



January 15, 2023

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

HERE  
AM I,  
LORD;  
TO DO  
YOUR  
WILL.

*Psalm 40*

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



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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM

**First Saturdays**

8:30 AM

**Daily Mass**

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
6:30 PM Wednesday

**Daily Rosary**

after 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

**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 or visit our website: [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://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.

**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 contact Anita Shorosky.



## January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

### Sunday, January 15th

#### Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Baptisms - Church
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Boy Scout Class/Meeting for Religious Emblem - Mini Hall - Rm 110/Library

### Monday, January 16th

#### Pastoral Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel
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### Tuesday, January 17th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Holiday Social - Mary's Chain of Love - Mary's House
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen
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
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	The Sanctuary Course for Catholics- AFF-Mary's House
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen

### Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meditation Group - Mary's House
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Bay Area Deanery ACCW Meeting/Baby Shower - Main Hall - Kitchen
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Meeting - Rm 120
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Emergency Management Committee Information Session - New Members - Rm 110/Library
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

### Thursday, January 19th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	First Eucharist Meeting - EFF - Rm 110/Library
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

### Friday, January 20th

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Trivia Night Fundraiser Set Up - Main Hall - Kitchen
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary - Chapel - Mini Hall

### Saturday, January 21st

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
1:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Trivia Night Fundraiser - Knights of Columbus Food Preparation - Main Hall - Kitchen
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Trivia Night Fundraiser - Main Hall - Kitchen



### Saturday, January 14th

5:30 PM	†Frank & †Carlotta Garza, Randy Lobue, Deacon Vince Eklund & Deacon Derick Soares - 6th Anniversary of Ordination
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### Sunday, January 15th

7:30 AM	All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM	Bill & Barbara Clary, Jeffrey Levin – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Smart & Briggs Families
11:30 AM	†Ann Masterson, †Gwen Pope, †Felicidad Diza Domingo
4:30 PM	Ark Core Team, CAST Core Team, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin

### Monday, January 16th

8:30 AM	†Maria Vu Kim Xuyen, †Armandina Leos, All Souls In Purgatory
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### Tuesday, January 17th

8:30 AM	†Consuelo Gallegos, †Norbert Wilms, Alex Bridges
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### Wednesday, January 18th

6:30 PM	†Mary Shead, †Norbert Wilms, †Minerva Lopez
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### Thursday, January 19th

8:30 AM	†Goldie Witucki, Austin Martin – Birthday Blessings, †Denis DeGeorge
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### Friday, January 20th

8:30 AM	†Mike Vukelich, †Mary Mitchell Tarr, Deacon Derick – Birthday Blessings
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### Saturday, January 21st

5:30 PM	†Dan Foster, †Tony Diotalevi, †Kyle Almaguer
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### Sunday, January 22nd

7:30 AM	†Mary Rita & †Bob Zehentner, Sr., †Carol Tanouye, †Denis DeGeorge
9:30 AM	All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM	†Norma Fabi, Lucia Boone, Karen Berlinger
4:30 PM	†Scott Durham, Miles Libby, Frank & Mary Ann Provinziano

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 15

That we may faithfully live as God's stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb.

*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5*

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.





# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: December 24 - December 30, 2022

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$45,986.04

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$36,416.67

**Difference:** \$9,569.37

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$7,459.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$681.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$2,180.00

**Loan Balance as of January 9, 2023 was  
\$1,745,869.96.**

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

## Upcoming 2nd Collections

**January 22** - Latin America

**February 12** - Black and Indian Missions

## Diocesan Services Fund

### 2022 DSF Summary as of January 9, 2023

**Parish Goal:** \$178,500.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$199,132.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 415

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 991

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

### 2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 9, 2023

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$430,426.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$590,936.28

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,377

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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/](http://www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/)

## ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at  
[anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org).

## - 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**

### **Respect Life Holy Hour**

Sunday, February 12, 2023  
2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday, February 12, 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**

Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter.

When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

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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



[www.KofC8494.org](http://www.KofC8494.org)

**PREORDERS ONLY by Feb 3rd**

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

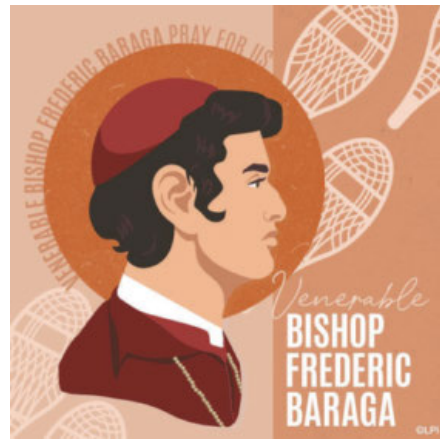
Pick-up: **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**

**February 12th 10:30-1:30**

KC Hall at 18625 Baker Rd.



Knights of Columbus Council 8494



### Venerable Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

Known as the Snowshoe Priest during his lifetime, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga was a lifelong missionary to Native American people in the Northern Midwest of the United States. As an immigrant to the United States and to the native populations he was stationed with, he'd often choose to use the mode(s) of transportation used by those he served. This devotion resulted in him trekking hundreds of miles every year using the Ojibwe's main forms of transportation — snowshoes and canoes.

Barga was an incredibly skilled linguist. He understood the importance of knowing the written and spoken language of whatever community he served and, so, became fluent in Ojibwe and Odawa, a dialect of Ojibwe spoken by the Ottawa people. He authored the very first Ojibwe-English dictionary and he also authored the first ever book published in the Ottawa language. His love for languages was inspired, in part, by his love of the people he served. Over his lifetime he converted over 1000 people, natives and European settlers, to Christianity. He became the first bishop of Marquette, seated in the Upper Michigan Diocese in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Upon his death only a couple years after being ordained bishop, even a snow blizzard couldn't keep hundreds of friends and mourners from paying their respects in person.

After his death, devotees started the Bishop Baraga Association. Over one hundred years later, in 1972, the Association presented reams of research and testimony to an official Church committee in Marquette to open the Cause for his sainthood. Following this, the Vatican officially recognized Baraga as a "Servant of God," and he is now being considered for Catholic sainthood.

#### *Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga*

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ's name.  
Amen.



## Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

*Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40*  
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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

### Observances for the week of January 15th

#### Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

#### Wednesday, January 18

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### Thursday, January 19

Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

#### Friday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

#### Saturday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

#### Sunday, January 22

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, January 15

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Monday, January 16

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday, January 17

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday, January 18

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday, January 19

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

### Friday, January 20

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday, January 21

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

### Sunday, January 22

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



## PRAY & REFLECT

### January 15, 2023

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir

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Spring 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen begins on Wednesday, January 25th from 5:45am-7:00am in the Main Hall.

This is the 6th Year of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is 'All Things New.'

Join us for food, fellowship and faith! All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is **FREE!**  
Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.

### **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**

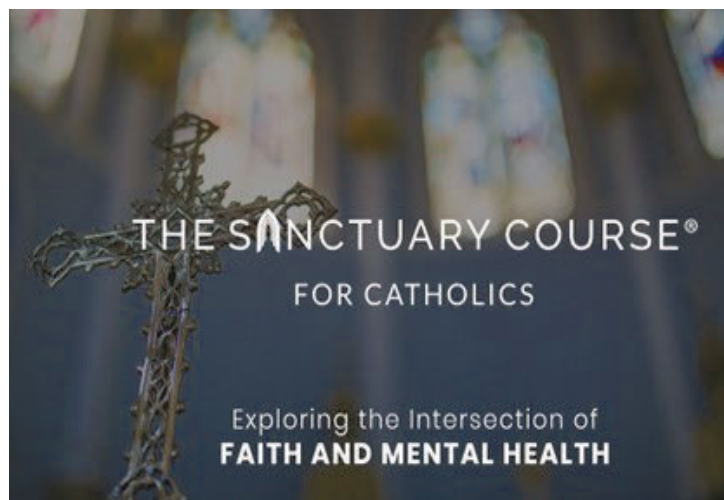
#### **MISSION THEME/ DESCRIPTION:**

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 website at [www.AlbertOFM.org](http://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](https://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](mailto:tryan@maryqueenchurch.org)

**Only one more week to buy your tickets!**

**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)

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



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**Tuesday and Wednesday Faith Formation Classes:**

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

**Tuesday Class Dates:      Wednesday Class Dates:**

Jan. 24th, 31st

Jan. 25th

**No classes on:**

**No classes on:**

Jan. 17th

Jan. 18th

**Sunday Classes**

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

**K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:**

Jan. 22nd, 29th\*

(\*RCIA 2 is from 10:45-11:45AM in the Youth Center)

**No classes on:**

Jan. 15th

**Your family is invited to join us for**

**Kindness is the REAL Global Warming**

**Guest speaker: Barbara Gruener**

An educator and counselor in her 39th year,  
Barbara will share with us her extensive  
knowledge on the best techniques to plant  
seeds of empathy, thoughtfulness, compassion,  
and kindness in our world today.

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

**\$10 per family**  
Donuts and  
coffee will be  
served

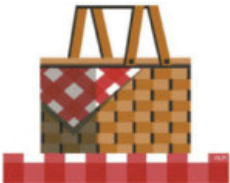
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# AROUND THE PARISH

## First Friday Family Fun!

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN is hosting Family Game Night on Friday, February 3rd from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Youth Center.



Please pack a picnic dinner for your family and bring a favorite game to play with others or try out a new game with other families.

If you and your family plan to attend the event, please RSVP here: [www.bit.ly/3QkVJpG](http://www.bit.ly/3QkVJpG).

## Linens Ministry

With the return of the Holy Eucharist in the Chalice, 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](mailto:grandoldname@aol.com).

## Silent Retreat

Did you make a spiritual resolution for the new year to attend a retreat? Are you looking for a way to connect with God in a unique way?

If so, the Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry is offering a silent retreat at the RUAH Spirituality Center run by the Sister's of Charity.

What: a Silent Retreat  
When: Saturday, February 4th  
Retreat Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

\*Meet at Mary Queen at 9am to carpool to Villa De Matel.

Lunch will be provided by the sisters.

Anyone wanting to participate must bring your proof of COVID vaccination card (convent rule), your bible, and a journal to write in.

A donation to the Sisters of Charity is recommended but not required. Please contact Jennifer Hammerle if you would like to attend by phone at 281-961-1896 or email at [jenhammerle@gmail.com](mailto:jenhammerle@gmail.com).

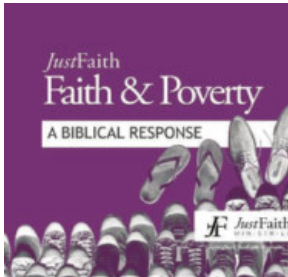
## January is Poverty Awareness Month

Learning about the very complicated issue of poverty in America can help create discussions and guide us toward solutions. It can also make us more sympathetic to our neighbors, acknowledging their dignity as a child of God, and drive us to do better to help our most vulnerable residents. Each week in January, we will share facts relating to poverty and true stories from our Mary Queen Food Pantry.



Nowhere in the U.S. can a worker earning the federal or prevailing state minimum wage rent a two-bedroom apartment without having to pay more than 30% of their income. In fact, a minimum wage worker must clock nearly 127 hours per week, more than three full-time jobs, to afford a two-bedroom rental, or 103 hours per week, more than 2.5 full-time jobs, to afford a one-bedroom, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

The week before Christmas, Evgenit, a young man from Russia, came to Mary Queen looking for assistance with gasoline. He was living in his van and the temperature was getting ready to be below freezing. Because of the continual support from Mary Queen parishioners, we were able to put this young man up in a hotel in Alvin for a week. His amazed expression turned to great joy realizing that he was going to have a warm place and a roof over his head during the cold and through Christmas.



How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways.

To participate in Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response (part of the JustFaith Catholic series), join one of our small groups at Mary Queen. Registration will begin later this month. For more information on JustFaith, visit: [www.youtu.be/CRWqV\\_KhwLQ](http://www.youtu.be/CRWqV_KhwLQ).

More information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Austgen at 281-482-1391 or [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org).

**The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17th.**





# EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

## Family Lenten Retreat

St. Charbel Youth Center  
March 4, 2023  
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Paul J. Kim



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### Early bird registration

\$30 per person  
\$120 max per family

### After Jan. 15th

\$40 per person

\*Lunch is included with  
all registrations

### Register here:



Additional details:  
[www.bit.ly/3BS8WjQ](http://www.bit.ly/3BS8WjQ)

### Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up Event

The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry invites you to join and volunteer your help at their Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up event on Saturday, January 21st at 7:30am.

We will meet at Mary Queen and carpool to our clean-up spot (FM 528 Sunset -San Joaquin). Please contact Jennifer Hammerle if you would like to help with the clean-up by phone at 281-961-1896 or email at [jenhammerle@gmail.com](mailto:jenhammerle@gmail.com).

### Fr. Sibi's Farewell Celebration

Last Sunday, January 8th, parishioners bid farewell to our former Parochial Vicar, Fr. Sibi, as he prepared to leave Mary Queen to become the Pastor at St. Theresa in Sulphur, LA.

Special thanks to all who played a part in putting on a wonderful event! You truly made the day special for him!

Please pray for Fr. Sibi as he begins his new role.





## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### 38th Annual MLK Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to the 38th Annual Mass of Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 15th at 3 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston TX 77002. The principal celebrant will be Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

### "Baby Shower" for Galveston County Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center

The Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women (BADCCW) invites all women to join them for a Baby Shower to support the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center in Galveston County. Hear Executive Director Carey Donnelly explain the program on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 at Mary Queen. The talk begins at 9:30 AM. Refreshments will be provided and raffle will be held. A business meeting begins at 10 AM, followed by the 30-minute film, "Lived On Parker Avenue."

Items suggested to donate: diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6, and baby wipes. The BADCCW are dedicated Catholic women who come together for fellowship, spiritual growth, leadership and service to Christ, His church and society. For more information, contact Marilyn Daniel at 713-412-8559.

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Day Winter 2023

Saturday, January 23, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
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English Sessions:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (addresses the updated procedures for the Restoration of the Chalice)
- Preparing the Lector: A Foundational Workshop for Lectors and Those Who Train Parish Lectors
- Hospitality Ministry
- Instituted Acolyte Day of Renewal (for current IAs)

Registration fee: \$30 if postmarked by January 8, \$40 if postmarked by January 22. \$50 walk-in registration if space is available on a first come first serve basis.

\*Registration fee includes lunch.

For more information and to register, visit our workshop page at [www.tinyurl.com/2p9br4tt](http://www.tinyurl.com/2p9br4tt).



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#### US Marine Corps:

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#### US Navy:

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#### US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service. **Thank you and God Bless America!**

### Communications Guidelines & Deadlines

For bulletin, website, social media, or eNews requests, please contact Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator, at [smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org) or call 281-482-1391.

Pulpit announcement requests should be sent via email to Sofia Medrano by the Tuesday before the requested mass date. Requests will be announced upon the pastor's approval.

Please send bulletin submissions by noon. Submission dates listed below. Submit Word, Publisher or PDF files only.

January 29—Already submitted

February 5—January 18

February 12—January 24

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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*



**In Memory of**  
**†Roel Quiroz, Sr.**  
**January 14th through January 20th**

We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn **"In Memory of..."** or **"In Honor of..."** a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.

*~ In Memoriam ~*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

**† Denis DeGeorge, Parishioner**

## 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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391.



## Reading the Bible

### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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## Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count.

The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.





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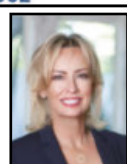
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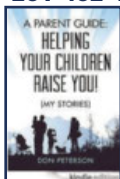
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