



2025-26 Financial Update and Stewardship Report

MARY OUR QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A DYNAMIC PARISH

Mary Our Queen is a very dynamic parish. What I imagine might take years often happens here in a matter of months. As your pastor, I do my best to keep up, and I am continually amazed by the generosity, energy, and faith of this parish community.

We are blessed with many special projects, gifts, and initiatives that often happen outside our regular offertory and annual budgets. At the same time, we cannot lose sight of the ordinary, day-to-day needs of our parish. I am especially proud of our staff and formators, who work hard each week to serve our parishioners, and I am grateful for our Finance Council, which helps us make wise decisions and remain financially responsible.

YOUR SUPPORT

Our regular offertory provides the foundation that allows us to support our staff and ministries, maintain our facilities, and carry out the everyday work of the parish. As our campus grows and our ministries expand, those needs will continue to grow as well. This growth is a blessing. And while our church is truly God's House, as the words on our façade remind us, it is also your house. Like the earliest Christians described in the Acts of the Apostles, we share something in common. Our parish church is a place and community that belongs to all of us—a beautiful part of our lives that we are called to sustain together.

STEWARDSHIP

I ask each family to prayerfully consider making a pledge to our stewardship campaign. A commitment from each household allows our Finance Council to better anticipate our income and build a responsible parish budget.

I also encourage those who attend Mary Our Queen but give only periodically to consider becoming registered parishioners and regular givers. Supporting the spiritual and material needs of the Church is one of the precepts of our faith, and every contribution—large or small—helps us fulfill our mission.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is simple and clear:

Lead all to Christ by living the Sacraments, teaching the Faith, and serving others.

We envision a parish rooted in prayer and the Eucharist that lives the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods, making Christ known and loved.

Our values call us to:

- Be rooted in prayer and mission
- Stay joyful and mission-focused
- See Christ in each person

Our priorities are:

- Marriage and Family Life
- Deepening our personal relationship with Jesus
- Evangelization

YOUR IMPACT

May the coming year be filled with peace, hope, and renewed faith. May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts, and may Mary Our Queen always be a source of love, unity, and grace for all.

With gratitude in Christ,
Father Byrd, Pastor

2025-26 Operating Income & Expenses

OPERATING INCOME:	2025/26	2024/25
Offertory	1,262,498	1,157,276
Memorials/Misc. Donations	14,082	10,674
Archbishop's Annual Appeal	7,931	20,400
Other	49,677	44,649
School of Religion	34,278	33,317
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,368,466	1,266,316

OPERATING EXPENSE:	2025/26	2024/25
Liturgy	155,770	151,922
Music	92,018	86,635
Religious Education/Youth Group	172,113	201,548
Administrative/General	328,827	303,982
Facilities	352,709	259,631
Rectory	17,181	13,547
Archdiocesan Offertory Assessment	158,289	152,135
Georgia Bulletin Subscriptions	3,617	7,434
Financial Assistance Assessment	26,558	25,326
Parish Ministries	4,754	3,533
Building Loan Interest	120,828	157,759
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	1,432,664	1,363,452
Net Operating Surplus Or (Deficit)	-64,198	-97,136

DEBT REDUCTION/BUILDING FUND INCOME/EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE
Income- Debt Reduction Campaign	\$947,319.90
Interest Income on Savings	\$6,242.64
Loan Interest Expense:	\$120,827.98
Online Giving Fees:	\$261.61
DEBT REDUCTION LESS EXPENSES	\$832,473.00

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF NORTH GEORGIA	
Gain/Loss on Endowments	\$17,087.32
Endowment Contributions/Income	\$2,569.37
Endowment Expenses	\$1,355.35
ENDOWMENT TOTALS	\$18,301.34

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION LOAN - ORIGINATED 10/31/2018	
Beginning Balance 08/31/2019	\$3,793,518
Payments from 6/31/2023 - 6/30/2024	(216,478)
Payments from 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	(335,744)
Payments from 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	(1,045,468)
Balance 6/30/2026	\$2,195,829
Payments from 7/1/2026 - 10/15/2026	(152,073)
Balance 10/15/2026	\$2,043,756



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Our Parish by the Numbers:

Sacraments Celebrated

Baptisms ~ 35
First Communion ~ 28
Confirmations ~ 20
Marriages ~ 5
Funerals ~ 10

MOQ Ministries

Liturgical ~ 9
Spiritual Ministries ~ 6
Parish Life Ministries ~ 7
Outreach Ministries ~ 6
Music Ministries ~ 3

Religious Education

Elementary ~ 77
Youth Group ~ 75
4 Adult Bible Studies

Households

703 Registered Families
1733 Individual Members
As of 10/8/26

Note: Registered family and individual totals have been updated following a database cleanup to ensure more accurate records.

2025-26 Financial Overview

STEWARDSHIP

The Finance Council serves as a consultative body to our Pastor, Fr. Charles Byrd, assisting him in his responsibility to be a good steward of parish resources. We meet monthly to review income and expenses, cash reserves, projects, budget performance, and other matters affecting the financial health of the parish.

THANK YOU

This year, we thank Paul Bataillon, Mike Verna, and Loretta Boyd for their many years of service on the Council. We also welcomed new members Amy Leidy and Jack Ryan.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS

Offeritory for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, was \$1,262,498, compared with \$1,157,276 the previous year. Increased attendance during the Jubilee Year, including special Masses and events, contributed to this growth. Together with other income and careful expense management, this resulted in a net deficit of \$25,181, a significant improvement from the \$73,590 deficit the previous year.

DEBT REDUCTION

Our debt was approximately \$3.5 million before the Reduce the Debt campaign. Thanks to approximately \$2 million in commitments and payments, our balance is now below \$2.1 million, with a goal of approximately \$1.5 million remaining as the campaign concludes next year. Lower debt has also reduced our interest expense. Thank you for helping make this progress possible.

FACILITIES

As our buildings age—the Trinity office building is more than 40 years old and the Parish Life Center more than 28 years old—repairs and replacement of aging systems are increasingly necessary. We are budgeting for the needs we can anticipate, while recognizing that additional repairs will arise.

CAMPUS & FUTURE

Something exciting is happening at Mary Our Queen. Generous donors have funded the new murals, church flooring, St. Michael statue, artwork, and other improvements. In addition, private support, contributions from our contractors and engineer, and a portion of capital reserves are allowing five of our remaining nine acres to be cleared and prepared for future use. A new detention pond will be constructed, and free fill from a related builder project will be used to fill and compact the existing detention pond and property along Crooked Creek. With the Comcast overflow parking going away early next year, we will be positioned for much-needed parking and future needs, including a sports field, pavilion, youth cottage, and proper rectory. The Columbarium project is also progressing.

PARISH GROWTH

Our greatest growth is not in buildings or property—it is in the lives of our parishioners. We have a record number of OCIA inquirers and strong Faith Formation participation. We continue to lead the Archdiocese of Atlanta in the number of seminarians from our parish, with more parishioners discerning priestly and other vocations. Look around at Mass and you will see the many young families and young adults who are helping make Mary Our Queen a vibrant parish family.

OUR MISSION

This growth gives us the opportunity to expand our programs and ministries while fulfilling our mission: Lead all to Christ by living the Sacraments, teaching the Faith, and serving others.

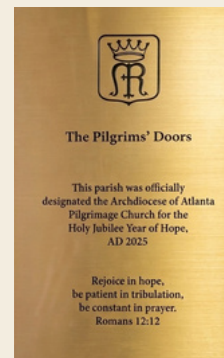
YOUR IMPACT

You are changing lives and making a difference at Mary Our Queen. Please prayerfully consider increasing your offertory pledge or making a new pledge if you are not currently contributing. Every gift helps us continue our mission and invest in the future of our parish. As always, we thank Fr. Byrd, our incredible staff and volunteers, and especially all of you, the parishioners of Mary Our Queen. Something exciting is happening at Mary Our Queen—and you are changing lives and making a difference.

SUBMITTED BY MARY OUR QUEEN'S FINANCE COUNCIL

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We couldn't have done it without your generous support!



Thank you

to all our parishioners
and volunteers.



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