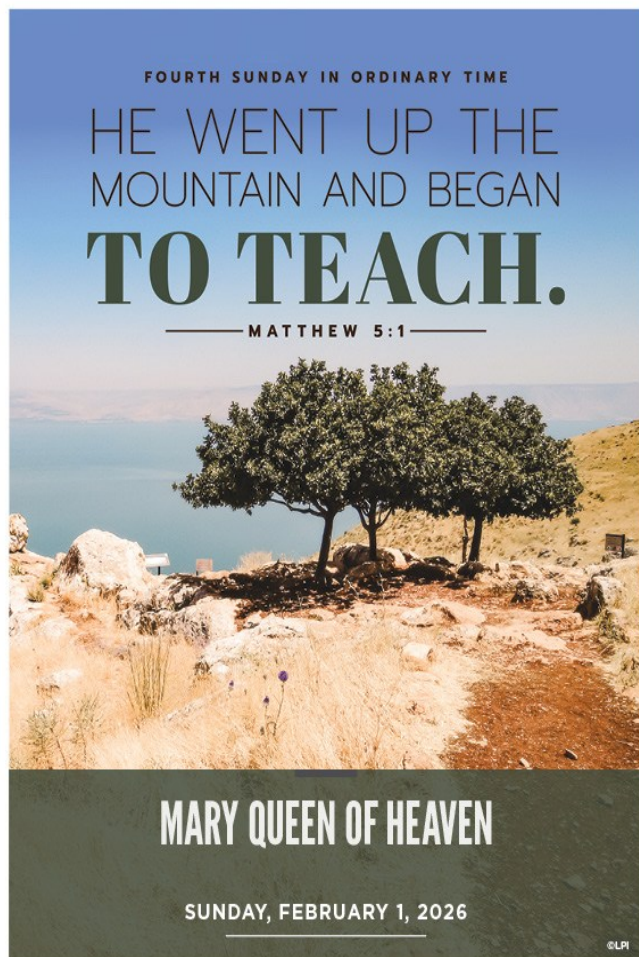


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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, 5:00 pm	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 8:00 am	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 9:00 am	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 10:00 am	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 11:00 am	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 12:00 pm	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 5:30 pm (Life Teen)	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Mary Queen of Heaven</u>	<u>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</u>
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am	Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am	Saturday: 9:00 am
<u>HOLYDAYS</u>	<u>HOLYDAYS</u>
Vigil: 7:30 pm	8:30 am, 7:30 pm
Day: 8:00 am, 10:00 am	

CONFESSIONS

<u>Mary Queen of Heaven</u>	<u>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</u>
Saturday: 11:00 am—11:30 am	Saturday: 4:15 pm—4:45 pm



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 Monday, Tuesday: 9:00 am—12 Noon, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 am—12 Noon, 1:00 pm—8:00 pm
 Saturday: 10:00 am—5:00 pm
 Sunday: CLOSED

St. Bernard of Clairevaux Rectory Office: 718-763-5533

Our Mission: *We, the parish community of Mary Queen of Heaven, are called to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all with whom we come into contact. We are committed to being a vibrant and welcoming community of faith by worshiping God through prayer and sacrament, teaching and sharing our faith, and serving others as Jesus did. We seek to become a faith community that invites people of all races and cultures to become part of our parish family.*

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CONSIDER YOUR OWN CALLING

These words from St. Paul in this Sunday's second reading could easily pass us by yet they are packed with meaning. First, we hear the word "consider." In the fast-paced world in which we live it is all too easy to rush from one thing to another. Time for self-reflection, quiet time to take stock of our lives, becomes all too rare for vast numbers of people. The other word is "own." This word implies the personal, something particular to an individual. The third word is "calling." We can get called upon so much and by so many that we can easily, and understandably, want to tune out. The problem though is that when we do not consider what is going on in our lives, lose track of what is gifted to us, and tune out, we can and will be missing out on much.

Older adults will complain that younger generations are afraid or unwilling to make commitments until the last minute. Several young adults explained this phenomenon to me as FOMO, the "fear of missing out." They are making sure they are available to the most exciting or interesting thing going on and where the crowd is going. This is annoying to those who rightly expect others to make commitments and keep them and not blow with the wind. Yet when it comes to God and faith many show no such concern.

Before we can even begin to consider our own calling, we must first take an honest look at the first words from today's first reading, "Seek the Lord." Obviously, if we have little to no interest in seeking the Lord in a conscious and substantial way it will make no sense to consider God's calling. An indifference to the former will lead to indifference to the latter. However, for those who do have the wisdom to seek God and the eternal realities of our faith, considering our own calling becomes a natural extension of that seeking. When we find God, we also find our fulfillment in life. We come to know intuitively where we come from and where we are going; very importantly, we come to recognize that God has given us some special work to do that He has not given to another.


This then leads us to reflect and pray to discern what God has called us to; what mission He has given us, what we are invited to accomplish in God's name. We come to realize that this mission given to us, while it is for the wider community and done in fellowship with those around us in the community of the Church and the world, nevertheless is an invitation to use our unique gifts and talents that God has given us to build up His Kingdom on earth. This leads to a profound and humbling reality that we have in fact been called. We do not just get up one day and decide that we will do whatever interests us at that moment. God in fact has called us as He did the prophets, the apostles, and the saints. The call is no different.

What may be different is the response. The prophets, apostles, and saints (meaning all those who do truly seek God) are aware that they have been called by name, first in the waters of Baptism, and then throughout their lives. They know that whatever gifts and talents they have are not only for themselves but to achieve the good for which God has given them. In the depths of repentance, prayer, and service they hear the call of God and bring forth a resounding

"yes." They have considered their own calling and are compelled by love and gratitude to do God's work.

Those who consider their own call will never have to ask what the meaning of life is. They will experience the same joys and sorrows that everyone else does but it will all be taken up into the mystery of God's love. This is a love that is not only a passive receptivity but an active desire to become more like God as we "move from glory to glory" and behold the face of God in ourselves and in those whom we are called to serve.

Fr. John Maduri, Pastor

<p>OUR BOOK CLUB will meet in the Parish Center, Wednesday February 11 at 7:00 pm for a discussion of <i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> by Richard Osman</p>	
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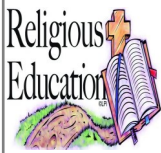
	<p>The liturgical season of Lent will begin with fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Ashes will be distributed at 8:00 am Mass, 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Word, 7:30 pm Mass.</p> <p align="center">Stations of the Cross in Church Fridays during Lent</p> <p>8:30 am Stations of the Cross, Church – English 11:00 am Stations of the Cross, Church – Creole</p> <p align="center">First Friday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 am Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church - February 20</p> <p align="center">Lenten Regulations</p> <p>Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.</p> <p>Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.</p>
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RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE	
Adult Choir	Rehearsal, Sunday, 10:30 am, Parish Center
Charismatic Prayer Group	Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	First Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass until 10:30 am, Church.
Haitian Choir	Rehearsals, 2 nd Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church
Holy Name Society	Mondays after the 2 nd Sunday, 7:30 pm, Parish Center.
La Legion de Marie	First and Third Saturday of each month, 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Committee Members in the Parish Center.
Rosary Society	First Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center.
Seniors	Wednesdays, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center
St. Martha's Guild	3 rd Monday of each month, 7:15 pm, Parish Center
Wednesday Prayer Group	Immediately after the 8:00 am weekday Mass, One Hour, Parish Center
Youth Ministry	Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

Thank you for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.

MASS ATTENDANCE 1/25/2026:

Church= 66 Website= 43 Facebook= 205



FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Ed. 2025-2026 School Year

Classes are held 8:30 am in the Parish Center downstairs meeting room (entry from 57th Street gate). Students and Parents/Guardians attend the 10:00 am Mass.

Should you still need to register, registration forms are available at the Rectory Office. Please contact Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information. (Student's baptism certificate is required. The fee is \$150.00 for each student. Discount for additional students in the same family.)

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Do you know someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father? Can you plant the seeds of hope as you speak to them about our Father's loving care and His everlasting promises fulfilled in the sending of His Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Contact Fr. John, Fr. Peter, or Sr. Mary Jane regarding OCIA inquiry sessions for those who are not Baptized, are of other Faiths, or are adult Catholics who are not confirmed or have not received their First Communion.

Instructions will be given by Dcn. Frank D'Accordo at St. Bernard Parish.



TEEN CLUB

All teens are invited to join the Teen Club Friday evenings 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Basement Meeting Room. Please bring a friend. Contact Sr. Mary Jane for more information.

SICK LIST

To add a name to the sick list, you must call into the Rectory Office on Mondays only, before 3:00 pm. The name will appear on the list for 4 weeks.

Helga Ariot	Alicia Maxwell
Doug Bontempo	Margaret Moffat
Arline Brack	Martha Reeves
Louis Coppola	Baby Cole
Sal Coppola	Baby Roman
Sal Cuciti	Maria Rosa
Richard Kompa	Phil Spezio
Michelle Leighty	Sally Tartaro
Joseph Martino	Mary Francis Whalen
Kendall Matthew	Sal & Doreen Zaccheo



REST IN PEACE

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friend.

THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES

Remember to visit the Rectory Office to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorial Masses.

MQH GIFT SHOP

will be open every Sunday after all Masses.



HONORING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

On Sunday, February 8 at the 10:00 am Mass, we will honor our Community Leaders. Please join us for light refreshments in the Parish Center immediately following the 10:00 am Mass.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 am **Ralph Rivera, Catulle Germain**
10:00 am **Special Intention**
12:00 pm **The Rosary Society**
2:00 pm **Suzelle Augustin—
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by:
Claire Rivera

The Rosary Society
Suzelle Augustin

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

World Day of Consecrated Life

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:00 am **People of the Parish**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Weekday

Feast St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3, Mk 5:21-43

8:00 am **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6

8:00 am **Mary Eva Charles—
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by:
Mary Eva Charles

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Feast of St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, Mk 6:7-13

8:00 am **Concetta D'Amore**

Requested by:
Eleanor Saturno

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Feast of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Readings: Sir 47:2-11, Mk 6:14-29

8:00 am **The Purgatorial Society**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Weekday, BVM

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34

9:00 am **JohnPaul & Andrew—
For Healing**

Requested by:
Stephanie Puleo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Marriage Day

Readings: Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

8:00 am **Roumania Hinds**
10:00 am **Special Intention**
12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society &
The Living & Deceased
Members of the Holy Name
Society**

Requested by:
Russell Hinds & Family

The Holy Name Society

Memorial Masses

Special Intention



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