



February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

Be merciful,
O Lord.

PSALM 51

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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 26th

Boy Scouts Easter Lily Sales (After All Masses)
Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - ACTS Core Team
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF - Classrooms
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM RCIA-CCA Family Session Year 2 - Saints/Communion Practice - Youth Center
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Private Baptisms - Wilhelm/Ruiz - Church
 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Ark Junior High - Youth Center - Parish Center
 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Archdiocesan Rite of Election - AFF- Main Hall - Church
 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM CAST High School - Mini Hall - Youth Center

Monday, February 27th

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 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
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just Faith Group - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM KC Exemplification Ceremony - Mini Hall - Chapel
 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, February 28th

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
 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 10 Make-Up - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine" - AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen
 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, March 1st

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 6:00 AM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teen Ed. Walking With Purpose - Youth Center
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Finance Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church
 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Commissioning Mass - Chapel

Thursday, March 2nd

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Main Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, March 3rd

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Family Conference Speaker- Paul J. Kim- Mary's House
 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 - EFF- Church

Saturday, March 4th

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Family Conference Speaker- Paul J. Kim- Mary's House
 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Family Conference - Main Hall - Mini Hall - Youth Center - Classrooms
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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

Monday, February 27th

6:30 AM Lori Ungaro, Jim Walls – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez Families
 8:30 AM †Oscar & †Cecilia Rivas, †Harvey Jeffrey, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hitt Family

Tuesday, February 28th

6:30 AM †Josefina Arellano, †Charles Ganter, Jr. †Marian Ganter
 8:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Roger Stanfield, †Carl Hemmi

Wednesday, March 1st

6:30 AM †Danielle Dille, Lucy Cox, Micah Delaney
 6:30 PM †Makaisi & Saco families, †Thomas Gregory, Jr., †Rozalia Mazur

Thursday, March 2nd

6:30 AM †Gary Sims, †Tran Thom, †Amy Ganter
 8:30 AM †Cari Zansler, Erica Whelton, Social Ministry Volunteers

Friday, March 3rd

6:30 AM Irma Walton, Thomas Cunningham, Cory Ryan
 8:30 AM Wallace Hernandez, Bob & Jeannette Sama – Anniversary Blessings, Elodie Rideout – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 4th

8:30 AM †Donna Tylka, Mary Queen Ministries, Paula Wick
 5:30 PM †Sharon Vochoska, †Jim Curdie, †Genevieve Baur

Sunday, March 5th

7:30 AM †Kalman Szabo, Jim Walls – Birthday Blessings, Deacon Vince – Birthday Blessings
 9:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Bill Leighton, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, Souls in Purgatory, Joaquin Krancher – Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1st Sunday of Lent: February 26

That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: February 4, 2023 - February 10, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$64,436.62

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$54,750.00

Difference: \$9,686.62

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,589.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$791.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$870.00

**Loan Balance as of February 21, 2023 was
\$1,676,676.94.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

March 5 - Future Development

March 12 - Easter Flowers

March 19 - Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 26 - IGNITE Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of February 21, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$7,828.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 53

Total Number of Gifts received: 55

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 21, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$438,151.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,446

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

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse. But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

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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

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




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




First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But even now, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

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)

To register or for more information contact

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Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

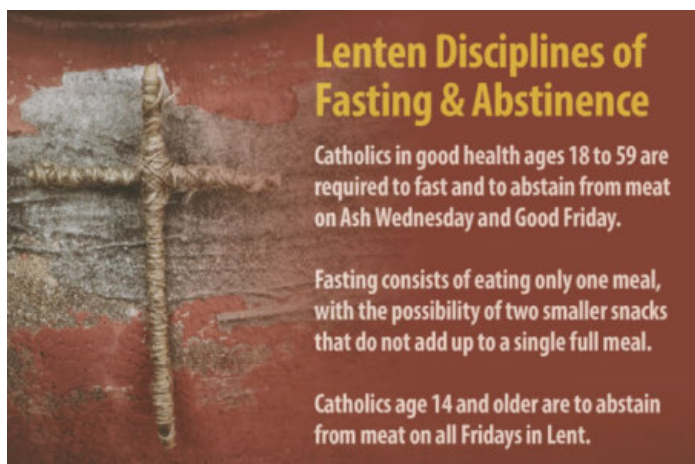
I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15

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Daily Readings

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

Monday, February 27

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 3

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have a firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

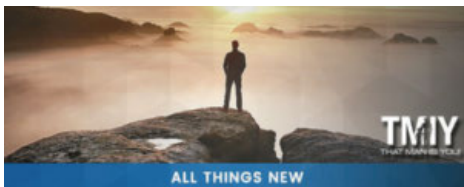
Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

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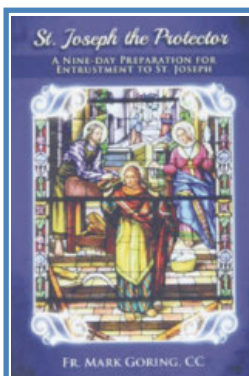
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All men are welcome to Spring 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Wednesday mornings from 5:45 am - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.

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.



The institutions of our world are under attack, the family is under attack, and even the Church is under attack. We need a defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a nine-day entrustment to Saint Joseph. This program will build your devotion to Saint Joseph whether you have previously consecrated to him or not. After the Blessed Virgin Mary, there is no saint in the Catholic Church who is more highly honored than Saint Joseph.

This nine-day entrustment will follow the book by Father Mark Goring, *St. Joseph the Protector*. The book will be made available to participants. The group will meet for 30-45 minutes a day from March 11th-19th.

When we entrust ourselves to Saint Joseph, we are imitating Jesus and Mary who entrusted themselves to this just man. Those who have a devotion to St. Joseph, like St. Faustina, "feel his special protection." He can also be your protector.

To register, please contact - Eby Kurian:
ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

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.



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Continues to meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Mary's House. Sessions started on January 17, 2023 and run through March 21, 2023.

Please contact Eby Kurian if you would like to participate.



Rites of Sending, Election, and Call to Conversion

On this first Sunday of Lent, and after a period of formation of the Catechumens' and Candidates' minds and hearts, these rites are celebrated - The Rite of Sending and The Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord, Jesus and be Baptized.

The Rite of Sending, held during the Sunday, February 26th at 11:30 am Holy Mass, Adult Catechumens are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. Those who are already Baptized had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. The Adult Candidates are called to Continuing Conversion and state their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist table. This Rite offers Mary Queen's community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the Catechumens and Candidates have made, express approval of their elections or recognition, and send them forth to our Cardinal with assurance of our care and support. Across the entire world, Catholic Bishops welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their Godparents and Sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion, held this evening at 7:00 pm hosted by us at Mary Queen, celebrates the Lord's choosing of men, women, and children who, with the help of the Church, acknowledge God's election of them for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and preparation to be received into Full Communion. These Rites mark the beginning of the final period of intensive Scriptural preparation of the Elect and Candidates prior to celebrating Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.



**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:

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:

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 7th, 28th
April 4th, 18th, 25th

March 1st, 8th, 29th
April 5th, 19th, 26th

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

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

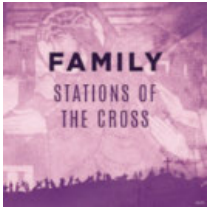
1st Holy Communion Rehearsal:

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.

**PLEASE COME & SUPPORT YOUR KNIGHTS
 AND YOUR CHURCH MINISTRIES!**

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.



Happy 92nd Birthday,
 Jim Walls!

Jim Walls' birthday was celebrated by Father Jim and several Ministry of Care members on February 16th at Morada Senior Living. Father Jim gave a birthday blessing and a round of Happy Birthday was sung while he blew out the candle on his birthday cupcake. Happy Birthday, Jim, and many more!

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.

Join the Mary Queen **Vocations Ministry!**

The ministry works to bring prayer, affirmation, and awareness to vocations. For more information or to join, contact MQVocations@gmail.com.





**The Mary Queen Lenten Penance Service
is scheduled for March 21, 2023
at 7 PM in the Church.**

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

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, and 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.



Our Mary Queen Parish Mission entitled THE THREE CHALLENGES OF JESUS with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, was greatly attended! Over the course of three nights, he covered

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.

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the Parish Mission. We are very grateful for your generosity in making this event possible! It could not go on without your support. If you would still like to donate to the Parish Mission fund, please visit www.bit.ly/3YDCL0L or donate through our app.

MQ Pastoral Council Needs Your Support!

INVITATION TO NOMINATE

LIFETIME PARISH SERVICE AWARD

The Pastoral Council wishes to honor one person or couple each year with a special recognition – the Mary Queen Lifetime Parish Service Award. The nominee should be an individual or couple who has given of their time and talent to make Mary Queen Church a more vibrant gospel community over their years as a registered member of the parish. The nominee must be a registered, confirmed member with a minimum of 25 years at the parish, and cannot be a member of the Pastoral Council or the Pastoral Staff. The Pastoral Council will confirm the good works of the nominees with the Pastor and Parochial Vicar before the final selection of the recipient.

2023 Lifetime Parish Service Award Nomination Forms can be submitted online, from the Mary Queen website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/mary-queen-councils.

Paper nomination forms can also be submitted in the drop box at the welcome desk in the church Narthex or in the drop box at the Reception desk in the Parish Center. Paper nomination forms will be located next to the drop box. **The deadline for submission of forms is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 10th, 2023.**

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Family Life Ministry Day: See How They Love One Another!

Love for one another has been the hallmark of true Christians since ancient times. Christ's new commandment has been taken to heart bringing joy, peace, faithfulness, and much other fruit to our families across the ages. Family Life Ministry leaders invite all married couples and individuals involved in Parish Ministries to rekindle this love by participating in a day of praise, reflection, fellowship, and enrichment.

Saturday, March 4th, 2023, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
(including Sunday Mass)
St. Dominic Center's Auditorium
2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77021
Cost: \$35 individual; \$60 per couple
(includes breakfast and lunch)
Register here: www.archgh.cventevents.com/FLMDAY

Magnify

All young adults are invited to join us for Magnify at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston) 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.



"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into

your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 5-7, 2023, or November 3-5, 2023. Contact Lia Nguyen at 832-314-8801/ lia.nguyen@lighthousealttytx.com or Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014/ brian.tina.little@wwme.org for more information. An inviting video may be viewed on our website at <http://houstonme.org>.

Texas Catholic Herald

One of our Mary Queen parishioners, Cameron Culling, was featured in the February 14th issue of the Texas Catholic Herald for his work supporting the Gabriel Project!

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

US Air Force:

A1C Jake Ainsworth, SSgt Chris Aubuchon, 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, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, MAJ Michael Moad, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas MAJ Brian Y'Barbo

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, CPL Michael Gray, Lt Col Andrew Kelemen, 1stLt Jacob Perez, Maj Norman Renfro

US Navy:

PO1 Chase Bourque, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., 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 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.

March 12—Already submitted
March 19—February 28
March 26—March 7

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Payten Alaniz
Jose Arellano

Dolores Bolanos
Toni Brown
Travis Bury
Timothy Buzby

Diana Chenevert
Clarence Christ
Dawn Copley
Corlett Family
Lloyd Cormier
Manuel Corona
Annabella Cosas
Thomas Cunningham

Makaylee Delano
Genelyn DePaolo
Jeremey DePaolo
Richard Dernulc
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Julie Tinney
Rose Trevino

Unborn In The Womb

Zoe Vontour
Emil Vrana

Jeff Weller
Elisa Williams
Carol Willenborg

David Zwingman

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
†Evangeline & †Augustine Castillo
February 25th through March 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.

~ In Memoriam ~

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

† Thomas Earle Gregory, Jr., father of Joe Gregory

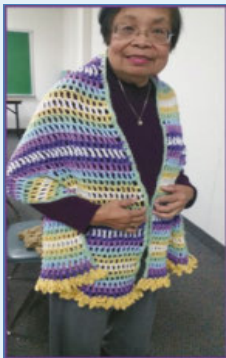
Prayer List Requests

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.



**Mary's Chain of Love Ministry
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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.



Lenten Reading

Question:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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Be A Mindful Steward

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.



One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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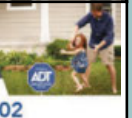
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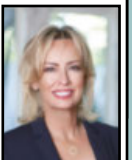
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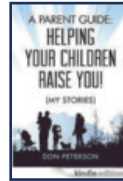
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