



May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

LORD, LET
YOUR **MERCY**
BE UPON US;
WE PLACE OUR
TRUST IN YOU.

Psalm 33

**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**

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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.



May: Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, May 7th

Reverse Draw Ticket Sales - After All Masses

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Mary Queen Parish Festival - Main Hall - Kitchen - Parish Grounds

Monday, May 8th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 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 110/Library
 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
 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, May 9th

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
 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
 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 10th

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
 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Friendship Luncheon - Main Hall - Kitchen
 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
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Thursday, May 11th

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's ACTS Team Meetings - Mary's House
 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Communion Rehearsal - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club 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, May 12th

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Scouts Pack Crossover - Main Hall - Kitchen
 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall

Saturday, May 13th

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Holy Communion Reception - Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM First Holy Communion - Church
 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Fr. Jim's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Set Up - Main Hall - Kitchen
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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

Monday, May 8th

8:30 AM †Tom Lawnczak, †Angie de Luna Brausell, Emilie Clarin - Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, May 9th

8:30 AM Elisa Williams, Robyn Culling, Terri Kettle

Wednesday, May 10th

6:30 PM †Carolina Martinez, †Eugene Shead, Respect Life

Thursday, May 11th

8:30 AM †Charlie Colgan, Bennie Cruse, Mary Reviere - Birthday Blessings

Friday, May 12th

8:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Mike Vukelich, Fr. Jim - 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Saturday, May 13th

5:30 PM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Billie & Millie Talley, Ava Cordary, Bill & Sara Genoa - 62nd Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, May 14th

7:30 AM †Fr. Moe Linehan, MS, †Carol Lorange, †Nathaniel Labrie
 9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 11:30 AM †John Morriss, †Alipio Tolentino, Jr., Living & Deceased Mothers of the Chavez Family
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Goldie Witucki, †Don LaBorde

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5th Sunday of Easter: May 7

That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: April 15, 2023 - April 21, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$42,429.27

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$35,416.67

Difference: \$7,012.60

MP-Debt Reduction: \$644.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$4,458.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$555.00

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

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

May 21 - Catholic Communications

June 4 - Future Development

June 11 - St. Mary Seminary - Corpus Christi

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of May 1, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$60,502.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 184

Total Number of Gifts received: 230

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 May 1, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$456,913.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,574

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 <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

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

- SACRAMENTS -



Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office to inquire about preparation for Baptism.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church
or by appointment.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Youth Sacrament Classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Carol Stuart in the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Terri Ryan at the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Engaged couples or couples interested in validating their marriage through the Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance for preparation.



Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Religious Order of priests serving Mary Queen are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. To learn more about their order or our Vocations Ministry, visit our website.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, contact Eby Kurian at the Parish Office.



Eucharistic Adoration

24 Hour Adoration

4:30 PM on Tuesday to 5:45 PM on Wednesday
St. Joseph Chapel

First Friday Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
St. Joseph Chapel

Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus and in prayer.



Respect Life Holy Hour

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Sunday, 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**

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

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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

Only one more week until Fr. Jim's big celebration!

Please help us make this a day he will remember!

We still need volunteers to help with the following:

- Set up the night before
- Clean up after the event
- Cutting and sorting the entrée the night before
- Cutting and serving desserts the morning of
- Making coffee
- Making iced tea and lemonade
- Receiving food being dropped off the morning of
- Serving the entrée during the event

Visit bit.ly/FrJim50Volunteer to sign-up to help.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day: May 13

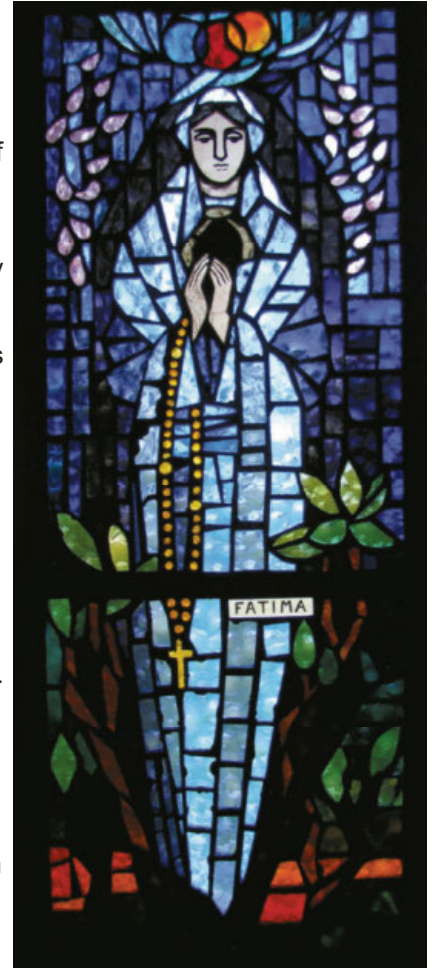
Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. In more recent times, Marian apparitions, like Fatima, have inspired special liturgical celebrations. The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection

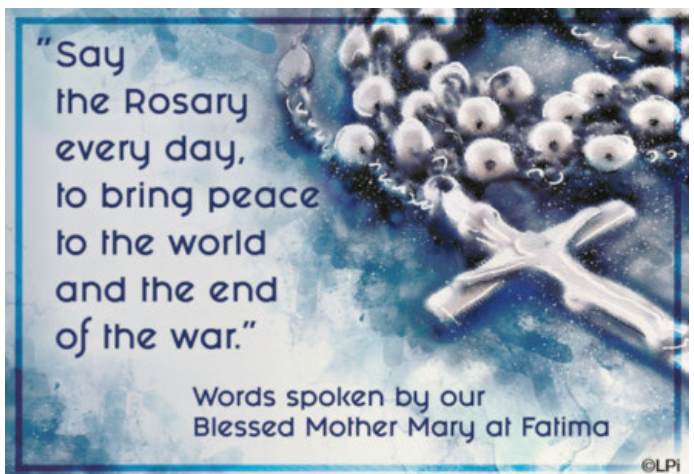
with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation:

"Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father"

(Lumen Gentium, 65).
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Have you ever noticed our stained glass window of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Joseph's Chapel? Make a visit to see it!





Building on the Cornerstone

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

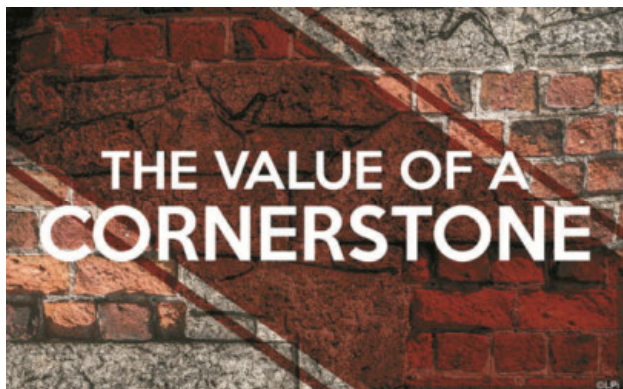
I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5

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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

Monday, May 8

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 12

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2



PRAY & REFLECT

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May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, “You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...’” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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After successfully completing 6th Year of TMIY program
 in Our Parish we are bringing back the
 Year 1 – Spring Semester content this summer!

Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

May 10th – August 9th

Wednesday Mornings – 5:45 AM – 7:00 AM – Main Hall.

Combining the latest science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints, Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart develops the vision of man fully alive. It makes an honest assessment of challenges facing men today and provides a practical path to transformation by focusing on man's relationship with God and introducing the 7 Steps to superabundance.

The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is FREE! 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, which began on April 25th, continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7 PM at Mary's House.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian.

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 Easter Vigil.



Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING
 THE NEWLY RECIEVED 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.



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
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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.



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
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Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Dates

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 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

The Mary Queen Nursery will be closed next 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.



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 upcoming 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.

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.

FR. JIM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

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

Please be sure to RSVP here if you plan to attend the celebration: <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!



Save the Date!

Casino Night is back on June 17th!

Tickets will be sold after Masses starting May 20th.

Mary Queen Weekly eNews

Sign-up to receive our weekly email highlighting everything going on around our parish!

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Please join us in CONGRATULATING our newly Confirmed Youth!

On Thursday, April 27th, 83 youth were confirmed by Fr. Tom Rafferty. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

First Communion

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Connor Ainsworth	Nathan Guerin	Maximo Ortiz
Lily Ainsworth	Roland Hernandez	Crosby Peterman
Micah Alaniz	Daniel Hyatt	Jace Petrillo
Delylah Atteberry	Eliana Juneau	Blair Pierce
Ethan Baker	Oakley Kennepohl	Lacy Pinter
Alexander Barnes	Silas Kerr	Rene Portocarrero
Natalia Barnes	James Kinsey	Jonah Quintero
Jacob Baron	Aubree Koelsch	Wyatt Reifel
Luke Buratti	Sloan Kruse	Bailey Roberts
Piper Carroll	Isabella Leach	Brady Roberts
Anneliese Caruso	James Liashek	Blakely Robinson
Vincent Caruso	Matthew Liashek	Smith Robinson
Brady Carville	Isabella Marian Manino	Elias Rodriguez
Ellery Chari	Jacob Marchut	Martha Rodriguez
Jeremiah Chinchilla	Adam Martinez	Macy Smith
Reagan Chism	Carolina Mayer	Jennifer Steinhauer
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Joshua Dunn	Harrison McAllister	Katelynn Sweeney
Miriam Eby	Ansel Merkys	Ruben Tamez
Callan Edwards	Victoria Meyer	Kade Turnbo
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Thomas Ford	Elle Nguyen	Emily Warren
Jack Furey	Zoey Nguyen	Chase Wendelburg
Blake Gillioz	Alejandro Nieto	Vincent Wilson
Madison Gohmert	Melanie Ocampo	Katniss Woitena
Sarah Grothe	Charlotte Olin	Luke Wostal

Parish Festival May 7th

COME OUT TO OUR PARISH FESTIVAL FROM 11 AM - 4 PM!

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The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry will be providing a water distribution station at this year's Parish Festival!

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

JOIN US FOR THESE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES!

BINGO

Starting at 11 AM in the Main Hall

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 through this weekend.

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.

Every donation helps. Sponsor or donate now.

Visit <https://app.donorview.com/4y7VJ> for more information or contact Kathryn Castillo at 210-342-1077 x129 or kcastillo@actsmissions.org. 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

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




"...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Live your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 5-7 or May 26-28.

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

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A1C Jake Ainsworth, SSgt Chris Aubuchon, Capt James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Capt James Gregory, A1C Jasper Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, CPL Michael Gray, Lt Col Andrew Kelemen, 1stLt Jacob Perez, Maj Norman Renfro

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.

May 14—Already submitted
May 21—Already submitted
May 28—May 8

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Maria Mercedes Alva
Payten Alaniz
Jose Arellano
Aaron Arribe
Allie Arribe

Floyd Bartsch
Dolores Bolanos
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Susan Bova
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Rachel Chavez
Sylvia Chavez
Dawn Copley
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Lisa Craft
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Maria Valdez
Henry Vento
Zoe Vontour

Trish Whitfield
Elisa Williams

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



May 6th through May 12th

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.



Obligation: Mass or Communion? Question:

Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7). ©LPi

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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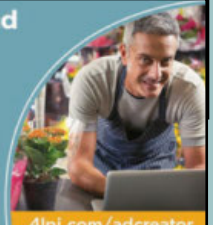
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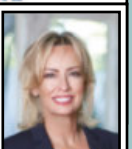
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