

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice,
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
Hearts.

Psalms 95

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

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

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

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

Daily Rosary

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

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

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.



March: Month of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 12th

Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Holy Communion Make-Up Class - Mary's House

Monday, March 13th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall - Kitchen
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, March 14th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115
 4:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 6:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Sanctuary Course for Catholics - AFF-Mary's House

Wednesday, March 15th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 6:30PM
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Walking Through Grief - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, March 16th

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Queen's Bee Quilters Workshop - Mini Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, March 17th

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM KC Lenten Fish Fry - Mini Hall - Main Hall - Kitchen
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Fr. Jim - Church

Saturday, March 18th

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Lenten Daily Masses - 8:30AM
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Nine-Day Entrustment to St. Joseph Novena - Mary's House



Saturday, March 11th

8:30 AM †Brian Phifer, Mary Queen Staff, Earthquake Victims in Turkey & Syria
 5:30 PM †Juliaa Krajca, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Smart Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Gleeson Family

Sunday, March 12th

7:30 AM †Adam Guyot, †Gene Knapp, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin
 9:30 AM †Anne Kouba, †Allen Brandt, Kyle Post-Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Joe Hartman, †Justin Springer, †Juan Carlos Pujalt
 4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, March 13th

6:30 AM †Addie Richmond, †Barbara Lynne Alston, Agnes Lotz
 8:30 AM †Irby Banquer, †Manuel Garza, †Robert Narloch

Tuesday, March 14th

6:30 AM †Judith Cutrer, †Josh Clark, †Thomas Gregory, Jr.
 8:30 AM †Bernard Severino, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Starling Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Billie & Millie Talley

Wednesday, March 15th

6:30 AM †Barbara Lynne Alston, Maria King, Maria Fogarty
 6:30 PM †Alejandro Bunao, Jr., †Ernie Heeb, †Jason Sybert

Thursday, March 16th

6:30 AM Ora Curdie, †Barbara Lynne Alston, Hunter Harris
 8:30 AM †Sama Family, Mickey Gregory, Thomas Cunningham

Friday, March 17th

6:30 AM †Barbara Lynne Alston, Frances Collins, †Bob & †Rosemary Austgen
 8:30 AM †Joe Hartman, †Daniel Jansky, Living & Deceased Loved One of Austgen & Ganter Families

Saturday, March 18th

8:30 AM †Armondo Burgos, Halverson Family, Rodney Gregory
 5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, March 19th

7:30 AM Miles Libby, †Josh Clark, †Prudence Lobo
 9:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Georgia Handwerk, Hilary Richards, †Manuel Crespo, Jr.
 11:30 AM †Hao Leba, Charles & Philomena St. George, †Gwen Pope
 4:30 PM †Frank Raney, Glenn Hannigan, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent: March 12

That we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: February 18, 2023 - February 24, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$34,805.21

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$35,416.67

Difference: (-\$611.46)

Offertory: February 25, 2023 - March 3, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$43,484.81

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,416.67

Difference: \$7,068.14

Offertory: February 18 - March 3, 2023

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,498.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$4,658.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,395.00

**Loan Balance as of March 6, 2023 was
\$1,676,676.94.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

March 19 - Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 26 - IGNITE Sunday

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 7 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of March 6, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$24,243.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 94

Total Number of Gifts received: 102

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 March 6, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$442,054.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,472

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.



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, this **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

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

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CLAYS FOR A CAUSE

Supporting Friendswood community organizations

TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2023

 **Knights of
Columbus**

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

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Anthony Dittrich • 281.808.5322 • anthonydittrich@gmail.com

Sponsor a First Responder

to participate in the Knights of Columbus Clays for a Cause event March 21st
\$1000 per team / \$250 per person

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Own a business?

We need your help - become a sponsor for the Knights of Columbus Clays for a Cause on March 21st

Available sponsorships include:

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Third Sunday of Lent

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.



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.

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)



The Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unaware that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil, it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess Him.

"We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5

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Daily Readings

Sunday, March 12

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 13

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 19

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



PRAY & REFLECT

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March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fought with each other. They accused God of being a monster who wanted them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drove them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responded by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flowed to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

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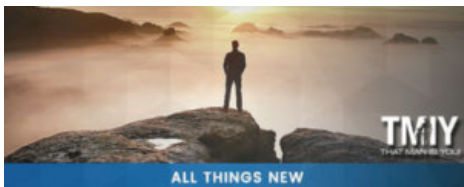


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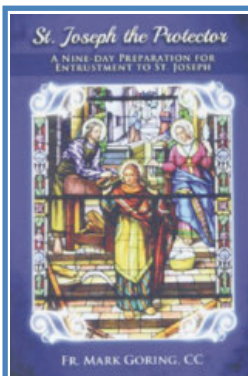
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All men are welcome to Spring 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' Join us for food, fellowship and faith on Wednesday mornings from 5:45 am - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.

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.

Thank You for Your Hospitality
and Generosity

Thank you for volunteering for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election!

It was a beautiful liturgy where we had the privilege to witness the renewal of our Catholic Faith and growth in our Church! These new Elect and Candidates continue their Journey of Faith as they move to the third stage in the RCIA process called 'Purification and Enlightenment'.

Mary Queen again welcomed our guests with joy and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and patience. This Liturgy would not have been as successful without your help. Let's continue praying for one another, the catechumens, and candidates we are accompanying.

May this Lent be a prayerful and contemplative season so that we may arrive at the joy of Easter refreshed and ready!

From the Mary Queen RCIA team, myself, and our Elect and Candidates, thank you for your support in this process and commitment to Mary Queen Catholic Church.

Eby Kurian



Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization
 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317
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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. 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. 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:
March 28th	March 29th
April 4th, 18th, 25th	April 5th, 19th, 26th

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

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



FIRST COMMUNION

Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Classes

Student only classes:

Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 (Bring your Bibles each week!)

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

*March 23rd - Class begins at 6 PM

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



The First Friday Family Fun Ministry invites you to an evening of yummy fun with family and friends!

Pajamas, Pancakes, and Prayers

Friday April 14th (2nd Friday this month)
6:00-8:00 PM in the Mary Queen Main Hall

Please RVSP to Carol Stuart at
cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org.

Masses Added During Lent

As in previous years, we have
a 6:30 AM Mass,
Monday – Friday and an 8:30 AM
Mass on the Saturdays of Lent.

We still have 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. Classes began
on March 8th and are held in Mary's House on
Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00PM. 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



Camera Crewmembers Needed

We are in need of substitutes for our regular
Livestreamers. We are especially in need of those who
can volunteer during the week for daily Mass and for
funerals. No experience is necessary! We will train you to
use the equipment and software. For more information,
contact Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator, at
smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr. Sibi's Pastoral Installation

Save the Date!

Our former Parochial Vicar, Fr. Sibi, will officially be
installed as Pastor of his new parish, St. Theresa in
Sulphur, LA on March 25th at the 4 PM Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Lenten Friday.
After consideration of the traditions often related to this
festive holiday, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo is granting a
dispensation from meat on March 17, 2023 for local and
visiting faithful in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
Cardinal DiNardo is asking Catholics who are required to
abstain from meat on Friday to do an extra act of charity
or penance in exchange for eating meat.

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Tickets will be made available at the Reception desk.
You do not need to be present to win!



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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

4:30 PM

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM*

12:00 PM

*An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:00 AM Mass.

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.



Looking to make your Lent more fruitful? Check out our list of Lenten activities happening throughout our parish.

Stations of the Cross

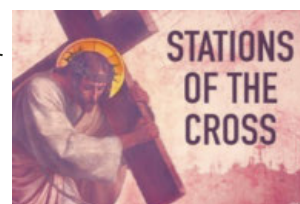
Join us for the remaining Friday evenings in the season of Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the church.

See our schedule:

Friday, March 17th - Fr. Jim

Friday, March 24th - La Salette Laity

Friday, March 31st - Youth Ministry



Lenten Fish Fry

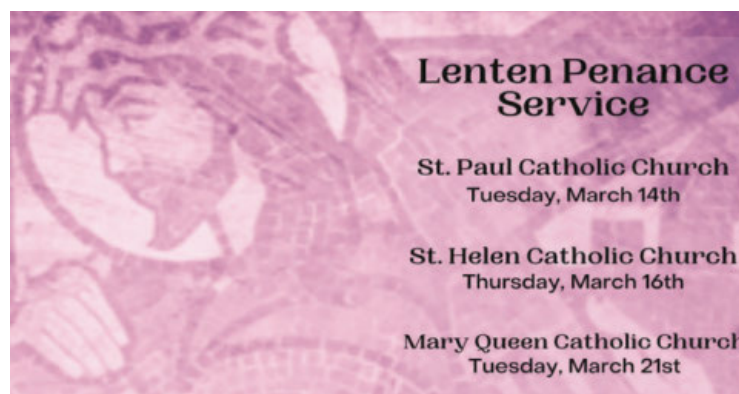
**Fridays During Lent
February 24th – March 31st
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
in the Main Hall**

\$15.00 Fried Catfish Box Dinner

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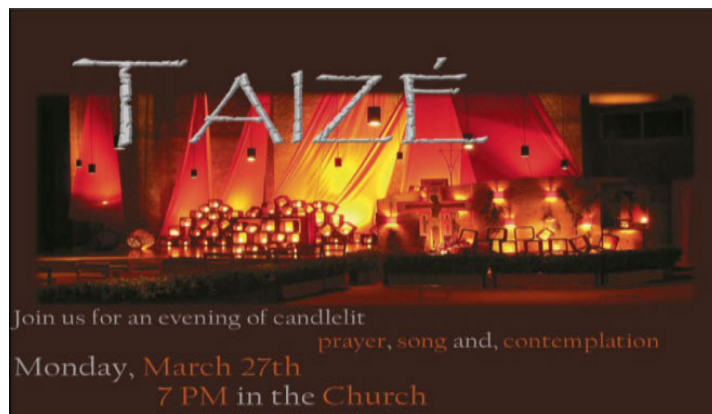


Lenten Penance Service

**St. Paul Catholic Church
Tuesday, March 14th**

**St. Helen Catholic Church
Thursday, March 16th**

**Mary Queen Catholic Church
Tuesday, March 21st**



Join us for an evening of candlelit

prayer, song and, contemplation

Monday, March 27th

7 PM in the Church

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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.

Catholic Women's Conference

Faith ~ Fun ~ Fellowship ~ Food

Saturday, March 25

9:30 AM – 5 PM

St. Mary's Seminary

Cost: \$59

Early registration is now open!

Register at www.ghcw.org

Speakers: Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, Lisa May, and Kim Brown

Presented by Archdiocese Galveston-Houston Council of Catholic Women G-H ACCW



"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

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Shepherd Program

As a caregiver for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, Autism, dementia or other mental impairment, you already face many challenges. If one of those challenges involves your loved one wandering away from home, Friendswood Police Department would like to be prepared to locate that person as soon as possible.

In response to a growing population fitting into these categories, Friendswood Police Department has a voluntary program designed to collect critical information in advance of a missing person search. For more information on the Shepherd Program and to register, download an application and program brochure at www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/276/Shepherd-Program.



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

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US Army:

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US Marine Corps:

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US Navy:

PO1 Chase Bourque, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith, CAPT Mike 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 26—Already submitted

April 2—March 13

April 9—March 17

We Pray For

Andrew Abelinda
Payten Alaniz
Mildred Andrykovitch
Jose Arellano

Dolores Bolanos
Toni Brown
Travis Bury
Timothy Buzby

Charles Chavez
Rachel Chavez
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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
†Pat Thomas
March 11th through March 17th

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

† Mary Mendez, mother of Mary Ann Chavez

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.



Easter

Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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Be A Grateful Steward

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.



But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that it fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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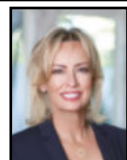
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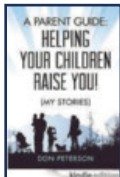
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