

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



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 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.



April: Month of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 2nd

Boy Scouts Easter Lily Distribution Sales (After All Masses)
Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 4:30PM
Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF - Classrooms 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Ark Junior High - Youth Center - Parish Center 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Stations During Ark - Youth Ministry - Church Just Faith Group - Rm 110/Library 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM CAST High School - Mini Hall - Youth Center 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM Stations During Cast - Youth Ministry - Church 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Holy Communion Make-Up Class - Mary's House Monday, April 3rd

Holy Week Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall - Kitchen Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120 Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 119 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118 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 - Bride's Room Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4th Holy Week 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen 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 11 - "How Does God Help When It Hurts" -Make-Up - Mandatory - Youth Ministry - Youth Center Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church WWP - "Touching The Divine" - AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday, April 5th Holy Week "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Main Hall 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Walking Through Grief - Mary's House 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday, April 6th

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

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Youth Center

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, April 7th

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

Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, April 8th
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
12:00 PM
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
Easter Vigil Rehearsal - Church
Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
Reconciliation - Church
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Saturday, April 1st

Sunday, April 2nd

7:30 AM †Mlan & †Dorothy Hornik, †Pauline Arcanin, †Mary Rita & †Bob Zehentner, Sr.

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

†Maria Morales, Aly George, Leslie Karam-Birthday Blessings

Monday, April 3rd

4:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4th

†Norbert Pavlu, †Gerald O'Keeffe, †Desmond O'Keeffe †Norma Benavides, †Molly Ganter, Fr. Skip Negley, MS – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, April 5th

6:30 AM †James C. Potter, Jr., †Lawrence Nguyen,

Chris Meaux – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Friday, April 7th

Saturday, April 8th

8:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, April 9th

6:30 AM
 Rose Mary Austgen, †Joel Tunello, †Allan Oliver Soco
 †Rives Benoit, Hiep Nguyen, Living & Deceased Loved
 Ones of Judy Hodges

10:00 AM **†** James Fields, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hess Family, John Hoehner – Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: April 2

That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: March 18, 2023 - March 24, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,058.62 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$35,416.67

Difference: \$4,641.85 MP-Debt Reduction: \$539.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$341.00
Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$940.00

Loan Balance as of March 27, 2023 was \$1,666,412.95.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 7 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 16 - Future Development

Diocesan Services Fund 2023 DSF Summary as of March 27, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$32,574.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 135

Total Number of Gifts received: 149

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 27, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$445,908.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28 Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,507 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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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.

- 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.





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.



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

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.



As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

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Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins.

Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance:

Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.





Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

The parish will be hosting Fr. Jim's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration on Sunday, May 14th after the 11:30 AM Mass.

If you plan to attend the celebration please RSVP here: www.bit.ly/3FPH3dY.

The celebration will be a potluck with the entrée provided. We ask that parishioners bring a side or dessert to share based on the following request:

Parishioners with last names beginning with A-F - bring a dessert

Parishioners with last names beginning with G-Z - bring a side or salad

Please drop off your food in the kitchen on the day of the event.

If you are available to volunteer with set up and clean up of the celebration, please sign-up here:

www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/118633

We look forward to a joyful celebration in honor of our wonderful Pastor!



Sunday, April 2 Mt 21:1-11/ls 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 **Monday, April 3** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday, April 4** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5 Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 7 Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 9 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



PRAY & REFLECT

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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

- 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.



Our Elect & their Godparents, RCIA Candidates & their Sponsors, and Adult Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors attended an RCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat starting the evening of Friday, March 31st and ending on the evening of Saturday, April 1st. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as we grow closer to Easter.

—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 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.

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Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

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



Open Hours for High School Teens at the St. Charbel Youth Center are Thursdays from 4pm - 7pm.

Please pray for the following Youth Catechumens and Candidates who will be fully initiated into the Church this Easter Season:

Alyssa, Alexis, Levi, Natalie, Abagail, Dominic, John, Allison, Audrey, Yaritzy

Noah, Michael, Roberto, Adam, Daniel, Ian

Creator God.

even before these children were born,
you called them and named them.
Even before they understood,
you sought and summoned them.
All this time, you have been choosing them, Lord,
in secret and intimate ways.
Grant them the courage
to answer your call, loudly and clearly,
and so give you their life,

that they may receive the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ, and make each day of their new life in him
a public testimony to his holy name.

Amen.

(Diana Macalintal, adapted)



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:

April 4th, 18th, 25th

April 5th, 19th, 26th

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

April 16th, 23rd

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.

Catechists: Summer is a great time to take a virtual or in person class on the Old Testament, New Testament, Catholic History... and more.

These are classes offered through the Archdiocese to deepen the Catholic Faith. Deepening of our faith is so important to Mary Queen that we have set aside a small budget available for assistance. Classes will be offered as we move toward summer.

To learn more, visit www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm.

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

Spots are still available for VBS Volunteers going into 6th Grade and older.

Visit our website at

www.maryqueencatcholicchurch.org/vbs to register today!



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 Marv 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 mghispanicministry@gmail.com.

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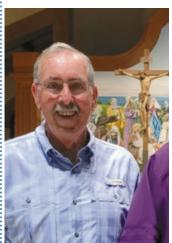
The Knights of Columbus are accepting College Education Grant Applications for the 2023 school year!

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.

Happy 75th Birthday, Charles!



Charles Ganter, our wonderful Maintenance Coordinator Extraordinaire, celebrated a milestone birthday on April 1st! Now a youthful 75 years old, he is as active as ever. Charles is often seen around the Mary Queen property doing for others and making the church a brighter place with his good-natured humor.

Charles has spent the past 30 years of his life at Mary Queen! We thank him for his dedication to the parish and wish him a blessed new year of life.

Happy Birthday, Charles, and many more!

Lenten Almsgiving

For the final week of Lent, please consider donating the following items to our Food Pantry. 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.

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.





SCHEDULE

April 6: Holy Thursday

7:00 PM- Mass of the Lord's Supper*
*followed by a Vigil and Adoration service until midnight

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.



Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina (186)* "Call upon My Mercy for sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy, I trust in You." (1397)* ... You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered. (1512)* ... My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion.

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.

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

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

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Ladies Bunco

Wednesday, April 19th St. Mary's, 816 Park Dr., La Porte, TX 9:30 AM - Noon \$5 per person

Prizes, raffles, and snacks. No experience required.
Rules to this fun game will be explained.
St. Mary's offers a Noon Mass.
Sponsored by Bay Area Council of Women. RSVP for yourself and your friends by April 17th to Terry Kelley at 281-827-4232 or terrykelley91@hotmail.com.

Café Catholica Lite

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held on May 11th from 7:00 - 8:45 PM at St. Patrick Church (1010 35th St, Galveston).

Our speaker is Fr. Robert Murphy, SJ, Vocations Promoter with the Jesuits, and his talk will be "How to Make a Decision: Discerning the Ignatian Way."

The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well (link available online at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica).

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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



In Memory of +Josefina Martinez Arellano April 1st through April 7th

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.



Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Crochet & Crafts)

Come Pray & Crochet With Us! Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM in Rm 114/115



We specialize in prayer shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort, hats and scarves for the homeless, hats for cancer patients (for children and for adults), baby layettes, and much more. If you have a need for something else, let us know - we can do almost anything!

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



games and have fun with fellow parishioners!

For additional information, please

contact Vinnie Saccomanno at 281-648-9551 or Peggie Madison at 281-482-2860.

Mary Queen Seniors (60+)

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM. The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact

Jo Ann Truman at 713-899-1682.



What is a Pilgrimage?



Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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Accountable Stewardship

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with



treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: "To whom are we accountable?" Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God's call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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