

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the Lord
there is
mercy and
fullness of
redemption.

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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 26th

Holy Spirit Women's ACTS Retreat Bake Sale (After All Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
5:45 PM - 7:30 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Youth Ministry Guest Speaker
EFF - Classrooms
RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
Just Faith Group - Rm 110/Library
CAST High School - Mini Hall - Youth Center
Youth Ministry Presentation - Church
First Holy Communion Make-Up Class - Mary's House

Monday, March 27th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
Youth Ministry Guest Speaker
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
Special Friends Program - Fire Drill - Main Hall- Kitchen
Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120
Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115
Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 119
Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118
Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting - Rm 116
Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting - Rm 117
Just Faith Group - Bride's Room
ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113
Taize Service - Church

Tuesday, March 28th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM
4:30 PM
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115
WWP - "Touching The Divine" - AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen
Joyful Lights - Mary's House
EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
Lesson 7 & 8 - Year One Parent Night - Make-Up -
Mandatory - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
Holy Spirit Women's ACTS Music Team - Mary's House
Holy Week Rehearsal for Altar Servers - Church
Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church
WWP - "Touching The Divine" - AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen

Wednesday, March 29th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 6:30PM
"That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
Just Faith Group - Main Hall
EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
Walking Through Grief - Mary's House
Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, March 30th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
Teen Stations Rehearsal - Church
Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House
First Communion - EFF - Church - Chapel - Main Hall
RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, March 31st

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
5:00 PM - 6:45 PM
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lenten Daily Masses - 6:30AM & 8:30AM
Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115
RCIA Holy Week Retreat - AFF - Mary's House
RCIA Holy Week Retreat - AFF - Chapel
KC Lenten Fish Fry - Mini Hall - Main Hall - Kitchen
Stations of the Cross - Youth Ministry - Church

Saturday, April 1st

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM
Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses
Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
RCIA Holy Week Retreat - AFF - Main Hall - Kitchen
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
RCIA Holy Week Retreat - AFF - Chapel
Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, March 25th

8:30 AM †James C. Potter, Jr., †CJ & †Betty Lawrence,
†Rives Benoit
5:30 PM †Dan Foster, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth
Drone, Beth Drone – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, March 26th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Richard Benavides, †Pat Wilson, Tobie Bauve –
Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Bob Spector, Lucia Boone, Terry Moors
4:30 PM †Mary Campagna, †Marian Spozio, †Prudence Lobo

Monday, March 27th

6:30 AM Kris Lozano, Abe Soria, Artie Soria
8:30 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, †Oscar & †Cecilia Rivas,
Vera Smart – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 28th

6:30 AM †James C. Potter, Jr., †Larry & †Wendy Hrcir, Jeff Morrey
8:30 AM †Lydia Ledesma, Theresa Rodriguez, Landon Tinney

Wednesday, March 29th

6:30 AM †Ernest Trevino, Alice San Giacomo, Ruben Martinez
6:30 PM †Josh Clark, Frances Miranda, †Maria Garcia Lozano

Thursday, March 30th

6:30 AM Maria Fogarty, Matt Fogarty, Hiep Nguyen
8:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Harold Doiron, Evangelina & Paul
Castillo – 70th Anniversary Blessings

Friday, March 31st

6:30 AM †Minerva Johnson, †Peggy French, Hiep Nguyen
8:30 AM †Oscar Clarin, Ann Hartman, Steve Ridout–Birthday Blessings

Saturday, April 1st

8:30 AM †James C. Potter, Jr., Mary Queen Ministries,
Charles Ganter – Birthday Blessings
5:30 PM †Stillisano Family, †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Tony
Diotallevi, Harold & Joan Fattig – 67th Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, April 2nd

7:30 AM †Mlan & †Dorothy Hornik, †Pauline Arcanin, †Mary Rita &
†Bob Zehentner, Sr.
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Maria Lozano, †Agripina Melendez, †Dr. Charles &
†Philomena St. George
4:30 PM †Maria Morales, Aly George, Leslie Karam–Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5th Sunday of Lent: March 26

That we open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives and become "partakers of the divine nature."

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: March 11, 2023 - March 17, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$69,357.88

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,727.27

Difference: \$27,630.61

MP-Debt Reduction: \$982.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$478.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$6,427.00

**Loan Balance as of March 20, 2023 was
\$1,666,412.95.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 7 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 16 - Future Development

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of March 20, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$30,096.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 125

Total Number of Gifts received: 139

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 20, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$444,875.00

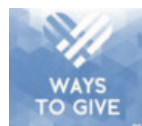
Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,497

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.



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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, April 9, 2023
2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday, April 9, 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 am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

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5th Sunday of Lent

Are you asleep?

Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died.

Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God.

What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and returned to live with his loved ones?

As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.



Lenten Almsgiving

For the final weeks of Lent, please consider donating 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 25/26	Oil, Sugar, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
April 1 /2	Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

Holy Thursday Almsgiving Donations for the Homeless

During the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, parishioners will be invited to bring their donations for the homeless to the altar. The following items are being requested:

Small/travel size Shampoo, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Combs, Tissues, Disposable Razors, Wipes, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Items, Lip Balm, Hand Towels.

If you are unable to attend the Holy Thursday Mass, items may still be donated during Holy Week.

Earth Day with Creation Care Ministry!

Kick off April with the
MQ Creation Care Ministry at a
Texas-Sized Highway Clean-up!
April 1st from 7:00-9:30AM

Join the Creation Care Ministry for two
family-friendly activities on Earth Day 2023!

April 22, 2023
**9-11 AM - Clean-up and
 Beautification of the
 Mary Queen grounds**

**6:30-8:30 PM - Join us for the
 documentary, The Letter, pizza
 and fellowship**

Scan the QR codes to sign up or contact
 Jen Hammerle for more information at
jenhammerle@gmail.com.



Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

"You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit."
— Romans 8:9

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Daily Readings

Sunday, March 26

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 27

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 30

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 31

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



PRAY & REFLECT

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March 26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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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!

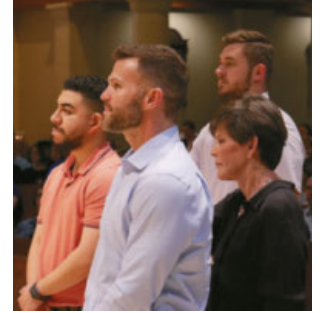
Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.

The 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.



Please remember all the Elect & their Godparents, RCIA Candidates & their Sponsors, and Adult Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors in your prayers as they will all be in the RCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat starting the evening of Friday, March 31st and ending on the evening of Saturday, April 1st.
 –RCIA Team

Photos from the Rite of Sending of the Adult Catechumens and Candidates celebrated on February 26th, the First Sunday of Lent during the 11:30 AM Holy Mass.



Photos from the Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion presided by Cardinal DiNardo on February 26th, the First Sunday of Lent at 7:00 PM hosted here at Mary Queen.



Photos courtesy of Tommy McKenna. View more pictures on our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/parish-photos.



Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization
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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:

Apr. 2nd, 16th, 23rd

*No class on Mar. 26th. Ark parents are invited to CAST's Special presentation on the evening of 3/26.



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
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Tuesday and Wednesday Faith Formation Classes:

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

Tuesday Class Dates: March 28th
 April 4th, 18th, 25th

Wednesday Class Dates: March 29th
 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 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.

VBS Camper Registration is now closed!
 All spots have been filled.

Spots are still available for VBS Volunteers.
 Volunteer registration is open for all individuals going into 6th Grade and older.

If you are interested in helping volunteer, please visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/vbs to register today!

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.

The nursery will be closed

Sunday, April 9, 2023 so that the staff may enjoy the holiday with their families.

Open Staff Position: Nursery Assistant Adult Help Wanted

If you love working with children, 1-3 years of age, this could be your opportunity to do so.

The Mary Queen Nursery has an opening for 1 or 2 Sundays a month for the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses and other special occasions throughout the year.

The applicant must be 18 years or older and be CMG Certified or willing to obtain certification after being hired.

For more information or to apply, please contact Noelia Murphy, Nursery Coordinator, at
noelia_murphy@yahoo.com.



Mary Queen Women's ACTS Retreat

May 18-21, 2023
Christian Renewal Center
in Dickinson, TX

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon You." ACTS 1:8

Registration forms are now available for the next Women's ACTS Retreat and can be found at the front desk in the Parish Hall and the welcome desk in the church Narthex. You can also find a copy on the Mary Queen website. Scan the QR code



or visit www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/acts.

For questions, please contact Pam Crossan at
Pam.Crossan58@yahoo.com.

Register today! Spots fill up quickly!

Mary Queen Women's Ministry Scholarship

If you are a graduating senior or a college student and your family is a Mary Queen parishioner, you are invited to apply for a \$500 scholarship!

Applications can be found at
www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry.

Application deadline: Friday, April 28th at 5:00 PM.
If you have any questions, contact Yvette Camarillo at 832-385-4432.

Suzie Blake Outstanding Christian Leadership Award

The Mary Queen Women's Ministry is seeking nominations for deserving high school seniors who show good leadership traits at home, in their church, in the community and at school. A person of this character would receive a \$500 cash prize from the Women's Ministry. If you know a graduating senior who has these qualities, please write a letter of recommendation, and nominate him or her for Suzie Blake Outstanding Christian Leadership Award. The person nominating must be over the age of 21 and a member of Mary Queen Catholic Church. The nominee must be a Confirmed Catholic and an active member of Mary Queen Catholic Church. Letters of recommendation must be turned in or mailed to the church office, 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546, by 5 PM Friday, April 28th. Please address the letters to "Attention: Kathy Blake Morton – Women's Ministry, Suzie Blake Outstanding Christian Leadership Award."

Hispanic Ministry Scholarships

The Hispanic Ministry of Mary Queen is currently accepting applications for the 2023 Hispanic Ministry Scholarships. Two \$1,000 scholarships are available to Mary Queen parishioners who are graduating high school seniors.

Please submit your application online via the Mary Queen website at
www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/hispanic-ministry. Completed applications are due by Sunday, April 23rd by 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Fox at mqhispanicministry@gmail.com.

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

The Knights of Columbus are accepting College Education Grant Applications for the 2023 school year!

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.

Guidelines and requirements for the education grant applicants are included on the first page of the application. 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.



Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina concerning the Feast of Mercy: *"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment."* (699)* To emphasize the importance of these two sacraments of mercy, Our Lord made their reception a necessary condition for obtaining His promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those observing the Feast of Mercy.

Jesus gave St. Faustina these instructions: *"...I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbors: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayers: In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My Mercy. ...even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."* (742)*

The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet will begin on Good Friday, April 7th, following the 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross. The remaining eight days of the Novena, April 8-15, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3:00 PM, including Easter Sunday.

There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, at 3:00 PM in the St. Joseph Chapel.

**Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, "Divine Mercy in My Soul"*

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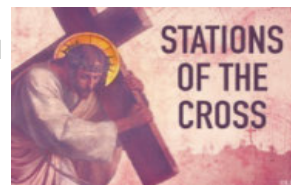
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Stations of the Cross

Join the Youth Ministry for the final
Stations of the Cross during this
Lenten season on Friday,
March 31st at 7 PM in the church.



Holy Week

SCHEDULE

April 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:30 PM- Saturday Vigil Mass (April 1)
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM
4:30 PM

April 6: Holy Thursday

7:00 PM- Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 7: Good Friday

3:00 PM- Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

April 8: Holy Saturday

8:00 PM- Easter Vigil Mass

April 9: 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.*

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.

Registration 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.

Veteran's Benefits Seminar

The Office of Aging and St. Dominic Village is co-hosting an on-site event for older veterans/spouses and surviving spouses. The Veterans Administration (VA) will provide education on caregiving and funeral/burial benefits. Registration is open now for all parishes.

Tuesday, March 28th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
St. Dominic Auditorium
Cost: Free

For more information contact the Office of Aging at 713-741-8712.

To register, visit:

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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.

April 16—Already submitted

April 23—April 3

April 30—April 12

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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



March 25th through March 31st

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.



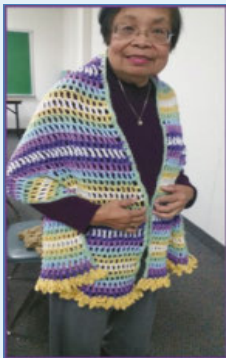
Prayer List Requests

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 713-899-1682.



Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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Be A Committed Steward

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.



These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

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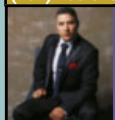
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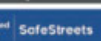
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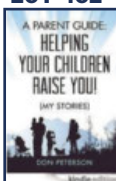
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