

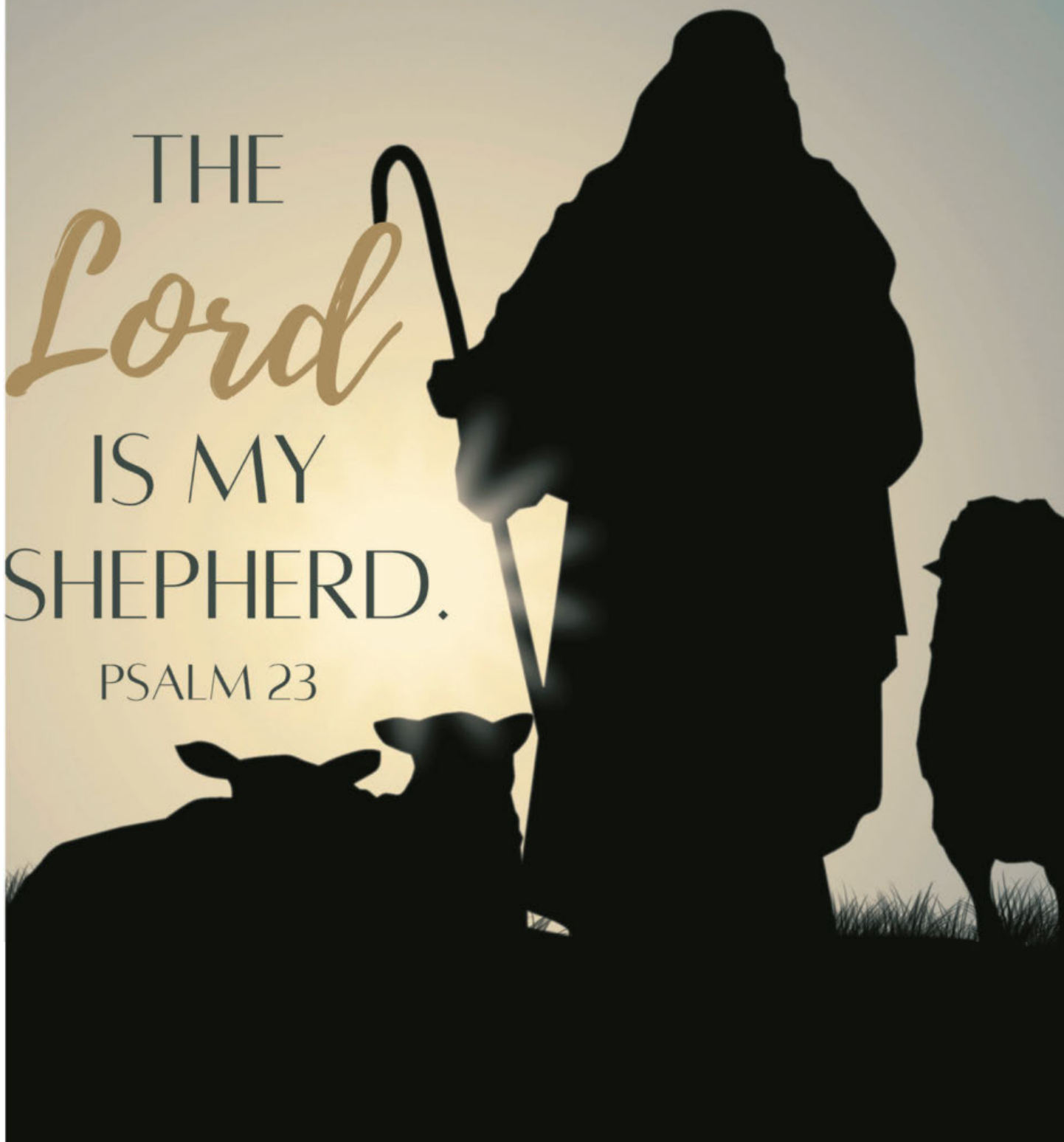


*April 30, 2023*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

THE  
*Lord*  
IS MY  
SHEPHERD.

PSALM 23



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



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M.S.



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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](http://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 30th

#### Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council

#### Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall  
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Private Baptism - Fr. Jim - Church  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Rosary - World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Chapel  
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 110/Library

### Monday, May 1st

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 Holy Spirit ACTS Leadership Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library

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 - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

### Tuesday, May 2nd

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115  
 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Redeemer Table Meeting - Mary's House  
 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 Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

### Wednesday, May 3rd

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" - Main Hall - Kitchen  
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House  
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Main Hall  
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel  
 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, May 4th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Youth Center  
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Communion Photos - Church  
 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, May 5th

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Just Faith Group - Rm 114/115  
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Taco About A Fiesta - First Friday Family Fun - EFF - Main Hall - Kitchen

### Saturday, May 6th

#### Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM Parish Festival Food Preparation - Main Hall - Kitchen  
 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  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Parish Festival Kickoff Dance - Main Hall - Kitchen



### 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

### Monday, May 1st

8:30 AM †Hao Leba, Miles Libby, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

### Tuesday, May 2nd

8:30 AM †Tran Thom, †Larry Hrcir, Al Hitt - Birthday Blessings

### Wednesday, May 3rd

6:30 PM Consuelo Anderson, Julianne Berry, Donald & Helen Bucher

### Thursday, May 4th

8:30 AM †Bill Torok, †Rives Benoit, Alma Chavez

### Friday, May 5th

8:30 AM †Alipio Tolentino, Sr., †Maria Dinh, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

### Saturday, May 6th

8:30 AM Landon Tinney, Israel Garza, III, Mary Queen Ministries  
 5:30 PM †Juanita Gonzalez-Scruggs, †Cari Morgan, †Lessie & †Lynn Crawford

### Sunday, May 7th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
 9:30 AM †Josh Clark, †Maria & †Nick Lozano, College Graduates  
 11:30 AM †Lidia Guerra, †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St. George, College Graduates  
 4:30 PM No Mass Due to Festival

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 4th Sunday of Easter: April 30

That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" Acts 2:38*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: April 8, 2023 - April 14, 2023

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$53,745.09

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$41,727.27

**Difference:** \$12,017.82

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$314.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$226.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$665.00

**Loan Balance as of April 24, 2023 was  
\$1,556,512.87.**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**May 7** - Future Development

**May 21** - Catholic Communications

**June 4** - Future Development

**June 11** - St. Mary Seminary - Corpus Christi

## Diocesan Services Fund

### 2023 DSF Summary as of April 24, 2023

**Parish Goal:** \$185,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$56,067.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 173

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 217

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

### 2022 IGNITE Summary as of April 24, 2023

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$455,989.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$590,936.28

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,561

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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/](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto: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.



In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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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](http://bit.ly/FrJim50Volunteer)

**Be a sponsor for our  
Parish Festival & Dance!**

**Sponsor our festival,  
dance, or both!  
Several sponsorship  
levels and  
opportunities are  
available.**

**Help make our festival  
a great success!**

For more information,  
contact:

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**Visit our website to download  
a 2023 Sponsorship Form**

**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](http://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.





## Cut to the Heart

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." — Acts 2:38*

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## 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

## Monday, May 1

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

## Tuesday, May 2

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

## Wednesday, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

## Thursday, May 4

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

## Friday, May 5

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

## Saturday, May 6

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

## Sunday, May 7

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



## PRAY & REFLECT

### April 30, 2023

### 4th Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— 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](mailto: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 are held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Mary's House and began 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](http://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](mailto:stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com).





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Mark your Calendars!

We are switching gears to  
Summer Activities!

High School Summer Bible Study -  
*The Search* takes place on the following Wednesdays:  
July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th  
from 3:00-4:30 PM in the St. Charbel Youth Center

St. Charbel Youth Center  
High School Summer Open Hours

Wednesdays from 1-3 PM  
June 14th through August 9th

(All Open Hours are paused until June as we prepare  
for Fall Registration – Thanks for your understanding!)



AYC Registration is open now! Visit our website to  
register today: [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/ayc](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/ayc).



**Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation**  
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## 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.**

Dearest Elementary Faith Formation Catechists,

Thank you for your dedication to Elementary Faith Formation during the 2022-2023 school year. We have enjoyed seeing your passion of faith carried out in your weekly lesson plans. We have thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful differences each one of you brings all the same knowing we each have a common thread for the love of God and our Catholic Faith. Your compassion and kindness towards our students are an inspiration to Mary Queen. We are incredibly grateful by your humbled efforts, and we want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed.

Keeping you in prayer.  
Amen.

Carol Stuart  
Director for Elementary Faith Formation

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](http://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](https://bit.ly/1stFriTacoParty).

**The Mary Queen Nursery will be closed Sunday, May 14, 2023 so that the staff may enjoy Mother's Day with their families.**



**Open Staff Position: Nursery Assistant Adult Help Wanted**

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](mailto:noelia_murphy@yahoo.com).



## National Day of Prayer - May 4th

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Moses,  
we cry out to you for wisdom and compassion.  
You led the early Jews out of slavery to freedom.  
You led the disciples of Jesus after the crucifixion to courageously preach the Gospel. Today, we seek your wisdom to preach the good news.

Grant us knowledge and faith to share your Word to everyone we encounter. Grant us wisdom to make choices that are based upon your teaching. Grant us courage to live and share the principles taught in Scripture.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, one God,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.



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>.

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!



## 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](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/acts).



For questions, please contact Pam Crossan at [Pam.Crossan58@yahoo.com](mailto:Pam.Crossan58@yahoo.com).

Register today! Spots fill up quickly!







World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 30



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests always in your prayers.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call. **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.**

"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples: The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

### 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](https://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.

## LIFETIME PARISH SERVICE AWARD 2023 Recipient - Sarah Adkison



The Pastoral Council honors one person or couple each year with a special recognition – the Mary Queen Lifetime Parish Service Award.

The Pastoral Council of Mary Queen, on behalf of all our parishioners, proudly honored our 2023 Lifetime Service Award Recipient, Sarah Adkison, during the 4:30 PM Mass on April 23, 2023. We thank Sarah for serving to make Mary Queen Catholic Church a more vibrant gospel community.

We also want to thank all parishioners who submitted nominations and to the other 2023 nominees including Alice Malek and John Silva for their service to our community.

Congratulations, Sarah!





## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### ACTS 36th Birthday Celebration!

We are celebrating 36 years of ACTS Retreats!

Join us Saturday, July 22nd, at the Whitley Theological Center on the Oblate School campus in San Antonio, TX. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes an all you can eat buffet, adult beverages, dancing, and raffle.

We will begin with Mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel then walk to the Whitley Theological Center.

Live out of town? Make it a weekend and see the sights of San Antonio! We hope we can count on your support to reach our fundraising goal- even if you cannot attend.

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Thank you and may God bless you.



**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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

May 7—Already submitted  
May 14—May 1  
May 21—May 3

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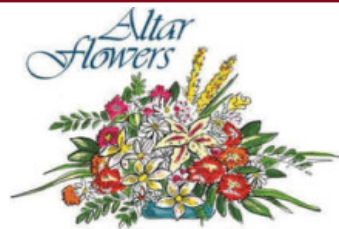
For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,  
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

*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  
†Paul Christian  
April 29th through May 5th***

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.



***The flowers on the altar this weekend are  
in remembrance of  
†Gus & †Ann Hurt***

***~ In Memoriam ~***

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of***

***† Steve Gore, husband of Ellen Gore***

***† Lou Porter, parishioner***

***† Cathy Randleman, daughter of Francine Stepp***

***† Neil Sweeney, parishioner***

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



### Genuflecting & Kneeling

#### Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

#### Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi

### Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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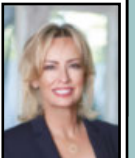
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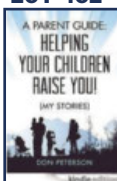
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