



JANUARY 11, 2026 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS



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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 January 25 edition is  
due by **11:59 pm January 15, 2026**.  
Content for the February 1 edition is  
due by **11:59 pm January 22, 2026**.  
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 welcome our newly baptized into our family of faith. May the light of Christ shine brightly in their hearts and may God's grace guide them as they begin their journey of faith.

Luke Kay Phillippi  
Vivienne Jeanne Romage  
Josephine Elizabeth Whittington

## 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  
Paula Assaf

## OUR LADY HOPE OF THE HOPELESS

The Icon Candles burn In Honor of  
Bruce Bourgeois

## 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: JANUARY

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that the word of God will nourish the lives of Christians and help to build a missionary Church.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10

9:00am Diana LeBlanc

4:00pm

Dr. Felix Rabito

Sunday, January 11

8:00am Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

9:30am Dr. Felix Rabito; Sarah Stone; Timothy P. Villeret; Janice Rabito; Charles Salisbury; Marla Garvey; Lori Aleman; Letty Boelte

**Special Intentions**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fischer and Fly;  
Mr. and Mrs. Tourmillon and Fly; Sheri Williams;  
Bill and Dolores Walker; MaryScot Peterson;  
Brandon Mowry; Tim Frawley and Family;  
Julie Cambre

11:30am Carol Foy; Dayle Lacour Bradford; Carol Danielson; Carl Voss

**Special Intentions**

Donna Tomba; Mary Hillman

Monday, January 12

9:00am Henry and Marie L. Brignac

Tuesday, January 13

9:00am Special Intention Julie Peirce

Wednesday, January 14

9:00am Special Intention Tabitha Frawley

Thursday, January 15

9:00am Joseph Park

Friday, January 16

9:00am Jerry Markowitz

# PARISH LIFE

## COMING UP

### Sunday, January 11

- Our Sacramental Prep children will be starting preparation for First Eucharist. Keep them in your prayers!

### Tuesday, January 13

- There is hope. Our Substance Addiction Ministry is here for you to deal with struggles with addiction. Meeting at 7 pm in the Parish Center.
- Alpha kicks off in the Parish Center for all those who signed up. Please keep our Alpha team and participants in your prayers!

### Wednesday, January 14

- All men are invited to That Man Is You, an early morning way to deepen your relationship with Christ. 5:45 am in the Parish Center.

### Thursday, January 15

- How can you let your light shine brighter? Come find out with an inspirational talk by David Zanca, in church at 7 pm.

### Saturday, January 17

- Couples are invited to a special evening of Supper and Substance, at 6 pm in the Parish Center. Register on our website or see the graphic in today's bulletin.

### Monday, January 19

- The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day and will reopen Tuesday, January 20.



**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 12072

**RED BEANS & RICE**  
Friday, January 23  
5 - 7 pm  
MQPCS Cafeteria

ADULTS **\$12** KIDS **\$5**

Served with a pork chop or sausage, salad, roll drink & dessert

Fundraiser Benefitting MQPCS

**DINE-IN or TO-GO**  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

**FEBRUARY 18**

7 am  
9 am  
12 pm  
7 pm

**NO CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES**



**S.A.M.**  
SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY

MARY, QUEEN of PEACE

**Tuesday**  
**January 13**  
7 - 8:30 pm

**Saturday Morning Rosary**

**7 am**

All are invited to join and pray for the unborn.

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

**PLEASE PLAN AHEAD**  
**NO CONFESSIONS**

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

**January 11**  
**February 1**  
**March 1**

# CONNECT

## GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GREATNESS: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

As we wrap up the Christmas Season and enter into the new year, we are reminded to continue to let Jesus dwell in the manger of our hearts throughout the year. Like His mother, Mary, we too are called to magnify the greatness of God and let the light of Christ shine forth from our baptismal sanctification. As we unpack our own personal call to greatness, we are also reminded to imitate the humility of the Blessed Mother. Please join us to hear David Zanca speak on "God is Calling You To Greatness: Let Your Light Shine" as we learn how living out magnanimity and humility answers Jesus' call to "Let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16).



**DAVID ZANCA**



SCAN TO  
LEARN  
MORE

**Thursday, January 15 | 6:30 pm**  
**Mary, Queen of Peace Church**



# 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 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.



MQP MUSIC MINISTRY

## HANDBELL CHOIR

*No experience necessary—  
come make music with us!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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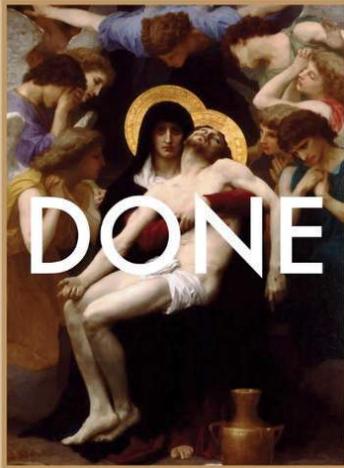
## JOY TO THE WORLD

Sunday December 21, the MQP Music Ministry brought joy to our parish through their beautiful music at a concert that featured the Adult Choir, Seraphim Singers, Handbell Choir, and Brass Quartet! The first concert at Mary, Queen of Peace since 2013 was joyful, festive, and reflective, allowing those present to enter into the mystery of God with us while also benefiting the Samaritan Center through free-will donations.

Performance highlights were "A Spiritual Christmas," "Carol of the Bells," "Night of Silence/Silent Night," "Dona Nobis Pacem," and "Joy to the World." Each choir has been working on their music since October, with weekly rehearsals and individual practice time spent outside of regular rehearsals. They truly sang with passion and dedication, inviting the listener into deeper contemplation and presence to the music that lifted our hearts to God's glory in Jesus. As many said of the concert, "May this be the first of many to come!"

As the music ministry, our heartfelt intention is that our music and service brings you to deeper worship during prayer and Mass. May all of us—choir, cantor, musicians, congregation, and clergy—lift our hearts to God, making a joyful noise unto the Lord Who loves us.

# CONNECT



2026 Men's Conference  
February 28, 2026  
St. Dominic Parish  
[nolacatholicmen.com](http://nolacatholicmen.com)

Men of MQP, answer the call! Join the gathering of hundreds of men at the 2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28th, at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Through dynamic speakers, Reconciliation, and Mass, see how Mary's "Let It Be Done" echoes your vocation in the world. Use the code below to learn more, register and sign up for the bus.



## TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
January 14  
Wednesdays | 5:45 am  
Parish Center  
Open to All  
Join at any time!

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

## WORSHIP

At  
MQP

PRAYER MEETING IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM

WORSHIP AND GROW IN SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## DRAWN TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Fr. Cooper is happy to meet with you on your discernment journey

# FROM THE PASTOR

## 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.



## 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](mailto:jjfynn@arch-no.org).

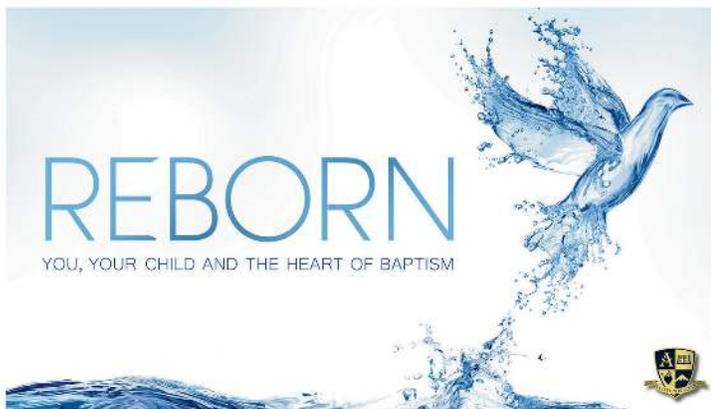
What was the most important day of your life? You might want to say the day you were born or got married or had your first child. But think about what Pope St. John Paul II said when he was asked that same question. He responded: "It was the day of my baptism." He didn't mention the day he was ordained a priest or a consecrated a bishop or elected as the successor of Peter. No, the pope who made such an impact on the Church and the world knew that everything flowed from the day his parents brought him to the baptismal font in a Catholic church in Poland. It was there that he was born into new life in Christ and made a true son of God's family.

The same is true for you and me. Baptism is where our life as Christians began. As the Catechism tells us, Baptism is "the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission."

On this Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, we should take time to think about our own baptism, to reflect on what that means and how we are called to live each day. We are God's anointed people, members of the Body of Christ, sent to spread His light and love in the world. As Pope St. Leo the Great said in a famous Christmas homily: "Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member."

This weekend, we also take time to recognize in a special way all of the families who have had a child baptized in the past year. It is important for us as a parish family to foster discipleship, which means we journey with families beyond the sacramental celebration itself. As we acknowledge again the baptisms we celebrated throughout the past year, we have to reacquaint ourselves with these families and let them know they are supported, loved, and an essential part of our parish family at MQP.

Each one of you, in fact, is an essential part of this parish family. As a baptized Christian, you are a member of Christ's own body, the Church. You don't have to be a pope, a bishop, or a priest to understand the profound nature of your call. You only have to understand what was the most important day of your life – the day you were baptized.



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### Reborn | Trailer

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



# PARISH LIFE

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN  
MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH FOR

## She Shall Be Called Woman

THURSDAY EVENINGS  
6:30-8:00 PM  
JAN. 15-MARCH 26  
PARISH CENTER, ROOM 2



THIS PROGRAM IS FREE.  
JOIN US FOR FOOD  
FELLOWSHIP & FAITH!  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
REGISTER OR LEARN MORE

## BE A FOUNDING ANGEL

Hands of Grace Founding  
Angels Countdown: 38 Days!



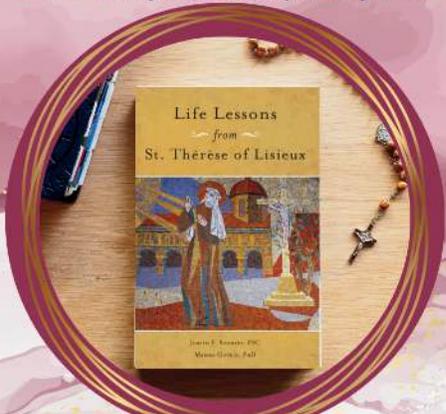
Happy New Year! Make a resolution to be a Founding Angel in the Hands of Grace Foundation, which will ensure our MQP heart for service continues beating strong. The Foundation will provide a legacy that will outlast our lifetimes and be a solid way to help to those in need for years to come.

The Hands of Grace, run through the Catholic Community Foundation, is looking for Founding Angels, and you have 38 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.

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Women parishioners are invited to join the Women's Spirituality group and to grow through prayer, reflection and faith sharing. Each semester the group will pray through a new book.



**TUESDAY SERIES**  
Tuesdays | 9:45 - 11 am  
Parish Center - Room 11  
Beginning January 13

**THURSDAY SERIES**  
Thursdays | 9:45 - 11 am  
Parish Center - Room 11  
Beginning January 15

Interested in joining or looking for more information please contact

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## 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**

Scan the code to learn more and register



# 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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CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FUND  
MQPCS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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



JOIN US ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH FOR OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR! 6-7 PM

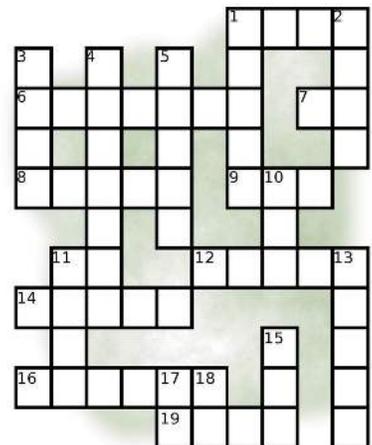
### BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOLY VOCATIONS

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.

## Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

#### Across:

1. What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize \_\_\_\_\_!"
8. John baptized with \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "This is my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ with whom I am well pleased."
11. "This \_\_\_\_\_ my beloved Son..."
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ His sandal!"
16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
19. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

#### Down:

1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
2. John said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized by you!"
3. Jesus did this to \_\_\_\_\_ us how important baptism is.
4. The John in this story is called John the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ a voice from Heaven.
10. John came \_\_\_\_\_ of the desert to preach and baptize.
11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes \_\_\_\_\_ our soul.
13. Jesus was baptized in a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ appeared.
17. Jesus came from Galilee to John \_\_\_\_\_ the Jordan.
18. Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ sins even before He was baptized.



# PARISH LIFE

# RISE

*night*

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
GRADE

January 11

7 - 8:30 pm

**ADORATION  
CONFESSION  
PRAYER TEAMS  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP**



# NUN RUN!

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

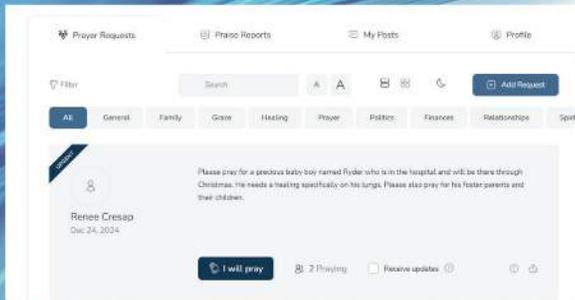
January 31  
9 am - 5 pm

All girls in grades 6 to 12 are warmly invited to bring a packed lunch and join us for an exciting visit to explore some local convents and meet the religious sisters who reside there. Stay tuned for registration details coming soon!

## LET'S COVER OUR PARISH IN PRAYER

visit the

# PRAYER WALL

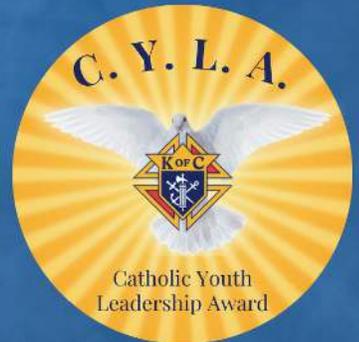


- leave a prayer intention
- pray for an intention
- write a praise report

scan to  
pray



Knights of  
Columbus  
Louisiana State  
Council



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.

## VOCATIO

A DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR MEN



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

### Where / When?

Notre Dame Seminary  
2901 S Carrollton Avenue,  
New Orleans @ 11a

Saturday,  
January 31

Office of Vocations  
(504) 861-6298  
[vocations@arch-no.org](mailto:vocations@arch-no.org)



## SACRED HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENT



Congratulations to the Thompson family, who had their home enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus recently. May Christ's love and peace fill their home abundantly. Interested in welcoming the Sacred Heart in to your own home? Scan the code to learn more.

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Join us for the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans MLK Day of Service, a day when our community comes together in faith, unity, and action to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: Monday, January 19, 2026.

Time: 8:00am- 12:00pm.

Location: CYO Building, 2241 Mendez St., New Orleans



# STEWARDSHIP

## WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?

Each of us has been blessed by God and entrusted with many gifts from Him. We are all called to receive God's gifts gratefully, to cherish and tend these gifts, to share them in justice and love with others and to return them with increase to the Lord. Part of our responsibility as stewards of God's gifts includes what is sometimes referred to as our "final act of stewardship" – the creation of our estate plan.

Our estate plan is part of our legacy, enabling us to use those gifts that have been given to us to provide for our loved ones in the future. We also have the opportunity to give witness to the importance of our faith and express our gratitude to God by making a gift to the Church that strengthens our parish for future generations.

If you are interested in a legacy gift, please contact Jen Coco at [jcoco@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:jcoco@maryqueenofpeace.org) or Joe Galloway at the Catholic Community Foundation: [jgalloway@ccfnola.org](mailto:jgalloway@ccfnola.org).

## STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Our January Steward of the Month is Wanda Voss. Wanda generously shares her time with our Christ in the Chaos program by assisting with preparation of materials. Always joyful and ready to help, she is embracing stewardship as her way of life!



If you have a suggestion for Steward of the Month, please contact Karen Baker at [kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org](mailto:kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org)

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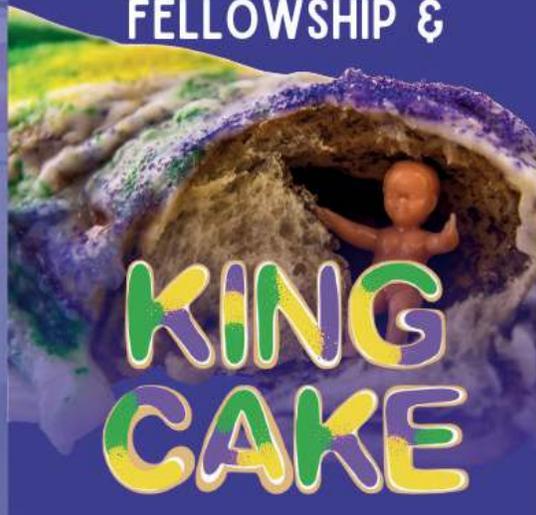


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