains. May this time of spiritual renewal equip them to return to their families and to our MQP family as more committed disciples, ready to live out their faith with bold hearts and loving hands. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

**A Free Three-Part Spiritual Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola**

God Is Calling the Laity to Evangelize the World. Discover the power of prayer, deepen your relationship with Christ, and answer the call to share His love. You Can Know God Personally Experience transformative Ignatian prayer and grow in intimacy with the Lord.

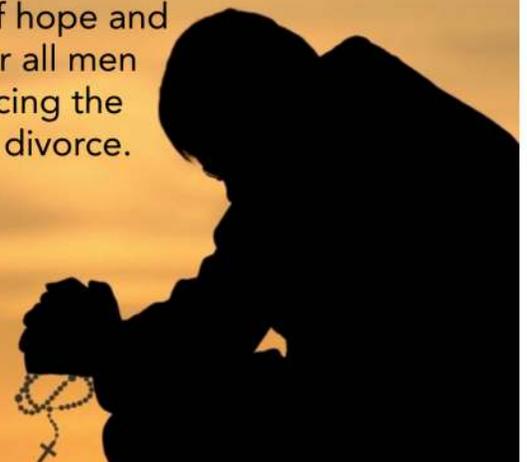
Part 1 sessions beginning in January 2026.

**Mondays 9 am  
Tuesdays 6 pm  
Wednesdays 10am**



## MEN'S DIVORCE CARE

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



**Beginning January 8  
7 am**



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# FROM THE PASTOR

*"As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live."* – St. John Paul II

Those words from St. John Paul II, spoken almost 40 years ago, resonate today as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The family is where the Church lives; it is where the faith is nurtured and brought to life. Families come in many forms in today's world; the crucial thing to remember is that, as Catholics, we put Jesus at the center of our family life, however that family life may look. No matter how busy you may be, no matter how many baseball tournaments, dance competitions, or school activities are pulling you in different directions, you are called to center your family around the Lord.

In fact, the busier you are, the more you need Jesus in your life to give you the peace that only He can bring. As this year comes to a close, keep the Holy Family as a guide that shows you the gentle love and care needed in both joyful and challenging times. In a recent talk

to pilgrims, Pope Leo XIV called the Holy Family "the perfect model God offers as a response to the desperate cry for help from families." by imitating Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, "our homes will become living torches of God's light."

I often hear the comment, "How can I imitate the Holy Family? They were so holy!" They were human as well. Here are some things they can teach us:

- **Trust:** Joseph and Mary both put their faith in God, trusting in his promises. When things are difficult, when it seems God is calling you to move into uncomfortable terrain – think of Joseph gathering his family to flee to Egypt – trust that the Lord has you in the palm of His hand.
- **Prayer:** In order to have that kind of trust, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph had to be committed to a life of prayer. Sink your family roots deeply into prayer, even if prayers are short and on the

run, don't leave God out of your family conversations. What is the Lord asking you to do today? How does He want you to treat others? Have those conversations with Jesus. He is always waiting to talk to you!

- **Love:** Build your family as a community of love, a microcosm of your parish family, archdiocesan family, and universal Church. We are all connected by Baptism as the Body of Christ, but it all starts to be visible in the family, where virtues are cultivated. The virtues put us on the path of holiness, and every virtue is rooted in the pre-eminent call to love as God loves. As St. Paul tells us: "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection" (Col 3:14).

As we close out 2025, which went by in a heartbeat, let us look to our families as schools of love, prayer, and trust. Let us look to the Holy Family to help us become those "torches of God's light."



January 7, 14 & 21  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

**WORSHIP**  
At  
**MQP**

PRAYER MEETING IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM

WORSHIP AND GROW IN SPIRITUAL GIFTS



**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
January 7  
Wednesdays | 5:45 am  
Parish Center  
Open to All  
Join at any time!

SCAN ME



# PARISH LIFE

**Hospitality**  
**EPIPHANY** **Sunday**  
**CELEBRATION** **January 4**



PICK UP AT HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ON JANUARY 4



## EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING

Join us in a centuries-old tradition of blessing your home on the feast of the Epiphany. Simply take this blessed piece of chalk and above the entrance of your front door, inscribe the top with this marking:

**20+C+M+B+26**

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- "20" & "26" Asks God to Bless our New Year
- "+" Remembers the Cross of Christ
- "C", "M", & "B" Honors the 3 Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar)  
 Blesses the Home (Christus Mansionem Benedicat)



## FAITH FRIDAYS

PRESENTS

*blessed conversations*

# Home



beginning  
**JANUARY 9**  
**7:45 am**

A STUDY ON THE VIRTUES OF MARY

BLESSED IS SHE

SCAN THE CODE  
 TO REGISTER



## OUTREACH AND SERVICE UPDATE

**Hands of Grace Founding  
 Angels Countdown: 52 Days!**



The Hands of Grace Foundation is a new effort to ensure our community's heart for service continues beating strong. The Foundation will provide a legacy that will outlast our lifetimes and be a solid method of providing help to those in need for years to come.

The Hands of Grace, run through the Catholic Community Foundation, is looking for Founding Angels, and you have 52 days before the founding portion closes February 18. There are three levels: Guardian Angels (\$5,000); Cherubim (\$10,000); and Seraphim (\$20,000). If you are interested in becoming a founding angel, checks are preferred. You should address the check payable to "CCF - Hands of Grace" and drop it off at the MQP Parish Center reception desk.

Questions? Contact Mike Rohm at [mwrohm1@gmail.com](mailto:mwrohm1@gmail.com) or call him at (504) 250-4049.



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## Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School



**2026-2027  
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[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.



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# A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS WITHIN REACH

Did you know MQPCS  
accepts the following  
tuition scholarships?

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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.**



## The Holy Family



# PARISH LIFE

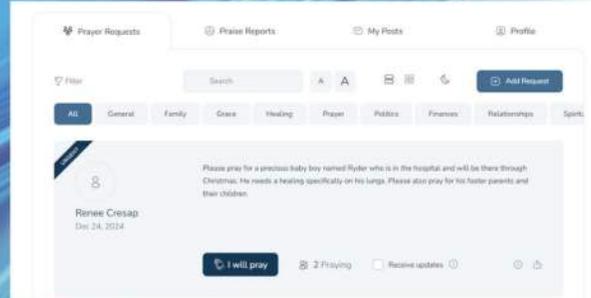
## Feast of the Holy Family

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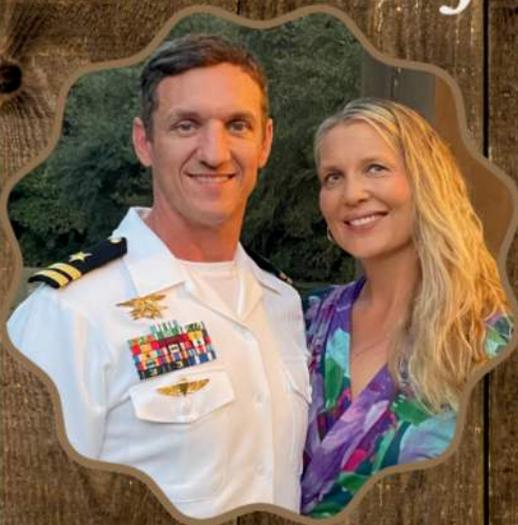
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