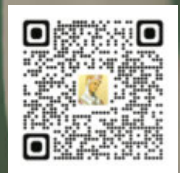




April 9, 2023

The Resurrection of the Lord

LET US
rejoice
AND BE
glad!



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Psalm 118

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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 9th

Easter Sunday Masses - 6:30AM; 8:00AM; 10:00AM & 12:00PM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt (After 10 AM Mass) - Church Grounds
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel

Monday, April 10th

Easter Monday - Pastoral Offices Closed

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Meeting - Mini Hall

Tuesday, April 11th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
 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
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Pastoral Staff Agenda Meeting-Pastoral Conference Rm
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Holy Spirit Women's ACTS Music Team - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"- AFF- Main Hall - Kitchen

Wednesday, April 12th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Main Hall
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Walking Through Grief - Mary's House
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Parish Festival Meeting - Main Hall
 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Thursday, April 13th

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Planning Fr. Jim's Celebration - Rm 114/115
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM First Communion Interviews - Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Friday, April 14th

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial - Private Funeral - Chapel
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Private Funeral Reception - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Chapel
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Concepcion - Church
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Pancakes, Pajamas & Prayers/Friday Family Fun - EFF - Main Hall - Kitchen

Saturday, April 15th

Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

Stroke Scan Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Concepcion - Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friendswood VFD Banquet - Main Hall - Kitchen



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
 8:00 AM †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
 12:00 PM †Alma Berger, Ark Core Team, CAST Core Team

Monday, April 10th

8:30 AM †Hao Leba, †Carolina Martinez, †Lee Chagra, Sr., Greg Otto – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, April 11th

8:30 AM †Marissa Ledesma-Laurel, †Dorothy Sokora, Elodia Jimenez, Sarah Hoehner – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, April 12th

6:30 PM †Ernie Heeb, Respect Life, Blake Sokora, Jackson Turner – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 13th

8:30 AM †Rita Geist, †Anthony Ngo, Mary Price

Friday, April 14th

8:30 AM †Gene Hess, †Maurice Gill, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Saturday, April 15th

5:30 PM †Bob Austgen, †Vicenta Laurel, †Bozena Hurkalo

Sunday, April 16th

7:30 AM †Mary Rita & †Robert Zehentner, Sr., †Johnny Bruguera, Landon Tinney
 9:30 AM †Nestor Cruz, †Scordamalgia Family, Living & Deceased Family Members of Ron & Carol Willenborg
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †John Morriss, †Hector Tobon, Hiep Nguyen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 9

That we put God first in everything and not let earthly possessions become gods to us.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

The March 25 - March 31 financial report was not available due to early deadlines.

Loan Balance as of March 31, 2023 was
\$1,616,412.95.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 16 - Future Development
April 30 - Home Missions Collection

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of March 31, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00
Total Amount Paid: \$45,234.00
Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 153
Total Number of Gifts received: 167
Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

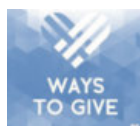
To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of March 31, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00
Total Amount Paid: \$447,295.00
Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28
Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,516
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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"Giving Opportunities" tab to sign-up
for recurring gifts.



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

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.



Live the Liturgy

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

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Easter Sunday

Alleluia! The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help psychology.

The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. It is time to face the facts!

An Easter Proclamation

The hosts of heaven exult
and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights
and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of
her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.
Amen. Alleluia!



Hispanic Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, April 16th
After the Masses in the Parish Hall
Join us and support the Mary Queen
Hispanic Ministry!

Egg & sausage burritos
Egg & chorizo burritos
Egg & potato burritos



Tamales
Donuts



Coffee & Lemonade

===== **Kid Zone** =====

Coloring books table
Cornhole
Games table
Hula hoops

Looking forward to seeing you all!





Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." —
Colossians 3:2

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Easter Greetings to all!
-From the Mary Queen Clergy & Pastoral Staff



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

Monday, April 10

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 11

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 12

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 13

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 14

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 15

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 16

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

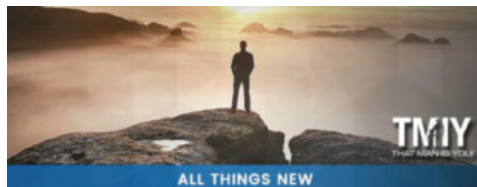
Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



Please especially lift up in your prayers all the Adult Elect who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Saturday, April 8th during the Celebration of Holy Eucharist on Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM and for all the Adult Candidates who will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11:30 AM.

**With Love & Prayers,
 Mary Queen RCIA Team**

Prayer for Those Receiving the Easter Sacraments

God of the Samaritan Woman, the Blind Man, and Lazarus,
 You show yourself in many ways.

Most often in ways we cannot see until we look
 with eyes of faith.

Continue to bless these catechumens and candidates
 who will receive the Church's sacraments
 during the upcoming Season of Easter.

Fill their lives and hearts with your unending love and grace.
 Help us to continue to be models of Christian living and grant
 them the endurance to continue to race to the resurrection.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son
 who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God,
 for ever and ever.

Amen.



An In-Depth Exploration of Salvation History

The Bible Timeline® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.

In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

The course includes 24-lessons, online access to videos, a workbook and a study group discussions. Classes will be held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Mary's House beginning on April 25th. The cost is \$40.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian.

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



**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent
Catechesis & Evangelization**
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tryan@maryqueenchurch.org

Welcome all registered High School teens to
CAST faith formation night. All CAST meetings are
from 5:45pm-7:15pm.



Below are the upcoming meeting
dates:

Apr. 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. 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, Abigail, Dominic, John,
Allison, Audrey, Yaritzky

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
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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: Wednesday Class Dates:

April 18th, 25th

April 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!)

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.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
this 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.

Earth Day with Creation Care Ministry!

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 code to sign up or contact
Jen Hammerle for more information at
jenhammerle@gmail.com.



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: <https://bit.ly/FrJim50>.

If you have any photos of Fr. Jim to share, please send them to smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org by 4/23.

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.

A full list of volunteer options is available on the sign-up page. If you are available to help with any part 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!



Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina (300)* *"Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in my Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy!"* (301)* Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy. (1578)* *"The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls who trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts."*

The remaining six days of the Divine Mercy Novena, April 10th-15th, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3 PM.

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

*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).

The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church.



Happy Easter! He has risen!

Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 5-7 or May 26-28.

Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

For more information, contact:

Lia Nguyen

832-314-8801 / lia.nguyen@lighthousealttx.com

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Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at www.archgh.org/digitaleditions or visit www.archgh.org/tch.



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

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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.

April 23—Already submitted

April 30—April 12

April 17—May 7

We Pray For

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Payten Alaniz
Mildred Andrykovitch
Jose Arellano
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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
†Genevieve Baur
April 8th through April 14th

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10th.

Our normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, April 11th.



Mary's Chain of Love Ministry Come Pray & Crochet with Us!

Tuesdays at 9:30-11:30 AM in Rm 114/115

Mary's Chain of Love is a crochet & craft ministry providing our homemade gifts to the community, nursing homes, local hospitals, and to various Catholic charities. Whether a beginner or expert, and all levels in-between, we welcome you to come join us for our weekly devotional and crochet-a-long as we work on whatever projects are needed by those we serve in our ministry.

To learn more, contact Cindy Dittrich at 832-282-6346 or dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com.

May God bless you and yours,
Mary's Chain of Love

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 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.



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, wintry 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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Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate. On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.



Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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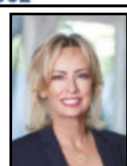
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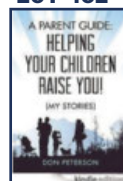


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