



April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

LORD,
YOU
WILL
SHOW
US THE
PATH OF
LIFE.

PSALM 16

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



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Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

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 23rd

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

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 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
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 110/Library
 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM CAST High School - Mini Hall - Youth Center

Monday, April 24th

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall - Kitchen
 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 119
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting - Rm 116
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting - Rm 117
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Just Faith Group - Bride's Room
 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

Tuesday, April 25th

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 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
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial - Porter - Church
 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
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MQ Facilities Council Meeting - Bride's Room
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Confirmation Rehearsal - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Wednesday, April 26th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen
 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 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
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, April 27th

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Confirmation - Mass (Youth) - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall

Friday, April 28th

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM La Salette Consultative Body Meetings - Mary's House - Rm 110/Library
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115

Saturday, April 29th

Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Emergency Management Committee Training Sessions- Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Stroke Scan Plus Screening - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Nweke/Coleman - Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, April 22nd

5:30 PM †Mark Willenborg, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin, Miles Libby

Sunday, April 23rd

7:30 AM †Juliana Krajca, †Dominic Luu, †Maria Ta
 9:30 AM †Edward & †Hazel Soptick, Sara Mathew, Lupe Serenil
 11:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, Matt & Ava Hermes Family, Steve & Cindie Willenborg Anniversary Blessings
 4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, April 24th

8:30 AM †Alejandro Bunko, Sr., †Maria Ngo, †Annammu Philip

Tuesday, April 25th

8:30 AM †Thomas Culling, †Oscar & †Cecilia Rivas, †Harvey Jeffrey

Wednesday, April 26th

6:30 PM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Janet Wild, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family, Caleb Clarin - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 27th

8:30 AM †Annabel Gautreaux, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Favalora Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Agnes Susil

Friday, April 28th

8:30 AM †Harold Doiron, †Maria Garcia Lozano, Addison Gregory- Birthday Blessings

Saturday, April 29th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, April 30th

7:30 AM Karen Gonzalez, Elaine Gracia, Cindy Cortez
 9:30 AM †Sylvia Nimon, †Joseph Swiader, Megan Post LaBauve- Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Gus & †Ann Hurt, †George Trejo, Matt & Ava Hermes & Family
 4:30 PM †Prudence Lobo, John Earle & Terry Kettle, Joby Navallil

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Easter: April 23

That we take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"
 Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: April 1, 2023 - April 7, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$53,878.96

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$54,750.00

Difference: (-\$871.04)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,824.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,076.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,745.00

**Loan Balance as of April 17, 2023 was
\$1,606,512.87.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 30 - Home Missions Collection

May 7 - Future Development

May 21 - Catholic Communications

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of April 17, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$51,197.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 167

Total Number of Gifts received: 206

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 April 17, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$450,100.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,540

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.

**Want to switch from envelopes to
online giving?**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



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, May 14, 2023
2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday, May 14, 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

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next. Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

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Fr. Jim's
50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

Sunday, May 14th
 Following the 11:30 AM Mass

Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the celebration!

If you are available to help with any part of the celebration, please sign-up here:
bit.ly/FrJim50Volunteer



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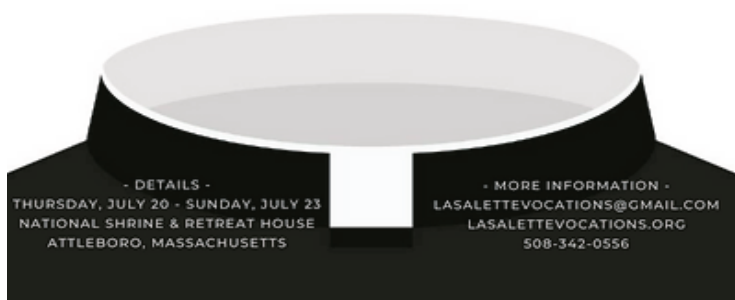
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Vocation Retreat

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A
 LA SALETTE PRIEST OR BROTHER?

DURING THIS RETREAT WEEKEND, YOU WILL...

- learn about discernment and how to discover God's will for your life
- interact with priests, brothers and other men interested in a vocation
- hear stories and learn what is unique about the Missionaries of La Salette
- join the community for prayer, Mass and meals



- DETAILS -
 THURSDAY, JULY 20 - SUNDAY, JULY 23
 NATIONAL SHRINE & RETREAT HOUSE
 ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

- MORE INFORMATION -
LASALETTEVOCATIONS@GMAIL.COM
LASALETTEVOCATIONS.ORG
 508-342-0556



Parish Festival & Dance
May 6th & 7th

VOLUNTEER AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!

THIS GREAT EVENT CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOUR HELP. SIGN-UP TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN-UP, VISIT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL WEBPAGE OR GO TO:
BIT.LY/PARISHFESTVOL



Visit our Parish Festival

Plant Booth

"The Filler, Spiller, and Thriller"
 with floral designer, Carmen Laine
 May 7th at 12:00 PM

"Ask a Master Gardener"
 with Horticulturalist and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent,
 Stephen Brueggerhoff
 May 7th at 1:30 PM

Donations needed: plants, soil, pots (no nursery black pots please), outdoor decor
***Drop-off at the Mary Queen Reception Desk now through May 7th.**



"I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

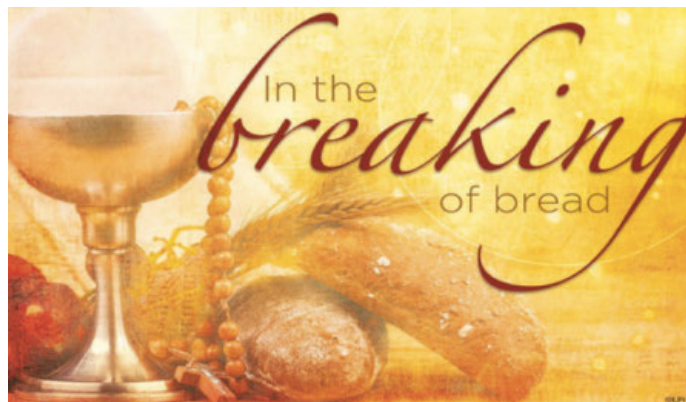
Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."
— Luke 24:35

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Sunday, April 23

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 24

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



PRAY & REFLECT

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April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— 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.



Please join us in
**CONGRATULATING
and WELCOMING
THE NEWLY
BAPTIZED MEMBERS
(ADULTS) OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Theodore Baker &
Justin Gomez*

who received the
Sacraments of Initiation
(Baptism, Confirmation
and Holy Eucharist)
on the Easter Vigil.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING
THE NEWLY RECEIVED MEMBERS (ADULTS) INTO THE
FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*David Shure,
Mary Gonzalez,
James Bastien,
Jessica Bastien,
Francisco Retiz,
Donald Warford,
Sherri Nelson,
Rosendo Sanchez,
Chloe Nelson,
Andrew Tyler &
Amanda Sankey*



who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and
Holy Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday.

With Love & Prayers from Mary Queen RCIA Team

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation &
RCIA- ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391 x319.



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 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 or visit our website at

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/the-bible-timeline.

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
 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317
tryan@maryqueenchurch.org

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



Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

Apr. 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. 23rd



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



AYC Registration is open now! Visit our website to register today: www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/ayc.



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:

April 25th

Wednesday Class Dates:

April 26th

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

April 23rd



FIRST COMMUNION

Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Dates

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

TACO about a FIESTA!!
The First Friday Family Fun Ministry is hosting a Taco Party with some Piñata Fun on Friday, May 5th, better known as Cinco de Mayo from 6 - 8 PM in the Main Hall.



Please join us with your entire family for some tacos, chips & queso, and a swing at the piñata!

To give us a good headcount, please RSVP here if you and your family plan to attend the event:
bit.ly/1stFriTacoParty.

Special Friends, Inc. Raffle

"Moody Bloom Watercolors"



Quilt made by Queen's Bee Quilters approx. 96" x 100"

Includes 1 Square Throw Pillow & 2 Euro Shams

Update
Quilt Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20

Drawing will be held July 4, 2023 at the July 4th Display in the Main Hall @ 1:00 PM

Mary Queen Catholic Church
606 Cedarwood Dr.
Friendswood, Tx 77546

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

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."



Mary Queen Women's ACTS Retreat May 18-21, 2023

Christian Renewal Center

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

Registration forms for the next Women's ACTS Retreat are available at the front desk in the Parish Hall, the welcome desk in the church Narthex, or 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.

Spots are still available, so register today!



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.

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



Established in 1964, Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is the day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that he sends more workers into the harvest.

Please join our Mary Queen Vocations Ministry to pray the Rosary for Vocations on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 PM in St. Joseph's Chapel.

Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus Council 8494 and the Mary Queen Gabriel Project are teaming up to host a Baby Shower to help and support local mothers in our area who have said "YES" to life. We will host our Baby Shower in honor of Mary, Mother of God after all Masses on May 20-21.



Please support this effort with monetary donations and by providing baby items such as maternity & baby clothes, diapers, wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, baby detergent, and other baby items for mothers in need. Donations can be dropped off in the church Narthex before and after all Masses on May 20-21. Credit Card donations can be made using the QR code or at bit.ly/asapshower.

Please consider providing ongoing support by selecting the monthly giving option or by donating baby and maternity items monthly. Items can be dropped off at the drop-off point in the Narthex at any time. Please pray for life and donate for life. God bless.

Daily Deed Ideas



Uplift Your Priest

April 17-28, 2023



- Call/text/email your priest
- Send spiritual bouquets to him
- Drop off popcorn and snacks for movie night
- Send him drawings or paintings by children
- Pray, fast, and offer sacrifices for him
- Send him a gift card for Amazon or a restaurant
- Make a family video message/song of affirmation for him
- Create a sidewalk message in front of church/rectory
- Post pictures of your family with your priest
- Drop off or have dinner/lunch delivered
- Send financial support to the parish, if able
- Hold a "Parade of Love" for him
- Challenge and tag 3 families/individuals to pray a Rosary for him on social media

Uplift our Priests

April 17th-28th is a chance for us to give thanks and show our support for our priests who selflessly serve us. There are many things you can do to say thank you and show your love. One of the most important ways to show your support is to offer a Mass, or your prayers for them. We have placed Spiritual Bouquets in the Narthex that will allow you to let our priests know how you have prayed for them today.

You may offer prayers, a rosary or a Mass for them every day. Simply add the name of the priest and decide which spiritual gift you will offer for them today. Drop the spiritual bouquet into the bags designated for each priest:

Fr. Jim, Fr. Trey, Fr. Robert and Fr. Skip.

Don't forget any of our priests as they all pray for us and work tirelessly on our behalf.

Are You at Risk?

Stroke Scan, Plus will host a stroke and vascular ultrasound screening here at Mary Queen on Saturday, April 29th. Morning and afternoon appointments will be available to accommodate most schedules. Serious diseases have been identified through this process at this parish in the past so please give it your attention.

Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Do you have a family history of heart disease, stroke, or diabetes? If any of these are true, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possible serious disease.

These screenings are typically NOT performed at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for \$159 for all 7 combined. Insurance is NOT necessary to receive this discount. However, pre-registration IS necessary and appointments are limited. Please call 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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).



Do you want a new Catholic high school in Bay Area?

Saints don't grow on trees; they are nurtured to maturity.
Please join us for this kick-off event to possibly start a new Bay Area Catholic high school, so that your child's growth is guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church.
All are welcome!

Place: St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School
3131 El Dorado Blvd.
Room: [Resource Room](#)

Date: Sat, May 13, 2023
Time: 10am

For updates, search the Facebook page 'Bay Area Catholic High School (BACHS)' or scan the QR code above.




"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Let your hearts burn for Jesus and your spouse by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 5-7 or May 26-28.

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Texas Catholic Herald

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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 30—Already submitted

May 17—May 7

May 24—May 14

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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
† Jerry Hart
April 22nd through April 28th

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.

Join the Mary Queen Vocations Ministry!

The ministry works to bring prayer, affirmation, and awareness to vocations.

For more information or to join, contact MQVocations@gmail.com.



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.



Confirmation Sponsor

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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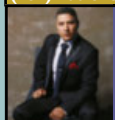
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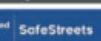
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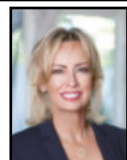
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