



**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

# **Religious Services**

## **Offered in San Mateo County Correctional Facilities**

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# OUR MISSION

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“As stewards of our community, we envision a world where all humanity is valued and respected. We recognize our role as leaders in this effort and commit to seeking creative and effective ways to work with and listen to the needs of our residents, businesses, and stakeholders. We do this with the passion to preserve safety for all who live, visit, or work in San Mateo County.”

- Sheriff Christina Corpus

*People First – Service Above Self*



Sheriff Christina Corpus is proud to be San Mateo County's 26th Sheriff and the first female Sheriff since the founding of the Sheriff's Office in 1856.

# Religious Services Website

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In early September, the Sheriff's Office launched a new webpage to transparently and proactively share information with the community and the loved ones of incarcerated persons about the religious services available in the County's correctional facilities.

<https://www.smcsheriff.com/religious-services>



# Religious Services Website

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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### Religious Services Offered in San Mateo County Correctional Facilities

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office partners with Service League of San Mateo County to provide a range of in-custody and post-release programs for incarcerated persons, including religious services within the county’s correctional facilities; the Maguire Correctional Facility (MCF) and the Maple Street Correctional Center (MSCC).

Service League facilitates a variety of religious offerings to ensure compliance with the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). RLUIPA is a civil rights law that protects the religious freedom of incarcerated persons.

Through Service League and their network of volunteer providers, the Sheriff’s Office facilitates the following religious services, which are available to incarcerated persons on a voluntary basis:

- Meals that comply with religious diets
- Religious materials (including prayer rugs, head coverings, etc.)
- Religious readings (including literature, bibles, prayers, etc.)
- Meetings with religious providers
- Baptisms and weddings
- Grief counseling sessions
- And more

For more information about religious services, please visit <https://serviceleague.org/>.



# Overview and Scheduling

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Service League is our partner for providing services

There are 226 time slots each week

- 64 hours available at Maguire
- 162 hours available at Maple



Service availability at both facilities

- 7 days a week

Increased scheduling and dedicated time slots are available to religious providers



# What Services Are Available?

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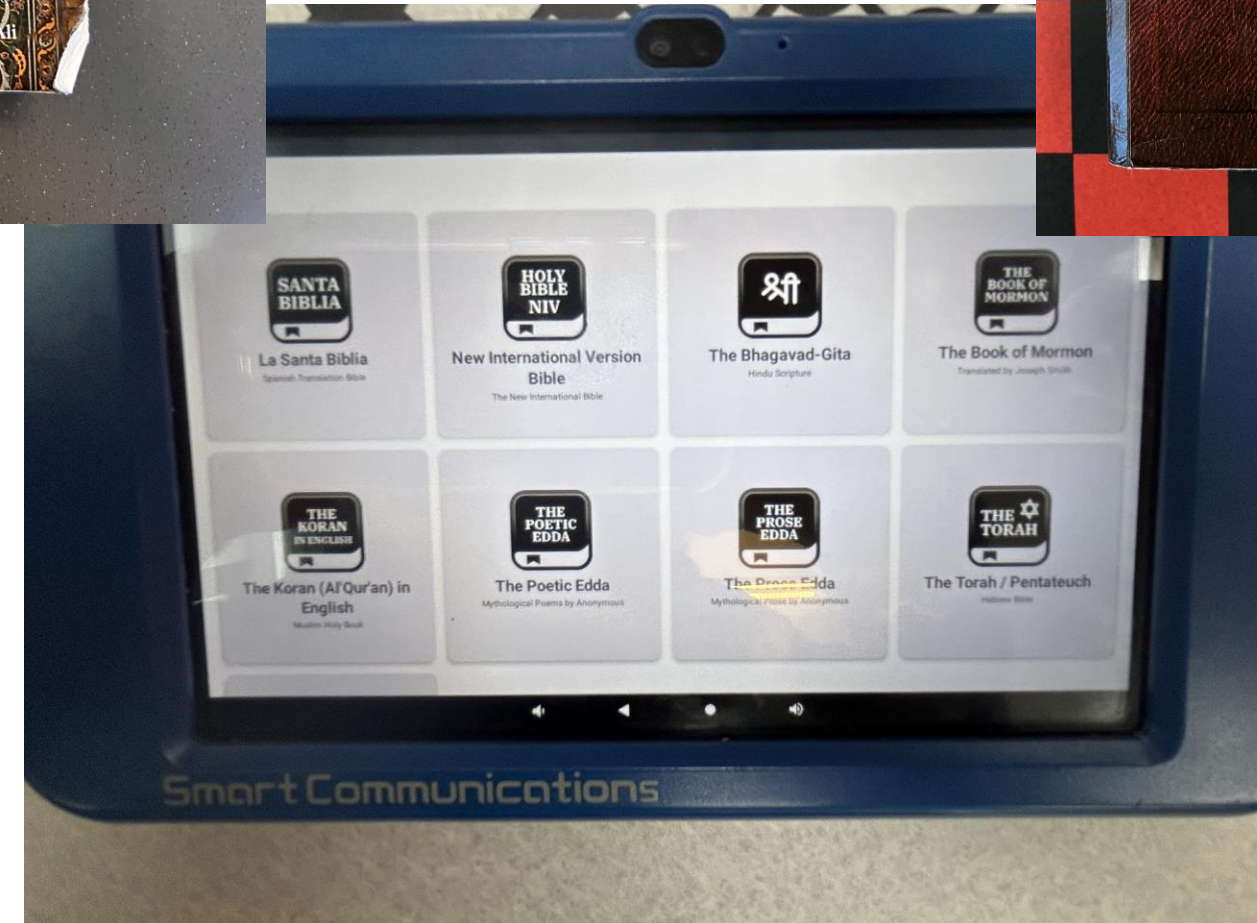
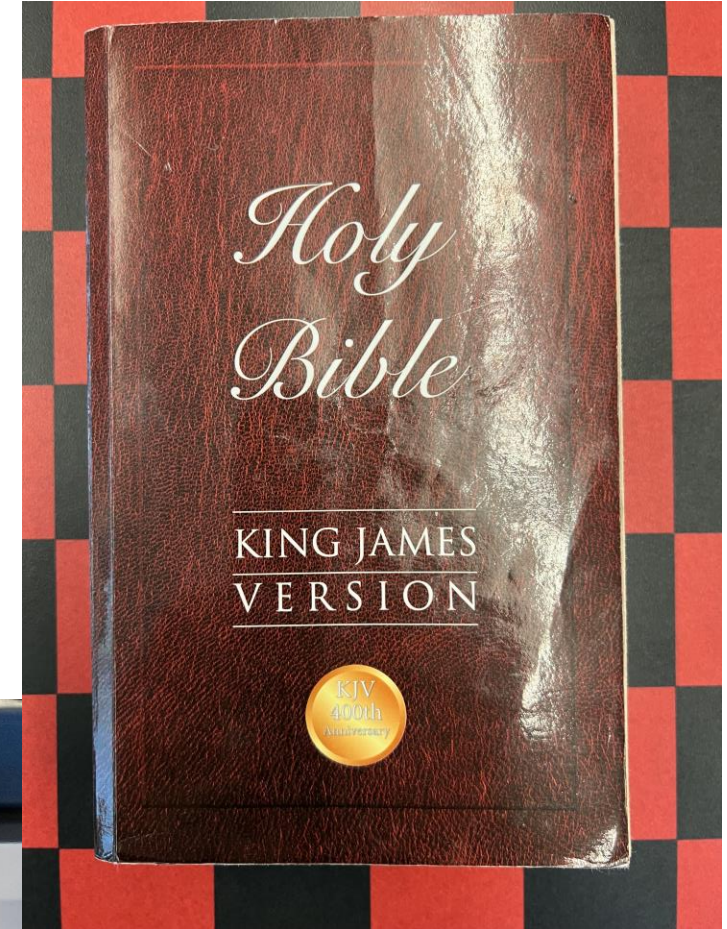
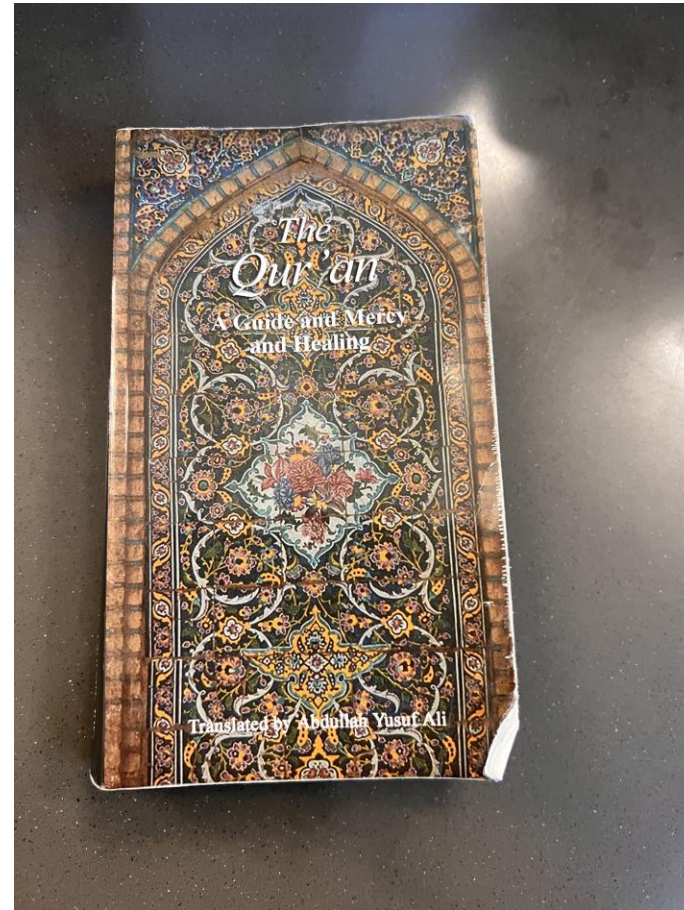
- Meals that comply with religious diets
- Religious materials such as prayer rugs
- Religious readings such as Bibles, prayers, and other materials
- Meetings with religious providers
- Baptisms and weddings
- Grief counseling sessions



# Resources Available

Physical and digital books and reading materials

In-person services



# What is Needed?

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- More volunteers willing to serve our population
- More representation across denominations



# Service Provider Breakdown

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The Sheriff's Office and Service League are grateful to have more than **100 approved faith-based providers** who volunteer their time in our County correctional facilities.

Volunteers represent a variety of denominations and are passionate about the service they provide to the incarcerated population.

As of March 2025, there are **eight denominations represented among the incarcerated population**, plus those who identify as spiritual (non-specific).

## Become a Religious Services Provider

Interested in becoming a Religious Services Provider? Please contact Anna Zaretski with Service League via email at [azaretski@serviceleague.org](mailto:azaretski@serviceleague.org) or by phone at 6



<https://serviceleague.org/get-help/religious-services.html>



# Limitations

- Physical design of facilities
- Services provided:
  - Sheriff's Office Programming
  - Private Defender Program
  - Correctional Health
  - Service League
  - Probation
  - Pre-Trial Conferences
  - Laundry
  - Commissary



Maguire Correctional Facility

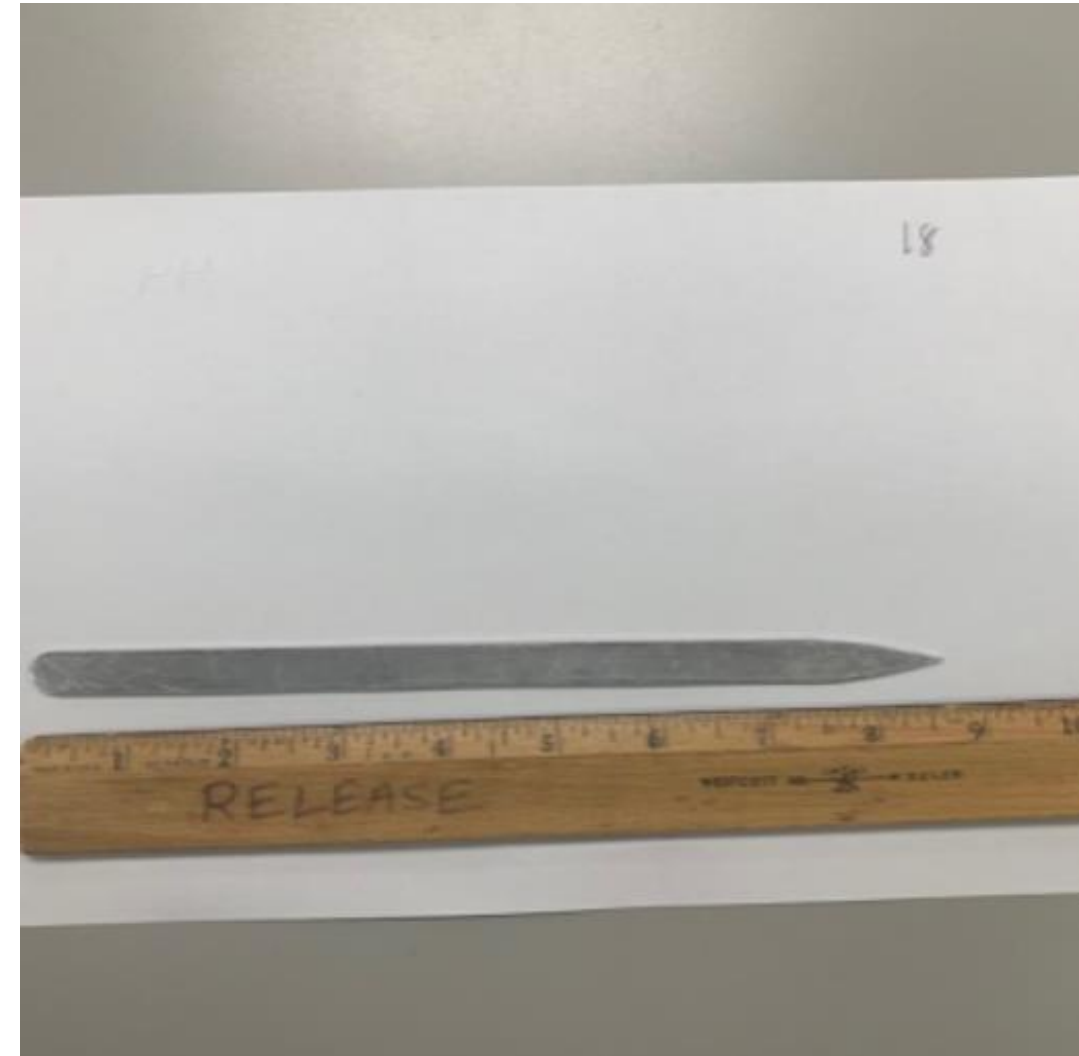


Maple Street Correctional Center



# Safety Challenges

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Improvised weapons  
recovered by corrections staff  
from incarcerated persons







THANK  
YOU!

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