



January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BLESSED ARE
THE POOR IN

spirit;

THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS THEIRS!

Psalm 146



**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.

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 29th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF - Classrooms
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Private Baptism - Kidd - Church

Monday, January 30th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall - Kitchen
 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 113
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting - Rm 116
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting - Rm 117
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Rm 119
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, January 31st

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen
 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Joyful Lights - Mary's House
 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Lesson 19 - Make-Up - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
 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 - 8:30 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen

Wednesday, February 1st

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teen Ed. Walking With Purpose - Youth Center
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Thursday, February 2nd

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 6:30 PM - 8:30 AM Women's ACTS Directors Meetings - Rm 110/Library
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, February 3rd

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Family Game Night - Friday Family Fun Ministry -
 EFF - Youth Center

Saturday, February 4th

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Workshop - Mary's House
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Scouts Pinewood Derby - Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Pastoral Council Day of Prayer & Reflection -
 Youth Center
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, January 28th

5:30 PM †Roger Stanfield, †Wesley Souliere, Fr. Sibi – Birthday
 Blessings, Austin & Abbey Martin – Anniversary Blessing

Sunday, January 29th

7:30 AM †Antoinetta & †Tony Chavez, †Adril & †Benjamin
 Kloster-Caylor, John Lobue
 9:30 AM †Denis DeGeorge, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of
 Judy Hodges, Sheri Barber – Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †Jose Visitacion, †Joseph Swiader, †Denis DeGeorge

Monday, January 30th

8:30 AM †Velma Labrie, †William Prindiville, †Theda Hemmi,
 All Priests

Tuesday, January 31st

8:30 AM †Jean Lavoie, Allen Rowbottom, Deacon Chuck –
 8th Anniversary of Ordination

Wednesday, February 1st

6:30 PM Jean Russo, Eloy Guerra – Birthday Blessings,
 Carla Martin – Birthday Blessings, Cindy Willenborg –
 Birthday Blessings

Thursday, February 2nd

8:30 AM †Bernard Severino, †Tran Thom, †Helena Hurkalo

Friday, February 3rd

8:30 AM Randy Lobue, Leslie Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings,
 Josephine Krancher – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 4th

8:30 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, Kevin Sokora, Mary Queen Ministries
 5:30 PM †Hilman Reviere, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of
 Clint & Dottie Carlin, Norma Leos

Sunday, February 5th

7:30 AM Andy Kotch, Carlos Ibarra Luna – Birthday Blessings,
 Jose Miguel Camacho – Birthday Blessings
 9:30 AM †Mechtilde Hartmann, Paula Camacho – Birthday
 Blessings, Jeremy & Genelyn DePaolo
 11:30 AM †Jose Sepulveda, Lucia Boone, Carol Willenborg
 4:30 PM †Frank Raney, Glenn Hannigan, †Mary Campagna

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 29

That others can see we live as Christians by the way we
 act, dress and talk.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
 heaven." Matthew 5:3*

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in
 this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's
 providence and not depending on our own self-reliance.
 Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and
 comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity,
 sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying
 our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: January 7, 2023 - January 13, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$42,215.27

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,727.27

Difference: \$488.00

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,064.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$5,641.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$840.00

**Loan Balance as of January 23, 2023 was
\$1,736,354.90.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

February 5 - DSF Sunday (1st Commitment Weekend)

February 12 - Black and Indian Missions

February 20 - Future Development

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of January 23, 2023

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$199,452.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 416

Total Number of Gifts received: 995

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 January 23, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$434,235.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,406

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/

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at 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

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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

We speak about the foundation of all we are as a Church being the "mystery of Christ," however Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. For a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

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Friendswood
Community Drive -
Mary Queen Catholic Church
Sunday, February 12
8:00 am - 1:45 pm
Donor Coach

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Eva, blood recipient



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Blood Center

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PORK AND PIGSKIN

FUNDRAISER



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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Family Lenten Retreat

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

Featuring
National Catholic
speaker:
Paul J. Kim



Join us for a day of retreat and Mass to prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord. We will have talks designed for men, women, and children grades 4 and up.

Register here:

Registration is open now!

\$40 per person

*Lunch is included with all registrations



Additional details:

www.bit.ly/3BS8WjQ

Mary Queen Catholic Church
Vocations Ministry

Building a parish where the seeds sown by the Holy Spirit can flourish.

Planning and executing activities that bring prayer, affirmation and awareness to vocations.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Join us: MQVocations@gmail.com



The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words, "Blessed are the peacemakers," with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
— 1 Corinthians 1:27

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Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

The Knights of Columbus believe in the dignity and value of every human life, and we work tirelessly, through prayer and action, to support mothers and their children. Help us support mothers and babies in need by donating these items. Drop off donations in the Parish Hall.

- Clothes (newborn to age 3)
- Diapers (newborn to Pull-Ups)
- New diaper bags
- Avent Soothie Pacifiers
- Socks
- Infant mitts/gloves
- New baby mattress
- New crib
- New crib sheets
- New car seat infant or convertible
- New changing pads
- Formula
- Diaper cream
- Wipes
- Gift cards (Walmart or Target)
- Credit Card donations (see link below)



MaryQueen
Council #8494



Scan the QR code to donate
or visit www.bit.ly/3wdZvYU.

Daily Readings

Sunday, January 29

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, January 30

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday, February 3

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



PRAY & REFLECT

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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Spring 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen began 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.



How does the whole community get involved in the RCIA?

Everyone in the Catholic Church shares the responsibility of handing on our faith through:

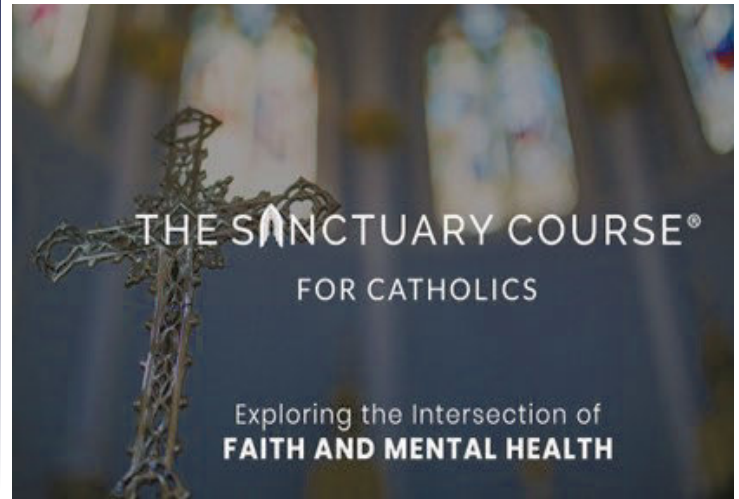
Evangelization: Catholics can share their faith with acquaintances and invite those seeking to experience more. We need to invite people personally and directly.

Catechesis: In casual conversation throughout our day with neighbors, co-workers and strangers we have many opportunities to explain what we believe.

Worship: On many occasions we pray for the catechumens and candidates and model our commitment to worship.

Service: By living our faith in service we give example to the world. By personally inviting catechumens and candidates to our homes, our meetings and our services we integrate them into the Catholic family.

We join as a body of believers to pray and serve. We use what personal gifts we have to welcome challenge and rejoice with catechumens.



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. Sessions started on January 17, 2023 and run 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 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:

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

Welcome all registered Jr High youth to Ark Sundays. All Ark meetings are from 3:00pm-4:15pm.

Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

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: Wednesday Class Dates:

Jan. 31st	February 1st, 8th
February 7th, 28th	March 1st, 8th, 29th
March 7th, 28th	April 5th, 19th, 26th
April 4th, 18th, 25th	

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

Jan. 29th*
 (*RCIA 2 is from 10:45-11:45AM in the Youth Center)
 February 5th, 26th
 March 5th, 26th
 April 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Sign-up today to receive a free copy of Barbara Gruener's book!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LEVELS 2 & 3 SPONSORS!

Trivia Night

LEVEL 2:
 Serra Club Members
 Sheldon and Joanna Krancher
 Scott and Terri Ryan
 Laura Distefano
 Jerome and Leslie Karam
 Martha Turner Sotheby's International,
 Leslie Buratti, Agent

LEVEL 3:
 Women's Ministry
 Knights of Columbus #8494

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

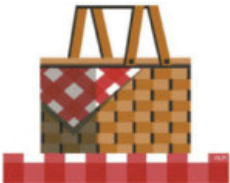
Register at:
www.bit.ly/bgkindness



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.



Family of the Month



The Browne Family

Interestingly, this family almost wasn't. Both George and Jen dreamed of religious vocations, but after discernment and prayer, each felt led to serve God in the vocation of marriage.

After meeting, falling in love, and marrying 27 years ago, they came to Mary Queen in 2007. The fruit of their love can be seen reflected all over Mary Queen in the smiles and activity of their seven children. David, their oldest, was a faithful altar server for years before leaving to play soccer professionally in Brazil. Katie is a university student in Arizona much of the year, and sings in the music ministry and serves as a student minister at the Newman Center. Patrick loves to usher the 5:30 Saturday Vigil Mass and hobnob with the Knights of Columbus. Brendan serves on the youth council as one of the chaplains. He is an experienced altar server, helping out wherever needed as cross bearer, thurifer, or Fr. Trey's 'wingman.' Hannah is also a member of the youth council and a part of the youth Mass choir. Megan may be best known for her cheerful hugs. Their youngest son, Michael, is an altar server. George may be heard occasionally playing trumpet for special Masses, when he can take time away from his allergy practice, Bless You Allergy, in Friendswood, which he has dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Brownes love to laugh and spend time together and are living witnesses that lives given to God are good, 'cool', and the greatest of all adventures.

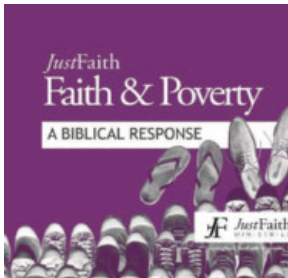
January is Poverty Awareness Month

Did you know:

- * 20% of adults with disabilities live in poverty in the United States
- * 19% of children live in poverty in the United States
- * 15% of all Texans live in poverty
- * 14% of senior citizens live in poverty in the United States



Patricia, a woman in her late 50s, needed help with her electric bill, so she came to Mary Queen looking for help for the first time in her life. Her roommate had died two months earlier and Patricia was not able to keep up with the bills by herself. She was visibly upset and didn't know how she was going to be able to pay all of her electric bill. The bill she was so worried about was \$67, an amount that may seem little to some but is so vital to another. Thanks to the generosity and continual support from Mary Queen parishioners, we were able to pay the entire bill.



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.

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

Silent 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 Sisters of Charity.

Don't miss this chance! Space is still available- register now!

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.

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.



Women's Ministry Day of Prayer and Reflection - "His Presence"

The **Women's Ministry** is teaming up with the
MQ Walking with Purpose team to host a Day of Prayer
and Reflection this year. We have a beautiful day
planned for you to spend time in prayer and reflection
with other women. Come see how Jesus is revealing
HIS Presence in your life to heal and transform you this
Lenten Season.

We will gather on February 18, 2023, at 10:00am in the
Parish Hall, lunch will be served, and we will end the
retreat attending 5:30pm Mass together as a faith filled
group of women.

To register and pay for this retreat please
follow the link below, scan the QR code,
or see the receptionist at Mary Queen.
The cost is \$20.00 per person.

www.bit.ly/3ZqioFc



If you have any questions, please contact Carla Martin at
carlaRmartin@sbcglobal.net or 713-907-6454.

**DEADLINE to register and make payment is
February 12, 2023.**

Valentine/
Mardi Gras Dance
Saturday, February 11th
Mary Queen Church Hall

Valentine/Mardi Gras Dance
7pm to 11pm

**Tickets are \$10 per person & will be
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ACTS Core Team - Positions Available!

Our ACTS community is an integral part of the Mary Queen
family in helping our fellow parishioners attain a deeper
relationship with the Lord through Adoration, Community,
Theology and Service. The ACTS Core Team supports this
mission by serving as the decision making body of the ACTS
community and is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers
who give of their time and talents to support our retreats,
directors, teams and retreatants so that we may all follow the
ACTS mission.

ACTS does not exist without a Core team of volunteers willing to
serve to keep the ministry alive and flourishing. Our Mary Queen
ACTS Core Team has several Core positions currently open and
we are looking for current members of the ACTS community to
step into these roles to help us continue to fulfill our commitment
to service. To serve on Core, a member should:

1. Be a practicing Catholic and a registered parishioner of
Mary Queen
2. Have attended an ACTS retreat and served on at least one
ACTS retreat team
3. Demonstrate servant leadership

The Core team meets monthly on the third Monday of the month
at 7 PM. The time requirement to serve as part of Core is limited.

We are accepting discernment forms for the following Core
positions: Co-Facilitator (woman), Retreat Support Coordinators
(woman- This position must be filled by a former retreat director),
Financial Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Communications
Coordinator, and Retreat Supply Coordinator (man).

Find descriptions of the open Core positions and the discernment
form at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/acts. If you are
interested in deepening your service to our MQ ACTS community
and want to apply for a Core position, please complete the form
and return to William Stone at wstone65@gmail.com. You may
also email William if you have any additional questions.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

World Day for Consecrated Life

All are invited to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on February 5 at 11 a.m. As we pray for consecrated men and women, we invite families and young people to reflect on how God might be calling them to co-create with him in his mission. Mass presided by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

Office of Aging Ministry

Annual Day of Prayer for Seniors

Tuesday, March 7th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Prince of Peace Parish
Theme: Refreshed & Renewed to Serve

The Day of Prayer will include Mass, presenters, reflection time, and lunch. Register by visiting www.bit.ly/3HkOTNZ. For information or assistance with registration, contact Becky Keels at 713-724-1075 or email bkeels0254@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth of African Descent Youth Day

Catholic Youth of African Descent Youth Day is a one-day event created to celebrate the giftedness and beauty of Catholics of African Descent within the local church of Galveston-Houston.

This year's theme is based on Matthew 17: 2 "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

The event will take place on March 4th from 11AM-6PM at St. Mary of the Purification. Register at www.bit.ly/3whf3e6.



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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.

Texas Catholic Herald

Did you see Mary Queen featured in the December 27th issue of the Texas Catholic Herald?

Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at www.archgh.org/digitaleditions or visit www.archgh.org/tch.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

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US Army:

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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. 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 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.

February 12—Already submitted

February 19—January 31

February 26—February 6

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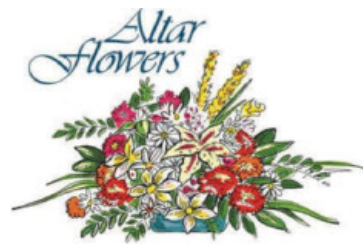
For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

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



**For All Those Living in Poverty
January 28th through February 3rd**

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.



*The flowers on the altar this weekend are in remembrance of
†Tony & †Antoinette Chavez
†Adril & †Benjamin Kloster-Caylor*

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.



GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART

Next week is Commitment Weekend where we all can support the Diocesan Services Fund. DSF is our opportunity as a community of faith to answer God's call, through His son Jesus Christ, to joyfully love and serve the needs of others. Through your support of DSF, you proclaim the Gospel, help provide 64 ministries that no one parish can do alone and remind all around you that God is the strength of our hearts.

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Want to learn to crochet? We will teach you. Don't have time for a lot of meetings? We will give you a project. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Dittrich at 832-282-6346 or at dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com.

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+) 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.



Saint Vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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The Daily Journey of Life

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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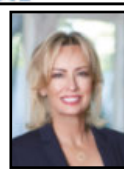
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