



February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LORD IS MERCIFUL.

PSALM 103

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



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

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.



February: Month of the Holy Family

Sunday, February 19th

6:00 AM - 11:00 AM Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Sale/Coffee & Donuts
Main Hall - Kitchen
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church

Monday, February 20th

Pastoral Offices Closed - President's Day Observance

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

Tuesday, February 21st

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
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Sanctuary Course for Catholics- AFF-Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule - 6:30AM; 8:30AM; 7:00PM - 12:00PM & 5:00PM - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
6:00 AM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM KC Fish Fry Planning Meeting - Mary's House

Thursday, February 23rd

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop - Mini Hall
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, February 24th

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM KC Lenten Fish Fry - Mini Hall - Main Hall - Kitchen
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Fr. Trey & Deacons - Church

Saturday, February 25th

Lenten Daily Masses - 8:30AM

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Eagle Scouts Court of Honor - Main Hall
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Emergency Management Committee Training Sessions-
Mini Hall
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, February 18th

5:30 PM †Pam Pesl, †Carol Lorange, Miles Libby

Sunday, February 19th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Wayne Norris, †John Morriss, †Roel Quiroz, Sr.
11:30 AM †Justin Springer, †Gwen Pope, †Linda Szabo
4:30 PM †Marlene Adelsperger-Gonzales, †Marjorie Prince,
John Cordary, Jr.

Monday, February 20th

8:30 AM †Minerva Johnson, †Cari Zansler, Nicolasa Arevalo –
Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, February 21st

8:30 AM †Manuel Garza, Jr. †Pedro Leos, Mary Jane Martinez

Wednesday, February 22nd

7:00 AM †Marcus Walker, †Ruth Cowait, †Teresa Huong
8:30 AM †Jesus Gudeloso, †Fe Soriano, Reina Garcia
7:00PM †Juliana Krajca, †Juan Carlos Pujalt, Timothy Buzby

Thursday, February 23rd

6:30 AM †John Hornik, †James Curdie, †Grace Rowland
8:30 AM †Alex Gudeloso, †Genevieve Baur,
†Candace Rechtmann

Friday, February 24th

6:30 AM †Tom Woods, †Jacob, Marisol Arellano-Enriquez –
Birthday Blessings
8:30 AM †Nathaniel Labrie, †Joe Hartman, †Orlando Perez

Saturday, February 25th

8:30 AM Allie & Chris Kennard, Lucy Matthews, Lou Porter
5:30 PM †Dan Foster, †Carolyn Norris, †Tony Diotalevi

Sunday, February 26th

7:30 AM †Huey Sims, †Adam Guyot, †Derek Szabo
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Vince Welling, †Joseph DeBonis, †George Trejo
4:30 PM †Jerry Brannen, †Theresa Loftin, Joey Guerra –
Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 19

That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don't always treat us well.

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: January 28, 2023 - February 3, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$25,325.99

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$23,250.00

Difference: \$1,975.99

MP-Debt Reduction: \$2,191.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$821.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,520.00

**Loan Balance as of February 13, 2023 was
\$1,676,676.94.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

March 5 - Future Development

March 12 - Easter Flowers

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of February 13, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$3,953.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 30

Total Number of Gifts received: 30

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 February 13, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$436,886.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,430

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

Wednesday 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, March 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, March 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

My pastor likes to say that his parents would always remind him to "leave a place you visited a little better than the way you found it." I have always tried to live by those words as well. The important word here is "tried" as I am sure that I have not always been successful.

The desire to always go a step further, to give even more than is required, is truly honorable. Jesus speaks to his disciples about this when he urges them to give more than what is asked and to travel two miles in service when all that was required of them is one. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live the same way. It is fundamental to understanding a stewardship way of life.

True generosity has no limits. When we say that mature disciples are to answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost, we are inviting good stewards to embody this type of generosity. We can be the person who does not respond to the call, be the person who responds and gives what is required, or, finally, be the person who seeks to give above and beyond what is required. God doesn't just give us what we need, but he gives us more than we need. Made in his image, we are called to do the same. If we try to live in this manner every day, then we might just succeed in leaving this world a little better than the way we found it.

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Hispanic Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, February 19th

After the Masses in the Parish Hall
Join us and support the Mary Queen

Hispanic Ministry!

Egg & sausage burritos

Egg & chorizo burritos

Egg & potato burritos

Tamales

Donuts

Coffee & Lemonade



==== Kid Zone =====

Coloring books table

Cornhole

Games table

Hula hoops

Looking forward to seeing you all!

On February 9th, Fr. Trey celebrated his 4th Anniversary of Ordination. Originally from the Friendswood area, he was ordained in 2019 at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Pearland. Read his full vocations story at

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/about-mary-queen.

We thank God for his vocation and ministry to Mary Queen! Congratulations Fr. Trey!



MARY QUEEN KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8494

CLAYS FOR A CAUSE

Supporting Friendswood community organizations

TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2023



12:30 PM REGISTRATION - 1:30 PM START

GREATER HOUSTON SPORTS CLUB

6700 MCHARD RD, HOUSTON

ENTRY FEE: \$250 INDIVIDUAL • \$1000 TEAM

INCLUDES AMMUNITION • LUNCH • RAFFLES • SILENT AUCTION

Free basic clay shooting instruction available

EVENT SPONSOR \$5,000 • Two Foursomes • Company name and logo prominently included in all promotional materials and communications • Opportunity to speak at the event • Option to include an item in player gift bags • Multiple sponsors welcome

CART SPONSOR \$2,000 • One Foursome • Company name or logo on all tournament carts • Recognition on event banners and in event program

BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$300 • Signage on beverage cart and beverage stand

STATION SPONSOR \$150 • Signage at a shooting station

To register or for more information contact

Keaton Chism • 832.470.0131 • keaton.chism@vectorcag.com

Anthony Dittrich • 281.808.5322 • anthonydittrich@gmail.com

Hosted By
Fr. Joe Everton, M.S.
& Br. David Eubank, M.S.

The Missionaries of La Salette present a

Come and Click

Online Discernment Event

Monday, March 6
7:30-8:30 PM ET
VIA ZOOM

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 Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? “Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What’s the use of trying so hard?

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that’s where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.”

— *Leviticus 19:2*

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Save THE Date! ©LPi

Fr. Jim’s 50th Ordination Celebration!

Sunday, May 14th

Following the 11:30 AM Mass

More information to follow.



Daily Readings

Sunday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 20

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 24

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren’t you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate? How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God’s love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can’t be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That’s why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

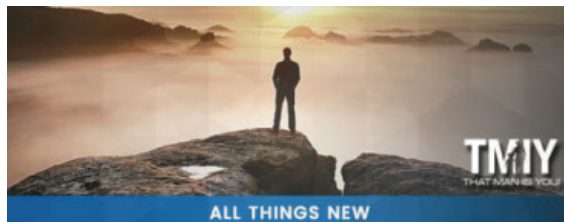
When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother’s heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It’s stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

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Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new."

The profundity of the Scriptures sets the stage for a renewal of mind and heart – a new creation story, a new Adam, a new Eve, a new covenant and even a new kingdom! Encounter God the Father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ in this New Year and allow mercy to consume your miseries.

Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Wednesday mornings from 5:45 am - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.

All men are welcome to Spring 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' Registration is FREE!

The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.



Archdiocesan Rite of Election - Volunteers Needed on Sunday, February 26, 2023

The Rite of Election is for the catechumens and candidates who are completing their period of preparation. They offer their names for enrollment as an expression of their wish to enter fully into the life of the Church. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the church acts.

Mary Queen Church is the host parish and bilingual volunteers are needed to greet and welcome our guests from the surrounding parishes of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Bilingual volunteers are also needed as Ushers and for Registration.

For more details & to sign-up, please contact:
 Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA -
ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391 x319.



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 runs through March 21, 2023.

To watch a promotional video, visit:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID2-NMSaGBw

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



The RCIA hospitality team needs your time and talent! We provide a meal each week for the RCIA sessions on Thursday evenings to promote a sense of togetherness and community for our catechumens and candidates who will be coming into the church at Easter and what better way to do that than breaking bread together. There are several ways to help: you can provide a home cooked meal, cater a meal, or even give a monetary donation. If you or your ministry would like to help, please contact Stephanie Hermes at (281) 610-6267 or email: stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com.



**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent
Catechesis & Evangelization**
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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. 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. 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.

CAST Mandatory Parent Night

Special Presentation by Kimberly Zember
from Overcome

Sunday, March 26th from 5:45-7:00pm
in the Church

All Ark Parents are also invited to join us for this
very important Catechetical Event



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:

February 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:

February 26th
March 5th, 26th
April 2nd, 16th, 23rd



FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Sacrament Classes are
beginning! These classes are for students who attended
First Reconciliation/Confession classes in the fall.

Opening Class is for both Parent and Child.

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM – Please be on time

Location: Main Hall

Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Classes

Student only classes:

Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

March 9th, March 23rd, March 30th, April 13th

Interviews for Parent and Child:

April 20th @ 6:30 PM

Professional Photographer (optional):

May 4th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Inside the Church

1st Holy Communion Rehearsal:

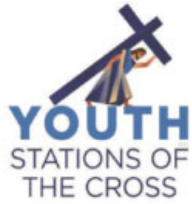
May 11th @ 6:30 PM inside the Church

**The Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take
place on Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 AM.**



AROUND THE PARISH

First Friday Family Fun!



FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN is hosting a Family Fish Fry Dinner and Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 3rd! Purchase your dinners and meet other families in the Mini Hall from 6:00-6:45 PM for dinner followed by Stations of the Cross from 7:00-7:30 PM in the church.

We are looking for families to sign up for the Stations of the Cross. Families will read a meditation that we will provide on the passion and death of Christ. The meditations are easy to read and recite for all ages.

Sign up for stations here- www.bit.ly/3lak9GW

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays During Lent
February 24th – March 31st
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

All parishioners, families, friends, and the public are invited to enjoy a \$15.00 Fried Catfish Box Dinner each Friday during Lent.

Location: Mary Queen Catholic Church Main Hall
 You May Dine-In or Take-Out

Purchase Tickets and Pick-up Meals in the Main Hall

Box Dinners will include American farm-raised catfish, cole slaw, hush puppies, French fries and sweet corn-on-the-cob.

Coordinated and prepared by the Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council 8494 as a charity fundraiser. Members of various Mary Queen ministries will assist.

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Holy Moments

“What is a Holy Moment?

A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.” -Matthew Kelly from Holy Moments

We were gifted this inspiring book, Holy Moments, at Christmas through our Parish Book Program. The JOYful Lights Study group will be discussing Part One, Awakening, on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. in Mary's House (at the back of Mary Queen property). All women are welcome to join us to learn from each other. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Sheri Barber at 713-824-8091 or Sandy Sorrell at 281-380-1176.



Knights of Columbus Mary Queen Council 8494 Announces 2023-2024 College Education Grant Applications

The Knights of Columbus are again pleased to announce the return of College Education Grant Applications for the school year beginning in the fall of 2023!

Applications will be available at the Parish reception desk during regular office hours or by contacting H. Dana Milburn at danamilburn@icloud.com. For an electronic copy of the application, please visit www.bit.ly/3JhYCGb.

Education Grants will be awarded to graduating high school students and college students who demonstrate financial need. Guidelines and requirements for the education grant applicants are included on the first page of the application.

Application Deadline: Fully completed applications and transcripts must be received by April 7, 2023.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Dana Milburn at 832-570-2165.



Save The Date!

Calling all women, please mark your calendars now! The next Women's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for May 18-21, 2023 at the Christian Renewal Center (CRC) in Dickinson, TX. Registration forms will be available soon.

ACTS Core Team - Positions Available!

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), Financial Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Communications Coordinator.

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.

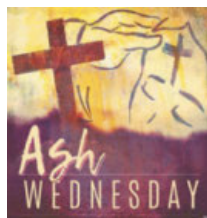
Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass Times

6:30 AM
8:30 AM
7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

12:00 PM
5:00 PM



*Due to our Ash Wednesday schedule, Benediction concluding Eucharistic Adoration will be at 6 AM. There will not be all-day Adoration on Ash Wednesday.

Masses Added During Lent

As in previous years, there will be a 6:30 AM Mass, Monday – Friday and an 8:30 AM Mass on the Saturdays of Lent. There are many Mass Intentions available for these additional Masses.

If you have reached your quota for the year, you may schedule additional Mass Intentions during any of these 6:30 AM Masses. Please see Anita in the office to schedule a Mass.

Walking Through Grief

The Ministry of Compassion at Mary Queen is offering a nine week DVD series, Walking Through Grief. This series is designed to supply tools to the bereaved for finding hope along this difficult journey. The classes will be held in Mary's House on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00PM and will begin on March 8. Walking Through Grief is open to all. This series will be facilitated by Dr. Venette Westhoven and Connie Austin MA-LPC.

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

Lenten Almsgiving

Charity is a frequent and important theme of the Gospels. As individual members of Mary Queen, each of us is called to focus more closely on almsgiving during Lent. Almsgiving is the outward action of donating money or goods to the poor as a reflection of your love for Jesus. This year during

Lent we are asking every person/family to donate the following items to our Food Pantry. When you come to Mass each weekend, please place the items in the Food Pantry Donation Box located in the church narthex. Items can also be dropped off at the Food Pantry Monday – Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

February 25/26	Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal
March 4/5	Peanut Butter and Jelly
March 11/12	Snacks, Crackers, Cookies
March 18/19	Soup, Chili, Ravioli, Spam, Tuna
March 25/26	Oil, Sugar, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
April 1 /2	Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life."
(Tob 12:8-9)



Family of the Month

The Salinas Family



Ron and Scherie both grew up in the Mary Queen community. Ron and Scherie are high school sweethearts and will be celebrating 24 years of marriage this June. Before marrying, they served in Youth Ministry at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Houston. After they married, Ron entered the U.S. Air Force

where he served for 8 years. After Ron discharged from service they returned to Mary Queen. Their sons, Zakary and Cristian, both made their First Communion and Confirmation at Mary Queen and have both served as altar servers at the parish. Zakary has also served alongside Ron as usher for the last 7 years and Zakary continues to serve on occasion when he is home visiting from Texas State university.

Currently, Ron stands as an usher captain at the 9:30 Mass.

Cristian began singing with the adult choir at age 8 when then choir director Russell Buldoc took him under his wing and helped him grow in the music ministry of the church.

Cristian has continued to sing with the choir and now cantors with the Life Teen Choir at the 4:30 Mass. Additionally at the 4:30 Mass, Cristian also serves as an EMHC and currently

stands as a co-president the of the Mary Queen Youth Council. Ron and Scherie have both taught CCE and Scherie continues to be a CCE teacher today. Scherie has served as a lector and an EMHC for many years. The Salinas family

also Feeds the Clergy and serves on the Bereavement Ministry when they are called upon to do so. They have also served the adoration ministry for more than 7 years. Lastly, the Salinas Family is honored and proud to be a part of such

a loving and generous community and plan to stay with Mary Queen for many years to come!

Food Pantry Volunteer Needed

The Food Pantry is in need of a Spanish/English speaker on Mondays from 10AM - 2PM. Please contact Chris Austgen at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or call the church office at 281-482-1391.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up Event

The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry invites you to help at the next Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up event, Saturday, February 25th at 7:30 AM.

Please contact Jennifer Hammerle for more information or if you would like to help with the clean-up by phone at 281-961-1896 or email at jenhammerle@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Bus Trip to the Houston Livestock Show & Fairgrounds

Wednesday, March 8th

Meet at St. Bernadette Catholic Church
15500 El Camino Real

The bus will leave at 8:45 AM and return at 4:00 PM.
Men & women 55 years of age or older are welcome.

Cost is \$15.

Food and rides will be on your own. (No concert)

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For more information or to RSVP by March 6th,
contact Susie Balfour at 713-254-2815 or
sbalfour2009@gmail.com.



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Magnify

All young adults are invited to join us for Magnify at
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on Saturday, April 1, from 12 to 7 p.m.

Magnify, formerly known as the Archdiocesan Young
Adult Day, will include a keynote speaker, workshops,
Mass, and time for social activities.

Early bird registration is \$40 (register by March 12) or
regular cost is \$50 (register by March 26). At the door
cost is \$60. All details for the day are available online at
www.archgh.org/magnify.



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Capt James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham
Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert,
Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez,
Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman,
A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey,
Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Capt James Gregory,
A1C Jasper Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer,
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A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge,
Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala,
Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell,
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2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth,
Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis,
SSgt Nicholas Wolford

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SN Rand Smith, CDR Mike Svatek, LTJG Kelli Svatek

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
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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.

March 5—Already submitted

March 12—February 21

March 19—February 28

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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.

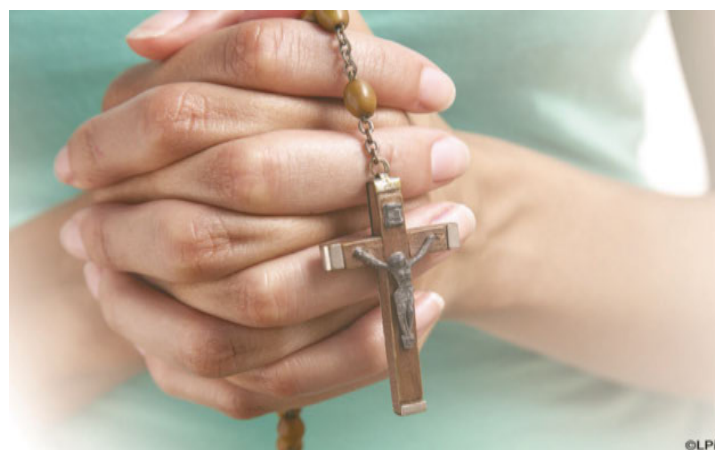
Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



***In Memory of
†Brandy Magos***

February 18th through February 24th

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.



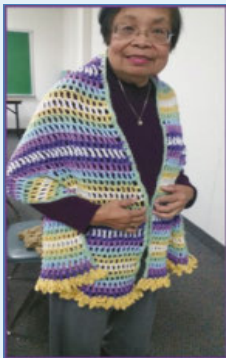
Prayer List Requests

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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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 Peggine 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.



Is Gossip a Sin?

Question:
Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:
To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment:

"You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Going the Extra Mile

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?



This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender. Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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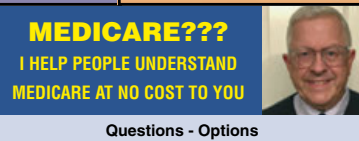
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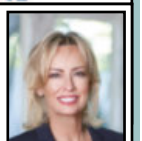
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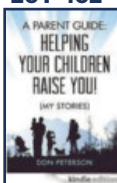


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