

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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August 16, 2026

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PARISH STAFF:

Judy Larson—Administrative Assistant
Marcia Blundon—Bookkeeper
Katy Hertel—Religious Education Coordinator
Bruce Heier—Custodian
James Norin - Maintenance
Curtis Sander--Music Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed.	5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Fri.	7:30 a.m.

Holy Day
- as announced

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are happy to have you with us! Please call or stop by the parish office to register.

Welcome
To Our
Parish

GORHAM MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00 a.m.
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Reconciliation

Sundays before Mass	7:40 a.m.
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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism—Personally contact the pastor prior to intended date.

Marriage—Personally contact the pastor at least six months prior to intended date.

Sick Calls/Anointing—Please call the parish office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and would like us to visit with Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Reconciliation — Saturday — 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

With Christ as our model,
St. Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Church
Strives to be a welcoming community of faith,
United in our diversity,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
Nurtured by the sacraments,
Centered around the Eucharist,
And inspired by the gospel message.

We devote our time, talent and treasures to build the Kingdom of God.
We love and serve the Lord by serving one another.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 16TH, 2026

Great is your faith! (Matthew 15:28)

Only once in Matthew's Gospel did Jesus characterize someone as having *great faith*. It wasn't Peter, who professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Nor was it Joseph, who obeyed an angel and took Mary as his wife (1:24). No, Jesus reserved this term for an unnamed gentile woman who wouldn't take no for an answer.

Jesus was in the territory of Tyre and Sidon when he met this woman. These cities, located south of modern-day Beirut, Lebanon, were the foremost Mediterranean seaports at the time. Evidently the news of Jesus' miracles had traveled far beyond the borders of Israel, because this Canaanite mother was determined to approach Jesus personal on behalf of her tormented daughter.

This mother's strong faith stands in stark contrast to the inflexibility of the scribes and Pharisees. They had interrogated Jesus and his disciples about the fact that they didn't wash their hands before eating (Matthew 15:2). They had standards that Jesus had to meet before they would believe.

Conversely, the Canaanite woman was eager to believe. She was hoping that Jesus would be accommodating toward her despite her religious status. Even when he initially rebuked her, she persisted. Rather than being offended, she remained open. She believed he had the power and the willingness to work a miracle. As a result, she, a Gentile, experienced his love and power: her daughter "was healed from that hour" (Matthew 15:28).

This woman's trust endeared her to Jesus-and to readers of Matthew's Gospel ever since. Just as Jesus commended her faith, he welcomes all of us when we come to him with humble faith. He wants to shower his healing and "mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32). So if you hesitate to bring your needs to Jesus--or to return to the sacraments after time away--let this mother's faith strengthen yours!

"Jesus, I believe in you!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, August 15-7:30 a.m. Saturday, August 15-5:30 p.m.	Bernie Goetz For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28
Sunday, August 16 -10:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. Rachel Sipe	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28
Monday, August 17	No Mass	Ezekial 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday, August 18-5:30 p.m.	Spec. Int. Jim & Cindy Balthazor, Ann of Marriage	Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 19 -5:30 p.m.	Fr. James Grennan	Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday, August 20 -7:30 a.m.	Kendall Miner, Ann. of D	Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday, August 21 -7:30 a.m.	Sheila & Tyler Donovan	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday, August 22 - 7:30 a.m.	Alan Vonfeldt	Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, August 23-10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20



Please pray for Diane Larson, Linda Cole, Mary Schulte, Janice Stoppel, Dot Tammen, Rita Dreiling, Bob Scheck, Carol McAdoo, Brenton Lumpkins, T. J. Karst, Gary Flax, and all our friends and relatives who are ill or experiencing difficulties in their lives that they may know the healing presence of God.

PRAY because God
can do more in a
second than you ever
could in a lifetime!



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of August 8th & 9th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,868.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,540.00
Loose Cash	\$ 962.15
Votive	\$ 115.10
Religious Seminary	\$ 1,900.00
Marlene Baral Memorial	\$ 195.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,150.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 7,730.25
CEMETERY \$ 150.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, Aug. 22nd - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 23rd- 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers Gifts/Bulletins:	Joe & Chris Roth	Cody & Rebecca Rogge Family Ronda Hitschmann
Lectors	Melinda Cross & Susan Orender	Sarah Herla & Marc Hertel
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Cindy Balthazor Cup: Kristi Fisher, Deb Strobel & Marcia Blundon	Body: *Jon Quinday & Alice Quinday Cup: Todd Buhrlé, Tammi Buhrlé Rich OR Tammy Krause
Altar Servers	Reese Owens & Mary Kate Hertel	Maci Wieger & Jamie Hurla
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie Zachman & Dave Zachman	Debbie Zachman & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	Sunday, Aug. 15th & 16th Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, Aug. 22nd & 23rd Mark & Tammy Ptacek

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, August 15th	Carol McKenna
Monday, August 17th	Barry Hoffman
Tuesday, August 18th	Frank Schulte
Wednesday, August 19th	Leon Weigel
Thursday, August 20th	Bobby Ross, Erica Cline & Andrew Ochampaugh
Friday, August 21st	Jamie Tomlinson
Saturday, August 22nd	Norma Savage
Sunday, August 23rd	John Hoff & Walker Middleton



Anniversary Wishes to:

Tuesday, August 18th Joe & Cindy Bogan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CALENDAR

Aug. 15	Teachers' meeting after Mass at 6:45 p.m.
Aug. 16	Teacher recognition at Mass
Aug. 26	Class at 7:15 p.m. -Backpack blessing - CCD Olympics
Sept. 2	Class at 7:15 p.m. - CYO
Sept. 9	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 23	Class at 7:15 p.m.- CYO practice for Mass, Confirmation intro practice grades 9-11
Sept. 27	Sunday - CYO Mass at 10 a.m. Confirmation introductions grades 9-11
Sept. 30	Class at 7:15 p.m.-Confirmation meeting Parents/students grades 7-11



New Ministry Schedules are in the box on the table in the Gathering Space, some were mailed out. They are also available on our website.

Please notify the office by September 3rd, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:
Saturday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 31st, 2026
You can email: smqoa@ruraltel.net. Thank you!

Eucharistic Ministry training will begin in a few weeks. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the office at: 785-483-2871 as soon as possible or email: smqoa@ruraltel.net.



Don't forget to register for **Jr. CYO Camp 2026** will be held Labor Day weekend, **Saturday, Sept. 5th - Monday, Sept. 7th** for grades 6-8!

Enrollment is still open online at:
<http://salinadiocese.org/office/youth-ministry/junior-cyo-camp/>



Copies of the Parish Annual Report for

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are available on the table in the gathering space of the Church.

There will be an **OCIA helpers** meeting on **Tuesday, August 18th** at **6:15 p.m.**



after Mass in the conference room.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Aug. 15 **-Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
7:30 a.m. -Assumption Mass at Russell
5:30 p.m. -Regular Mass
6:45 p.m. -Teacher's meeting after 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Aug. 16 9:40 a.m. -Knights of Columbus Rosary
10:00 a.m. -Teacher Recognition during Mass
- Aug. 18 6:15 p.m. -OCIA helpers meeting after Mass
- Aug. 23 2-4 p.m. -Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
- Aug. 25 4:15 p.m. -Music Meeting in Conference Room
6:15 p.m. -Finance Council Meeting
- Aug. 26 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in parking lot
7:15 p.m. -CCD class-Blessing of backpacks-CCD Olympics
- Sept. 1 6:15 p.m. -Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- Sept. 2 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - CYO - Altar Server Mtg-5th grade



Adoration

This fall, Bishop Vincke, in partnership with Adoratio Foundation, is inviting our Diocese to participate in his Presence, a new initiative encouraging middle and high school students to commit to one hour each week with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Building on the success of last year's Diocesan Spiritual Campaign, our goal is to inspire more than 500 teens across the Diocese to make weekly Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of their lives, helping them discover the peace, healing, and purpose found in Christ's Real Presence.

Teens, we invite you to join the movement. Parents, grandparents, friends, family, mentors, encourage your teens to join the movement.

"The Eucharist is the highway to Heaven." - St. Carlo Acutis

Contact Deacon Bill Meagher for more information.

785-827-8746 bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org



Tuesday and Wednesday Mass Times

Daily Mass should be at a time that is most accessible to parishioners.

Would changing daily mass times on Tuesday and Wednesday back to 6:30 p.m. be helpful since it would be after most school and work hours?

Please share your opinion by emailing:

smqoa@ruraltel.net OR zachmand5@gmail.com.



Each year within the Easter Vigil Service, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church through **OCIA - Order of**

Christian Initiation for Adults and Youth.

OCIA sessions will begin **September 9, 2026 through Easter Vigil, March 27, 2027** at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Please contact Jeanie Munsch, Director of OCIA at 785-650-1845 or the Parish Office at 785-483-2871, if you are interested or know someone who would be interested.



A special Thank You to The Knights of Columbus and RCCW for hosting the breakfast after the 10:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday for Fr. Vincent's Installation.

Please have your kids bring their school backpack to religion class the first night for a special blessing! (August 26th).



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Every Sunday afternoon, Russell area churches take turns delivering 20-minute services at:

Wheatland Nursing (2:00 p.m.)

Mainstreet Manor (2:30 p.m.)

Homestead (3:00 p.m.)



The St. Mary Sunday Services Ministry team will be offering the services on **Sunday afternoon, August 23rd**, and invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SPORTS SEASON

An Athlete's Prayer

Help me, O God, to be a good athlete and

A good member of my team:

To accept discipline and to train well,

To play hard but to play fair,

To play the game for the good of the team

And not for my own honor and glory,

To obey instructions without arguing,

Not to resent it if someone else is preferred,

To be a credit to my team wherever

I play and wherever I go.

Thank you for making my body strong

And help me to use my gifts of health

And strength to give glory to You

In this game and in everything I do.

Amen

