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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

January 1, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

First Saturdays

8:30 a.m.

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Daily Rosary

after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

(except First Friday)

Reconciliation

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday

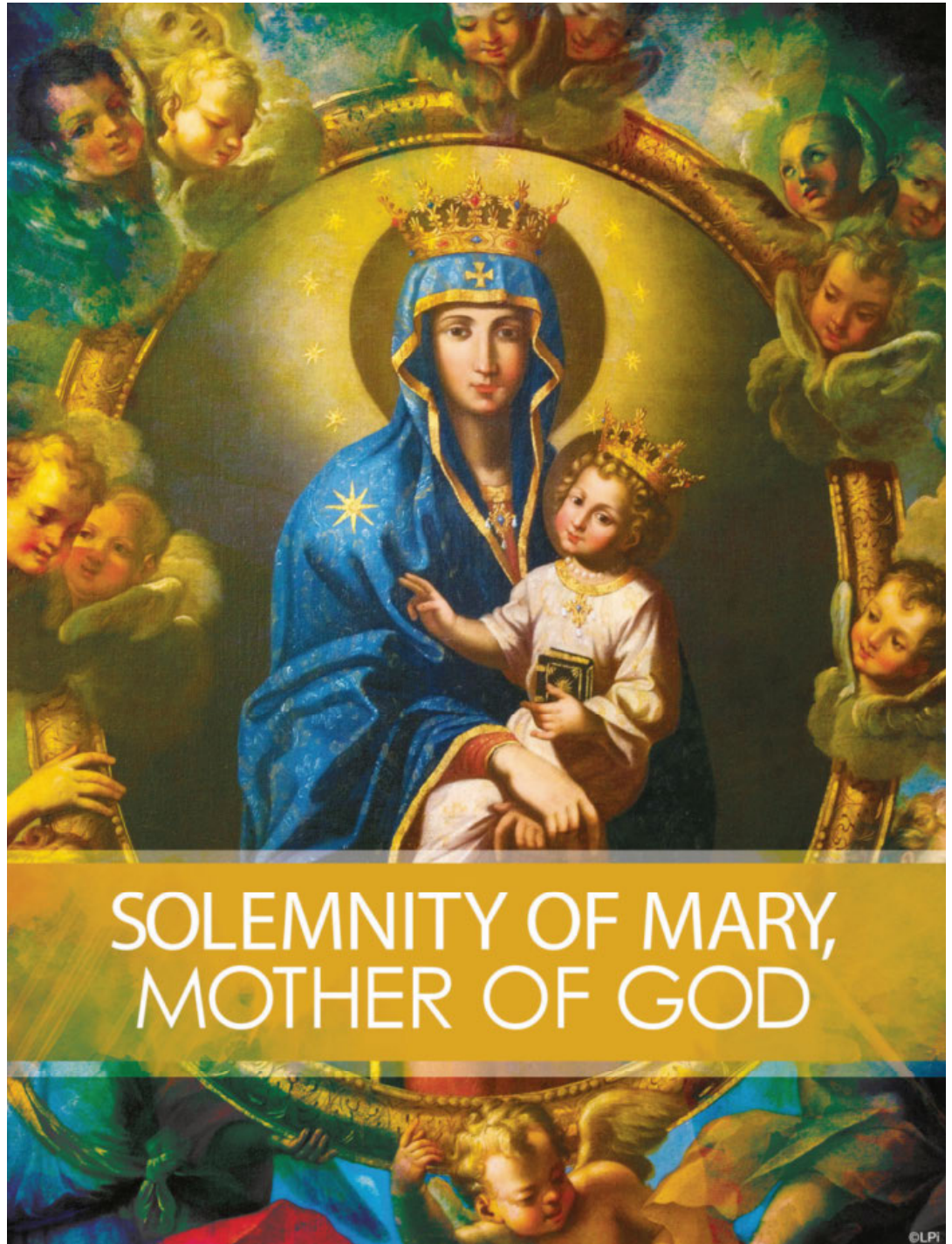
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 p.m. Tuesday—5:45 p.m.
Wednesday



**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



Pastor

Rev. James H. Kuczynski,
M.S.



Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sibi Kunninu,
M.S.

Priests in Residence

Rev. Robert Ippolito, M.S.

Deacons

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Director for Elementary Faith Formation, ext. 333

Terri Ryan

Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization, ext. 317

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Chuck Turner

Facilities Manager, ext. 316

Chris Meaux

Maintenance, ext. 316

Charles Ganter

Maintenance Coordinator, ext. 316



Welcome to Mary Queen!

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office.

Registration forms may be found in the Parish Office, Welcome Desk (in Church narthex), or on the website:

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

Mission Statement

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

Come Worship With Us!

Our Parish community worships together at Sunday Mass, Daily Masses, Holy Hour and Morning Prayer.

We pray the rosary after the 8:30 AM daily Masses (except Wednesdays & First Fridays).

Archives & Room Reservations

If you need to update your personal information in the parish database, have questions regarding Mass Intentions, need to request a copy of your baptism certificate, etc., please contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

All Ministries and Organizations who need to reserve a room and/or schedule events for the calendar need to contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-482-1391, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, or Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

2023 Mass Intentions

We are accepting Mass Intention requests for 2023. You may submit them electronically on our website or you may come to the office to request them. Every family has a limit of 12 requests for the year and only three requests per weekend Mass time for the year will be accepted. Suggested stipend is \$5. If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please call Anita Shorosky at the Mary Queen office.



January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Masses - 7:30AM, 9:30AM; 11:30AM

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall

Monday, January 2nd

Pastoral Offices Closed - New Year's Observance

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, January 3rd

4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Wednesday, January 4th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Meditation Group - Mary's House

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall - Main Hall

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Thursday, January 5th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Mini Hall - Kitchen

Friday, January 6th

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM Youth Council Lock-In - Youth Center

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Church Scavenger Hunt & Crockpot Dinner -

First Friday Family Fun Ministry - EFF

Saturday, January 7th

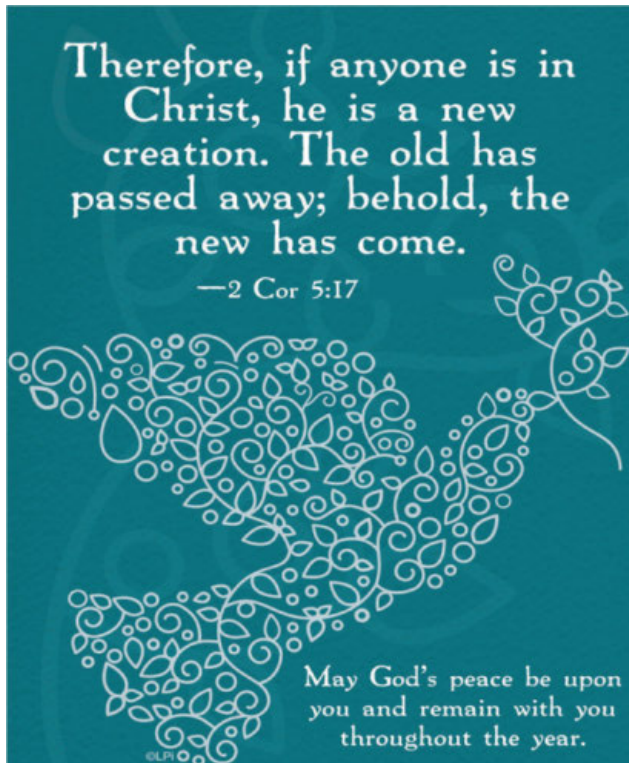
1:00 AM - 7:00 AM Youth Council Lock-In - Youth Center

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Men's ACTS Retreat Reunion - Main Hall - Kitchen

2:30 PM - 9:30 PM Eagle Scout of Honor - Cameron Culling -

Main Hall - Kitchen

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, December 31st

5:30 PM †John Morriss, Lucia Boone, Mary Queen Choirs

Sunday, January 1st

7:30 AM †Pauline Arcanin, †Michael Montz,

†John Nguyen v. Thuan

9:30 AM †Jan Hurkalo, †Dominic Bui D. Trinh, Lou Porter

11:30 AM †Hao Leba, †Maria Vu Ngoc Chau, †Maria Tran T. Diem

Monday, January 2nd

8:30 AM †Tran Thom, †Rita Wakeham, †Judy Cormier

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:30 AM †Caleb Atkinson, †Edna De LaGarza,

†Maria Jennifer Luu Do

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30 PM †Marvin LeBlanc, †Julia LaBorde, Tedd & Mary Anastas

Thursday, January 5th

8:30 AM †Maria & †Georg Hartmann, Graciano Pina, Jr.,
John & Carmen Laine

Friday, January 6th

8:30 AM †Guadalupe Barrientos, Florencio Bernardo,
David & Leslie Guatreaux

Saturday, January 7th

8:30 AM †Vincent Brian Bui, †Carol Lorange,
Mary Queen Ministries

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, January 8th

7:30 AM †Enrique Valdez, †David Valdez, †Carlos Rodriguez

9:30 AM †James C. Potter, Jr., †Jim Curdie, †Steve DeGuia

11:30 AM †Brendan Doyle, †Justin Springer, †Ann Masterson

4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Maria Bui T. Nhan, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: January 1

That just as Mary reflects the light of Christ, we, too, are called to reflect Christ's light to the world.

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: December 10 - December 16, 2022

This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$49,855.56

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,727.27

Difference: \$8,128.59

MP-Debt Reduction: \$6,014.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$176.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,480.00

**Loan Balance as of December 20, 2022 was
\$1,795,869.96.**

*Thank you to all who have donated to the
Master Plan Debt Reduction.*

Upcoming 2nd Collections

**January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother
of God**

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of December 20, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$191,933.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 405

Total Number of Gifts received: 953

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of December 20, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$422,826.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,344

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 271

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign.



Give through our app!
Text MARYQUEENAPP to 77977
to download it today!

Not good with apps but still want
to give online? Visit our website or
scan the QR code.



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at
www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/

- SACRAMENTS -



Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office to inquire about preparation for Baptism.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church
or by appointment.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Youth Sacrament Classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Carol Stuart in the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Terri Ryan at the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Engaged couples or couples interested in validating their marriage through the Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance for preparation.



Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Religious Order of priests serving Mary Queen are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. To learn more about their order or our Vocations Ministry, visit our website.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, contact Eby Kurian at the Parish Office.



Eucharistic Adoration

24 Hour Adoration

4:30 PM on Tuesday to 5:45 PM on Wednesday
St. Joseph Chapel

First Friday Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
St. Joseph Chapel

Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus and in prayer.



Respect Life Holy Hour

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Sunday, January 8, 2023
2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday, January 8, at 2:00 PM** in St. Joseph's Chapel. Please come and join us in prayer for all human life from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.



Live the Liturgy

Mary, Mother of God

Helping a friend, volunteering for the church or school event, shoveling the sidewalk — all of these actions require a yes. Becoming your parent's medical power of attorney, resigning from a job or accepting a new one — our lives require yes after yes. Each one sets us up for even more choices. On January 1st, we celebrate Mary as Mother of God. This title is monumental. It elevates a simple girl from Nazareth to the most highly revered woman in all creation. And it all started with a simple yes! But it didn't end there. Being free from sin doesn't mean being free from temptation. Mary had countless opportunities to say yes or no to God throughout her life. She is an example for us on the power of graced perseverance! Whatever your resolutions or decisions in the coming year, ask for Mary's intercession to say yes.

Please join the
Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry for

Recycling 2023

An event to learn more about recycling

Thursday, January 12th at 7:30pm



Join us to:

- ◆ Learn what is accepted as recycle in Friendswood
- ◆ Gain more knowledge about the recycling industry
- ◆ Ask specific questions about what to place in your recycling bin

We will have two speakers from
Waste Connections (our curbside recycler) and
Keep Friendswood Beautiful.



THE MISSIONARIES OF LA SALETTE
PRESENT A

Come & Click

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023
7:30 - 8:30 PM ET
VIA ZOOM

IF YOU ARE A CATHOLIC MAN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-45,
CONSIDERING A VOCATION WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF LA SALETTE,
PLEASE CONTACT LASALETTEVOCATIONS@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER

WWW.LASALETTEVOCATIONS.ORG

Santo Nino Group of South Texas
invites everyone to celebrate

Santo Nino Fiesta 2023

(A Feast in honor of the Holy Infant Jesus)



Saturday, January 28, 2023

11:00am - Rosary & Novena
followed by Holy Mass,
Procession and Sinulog Dance

Mary Queen Catholic Church
606 Cedarwood Drive
Friendswood, Texas 77546

Bring your image of the Santo Nino for the blessing & dancing of the Sinulog.



PORK AND PIGSKIN

FUNDRAISER

PREORDERS ONLY by Feb 3rd

www.KofC8494.org

Smoked pork butt \$35
(8-10 lbs. uncooked weight)

Pick-up:

February 12th 10:30-1:30

KC Hall at 18625 Baker Rd.



Knights of Columbus Council 8494



She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Readings of the Week ©LPi

Daily Readings

Sunday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday, January 7

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Sunday, January 8

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

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ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

Save the Date!

Mary Queen Parish Mission 2023

Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th
(preaching the Homily for all of the weekend Masses)

Mission Preaching is in the evenings on
Monday, February 13th, Tuesday, February 14th & Wednesday, February 15th.

MISSION THEME/DESCRIPTION:

For more than two thousand years, three challenges have confronted the followers of Christ. They form the essence of Jesus's life and teachings and have set the standard for holiness down through the centuries.

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a parish mission entitled **THE THREE CHALLENGES OF JESUS**. We will explore how to trust and surrender when life is not going our way, how to forgive when hurts and grudges consume us, and how to live an authentic Eucharistic life of self-giving love.

WHO IS THE MISSION PREACHER?

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher, teacher, and spiritual director. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the author of thirteen books on popular spirituality and the presenter on five bestselling DVDs by Paraclete Press. He resides in San Antonio TX. Visit his web site at www.AlbertOFM.org.



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health? Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges?

Sign up for The Sanctuary Course for Catholics with Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department. The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes regarding mental health. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy, and offers faith communities the opportunity to learn about mental health and grow in their ability to support members living with mental health challenges.

Topics covered include:

Mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

Meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Mary's House starting on January 17, 2023 and running through March 21, 2023.

To watch a promotional video, visit:

www.youtube.be/ID2-NMSaGBw

Please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA if you'd like to participate.



**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent
Catechesis & Evangelization**
281- 482-1391 Ext. 317
tryan@maryqueenchurch.org

Welcome Back to all registered High School teens to
CAST faith formation night. All CAST meetings are
from 5:45pm-7:15pm.



Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

Jan. 8th, 22nd, 29th
Feb. 5th, 26th
Mar. 5th, 26th
Apr. 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Welcome Back to all registered Jr High youth to Ark
Sundays. All Ark meetings are from 3:00pm-4:15pm.
Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

Jan. 8th, 29th
Feb. 5th, 26th
Mar. 5th, 26th
Apr. 2nd, 16th, 23rd



Open Hours for High School Teens at the
St. Charbel Youth Center are
Thursdays from 4pm - 7pm.



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
281- 482-1391 Ext. 333
cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org

Tuesday and Wednesday Faith Formation Classes:

Please direct your children to the Mini Hall for the
start of class.

Tuesday Class Dates:

Jan. 10th, 24th, 31st

No classes on:

Dec. 27th

Jan. 3rd & 17th

Wednesday Class Dates:

Jan. 11th, 25th

No classes on:

Dec. 28th

Jan. 4th & 18th

Sunday Classes

All classes meet from 9:30-10:45am

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

Jan. 8th, 22nd

No classes on:

Dec. 25th

Jan. 15th

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Trivia Night

Jan. 21st | 6:30-9:30 PM
MAIN HALL
\$30 PER PERSON* - AGES 21 & UP
TABLES OF 8
*PRICE INCLUDES TRIVIA, DINNER & 2 DRINK COUPONS

Visit our website to
purchase tickets:
[www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/
trivia-night](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/trivia-night)

Your family is invited to join us for

**Kindness is the
REAL
Global Warming**

Guest speaker: Barbara Gruener

Sunday,
Feb. 5, 2023
11:00AM-12:00PM
in the Main Hall

\$10 per family
Donuts and
coffee will be
served

Register at:
www.bit.ly/bgkindness

AROUND THE PARISH

First Friday Family Fun!

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN will be hosting a Church Scavenger Hunt and a Crockpot Dinner on Friday, January 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Main Hall of the Parish Center.



Please plan to bring a Crockpot Dinner to share with friends. We look forward to seeing you for this FUN event!

If you and your family plan to attend the event, please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3UGLrR8>.

The nursery will be closed

Sunday, January 1, 2023 so that the staff may enjoy the holidays with their families.



Thank you Richard Wiedner!

Long-time parishioner, Richard Wiedner, was honored last month for his years of service as an Acolyte in our parish. Mr. Wiedner received a plaque in recognition for 12 years of service during the 11:30 AM Mass on the final Sunday of Advent. He is known for always saying yes to helping in countless baptisms, weddings, and funeral Masses. He will be moving away from Mary Queen, but we thank him for the years of service and devotion to our parish.



Father Sibi's Farewell Celebration

Father Sibi will be leaving Mary Queen in early January to become the Pastor at St. Theresa in Sulphur, LA.

The parish will be hosting a farewell celebration for Fr. Sibi next Sunday, January 8th after the 11:30 AM Mass.

The celebration will be a potluck with the entrée provided. We ask that parishioners bring a side or dessert to share based on the following request:

Parishioners with last names beginning with A-H - bring a dessert

Parishioners with last names beginning with I-Z - bring a side or salad

Please drop off your food to share in the kitchen on the day of the event.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with setup and clean up of the celebration. If you are available to help, please sign-up here:

www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/107597

We look forward to a joyful celebration in honor of our wonderful Parochial Vicar!



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! Give the gift of time to each other this year! On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, learn to prioritize the important things.

Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 10-12, 2023.

We wish you all a blessed New Year!

For more information, contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014, or go online to www.houstonme.org.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Family Lenten Retreat

St. Charbel Youth Center
March 4, 2023
10AM - 5PM

Featuring
National Catholic
speaker:
Paul J. Kim



Register here:



Additional details:
www.bit.ly/3BS8WjQ

Linens Ministry

The Linens Ministry is seeking an increase in volunteers!

Currently, 15 ladies wash and iron Mass linens: purificators and corporals, hand towels and bar mops.

The linens are picked up on Mondays and returned on Wednesdays or Thursday morning.

Wine and lipstick stains are treated with Oxyclean before laundering – NO BLEACH. Then they are ironed.

The hand towels and bar mops require only washing and folding.

If you are willing to do this about three times a year, please call Mary Reviere at 281-482-3290 or email grandoldname@aol.com.

Please join us in this ministry!



January is Poverty Awareness Month

January is Poverty Awareness Month. Did you know...

According to the federal government, for a family of 4 in 2023, an annual income of \$27,750 or less puts them at the poverty level. Consider that a minimum wage job at \$7.25 (in Texas) equates to an annual salary of \$15,080.

In 2021, about 37,930,000 people were living below the poverty line in the United States.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.
Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Holy Hour for Life

All are welcome for an overnight Eucharistic Adoration vigil at St. Mary's Seminary on January 19 - 20, 2023, from 8 PM - 8 AM, to unite with the U.S. Bishops and Catholics across the nation on the vigil of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS, will open and close this time of prayer. Pre-registration is required to ensure all-night Adoration coverage and parking at the seminary.

Register at

<https://archgh.cventevents.com/HolyHourforLife>

no later than January 16, 2023. Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3443 for more information.

Café Catholica Lite: January 2023

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held on January 19 at Christ the Redeemer (11507 Huffmeister Rd, Houston) from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Our speaker is Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, Vocations Director for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and his talk will be, "Scripture in Art: Mary's Fiat." The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well (www.archgh.org/cafecatholica).

The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.

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The trip includes 2 stops at Buc-ee's (to and from Austin). Info: Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3443.

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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service. **Thank you and God Bless America!**

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For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member(s) or friend(s) who are in need of special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List.

You may do so by contacting Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.



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Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better gathers on the second Friday of every month from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Newcomers are invited to play games and have fun with fellow parishioners!

For additional information, please contact Vinnie Saccomanno at 281-648-9551 or Peggie Madison at 281-482-2860.



Mary Queen Seniors (60+)

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM. The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact Jo Ann Truman at 281-923-3098.



History of the Rosary

Question:

What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Answer:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter On the Most Holy Rosary, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1). ©LPi

Listen. Think. Act.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

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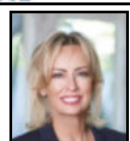
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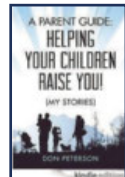
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