

LET THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY.

PSALM 66

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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 14th

Ordination Anniversary Mass - Fr. James Kuczynski, M.S.

Ordination Anniversary mass - Fr. James Ruczyński, M.S.		
	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel
	Monday, May 15th	
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Special Friends Program - Main Hall - Kitchen
	5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Special Friends Board Meeting - Mini Hall
	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	ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 120
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113
	Tuesday, May 16th	,
	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115
	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	"I Believe in Love" Summer Book Study - AFF -
		Rm 110/Library
	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 17th	
	5:45 AM - 7:00 AM	"That Man Is You!"- Summer Series- Main Hall - Kitcher
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House
	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
	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
	Thursday, May 18th	,
		Ascension of the Lord
		Women's ACTS Retreat - CRC
	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Women's ACTS Retreat Send Off - Main Hall - Kitchen
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Main Hall
	Friday, May 19th	•
		Women's ACTS Retreat - CRC
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal - Wrinkle/Triado - Church

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary - Chapel Saturday, May 20th

Gabriel Project Baby Shower Collection (After All Masses)

	Women's ACTS Retreat - CRC
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
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Wedding - Wrinkle/Tirado - Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church
5:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Gabriel Project Baby Items Storage - Bride's Room



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 Lorance, **†**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

Monday, May 15th

8:30 AM †Edgar Hartmann, †Lucille Gleeson, Virginia Bernardo, Gery & Mary Gill - Anniversary Blessings

Tuesday, May 16th

8:30 AM **†**Bennie Cruse, **†**Carole Marie Pinell, **†**Edmund Moreland, Jr.

Wednesday, May 17th

6:30 PM Marjorie Debbrecht, Lucia Boone, Edwardo Lerma -Birthday Blessings

Thursday, May 18th

8:30 AM **†**Edilberto Bugat, Emily Camacho, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Starling Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones Of John & Agnes Susil

Friday, May 19th

8:30 AM James Nguyen - Birthday Blessings, Gabriel Lerma -Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

Saturday, May 20th

5:30 PM **†**Greg Castano, Jim & Carla Martin – Anniversary Blessings, Hugh & Mary Jean Chatron – Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, May 21st

7:30 AM **†**Nellie Sola, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chavez Family

†Ernie Heeb, †Gloria Cruz, Sara Sokora 9:30 AM

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 11:30 AM

4:30 PM †Debi Reyes, Jacob Alaniz, Nicholas Buttacoli

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6th Sunday of Easter: May 14

That we recognize that things don't always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us.

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

Offertory: April 22, 2023 - April 28, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$44,874.32 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,416.67

Difference: \$8,457.65

MP-Debt Reduction: \$948.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$396.00 **Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$1,730.00

Loan Balance as of May 8, 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 8, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$65,882.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 196

Total Number of Gifts received: 265

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 8, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$463,691.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28 Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,581 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 272

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.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- A New User Registration Form will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
- Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
- 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.





Sacrament of Baptism

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Sacrament of First Eucharist

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

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



Sacrament of Matrimony

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



Sacrament of Holy Orders

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



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

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



24 Hour Adoration

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

First Friday Adoration

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

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



Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, 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.



My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

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Thank you to all who helped make this year's Parish Festival such a great success! It could not have gone on without you!









View more photos at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/parish-festival



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love.

Let us pray for each of them:

Heavenly Father,

from the beginning You have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.

We thank and praise You for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for their commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

Bless those women in our lives who mirror Your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May You continue to bless them and show them Your unfailing and open-hearted love.

We ask this through Jesus, Your son.

Amen.





Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-simple description, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, He will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17 ©LPi





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

Monday, May 15

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

Friday, May 19

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 21

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



PRAY & REFLECT

May 14, 2023 6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

Father John Muir©LPi



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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.



College Students & Young Adults Summer Faith Sharing Small Group & Bible Study

Small Group Gatherings will begin immediately after the 6:30 PM Holy Mass on Wednesdays from May 24th at Mary's House.

We will begin with the Holy Mass at 6:30 PM in the Church & Small Group Discussions at 7 PM in Mary's House. Meetings will last until 8:30 PM.

For more information & to signup, please contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA – ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org



Please pray for all 9 Adult Candidates & their Sponsors to be filled with the Holy Spirit as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 28th, Pentecost Sunday, during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

With Prayerful Wishes,

Mary Queen RCIA & Adult Confirmation Team





Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317 tryan@maryqueenchurch.org

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 281-482-1391 Ext. 333 cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org



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

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.



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.

Baby Shower - Next Weekend!

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 maturity 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.



Mary Queen Catholic Church is currently seeking a **Part-time Jr. High Faith Formation Coordinator**.

To view the full job description, visit www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employment-opportunities.

Interested candidates who meet the requirements listed in the job description are invited to submit a cover letter, resume, and references via email to ilaine@maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

Fr. Robert's 50th Anniversary!

Rev. Robert Ippolito, M.S. will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday, May 28th at the 7:30 AM Mass. Coffee and doughnuts in the Main Hall after Mass. All are welcome!

Altar Server Training

Open to youth finishing the 3rd grade through High School who have received their First Communion.

The Training Sessions are from 6 - 7 PM in the Church every Thursday from June 1st through August 3rd.

To become an altar server, the child needs to attend three sessions, not necessarily in consecutive weeks.

Current servers need to attend one session as a refresher. No need for registration. For questions please contact Rick or Dianne Valdez at valdezdianne@hotmail.com or valdezdianne@hotmail.com or 281-996-1679.



Casino Night is back on June 17th with a Western wear theme!

Tickets will be sold after

Masses starting May 20th.

Table dealers are needed If you are interested, contact:
Anthony Dittrich
281.808.5322
anthonydittrich@gmail.com

La Salettes in the News!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S., former Parochial Vicar of Mary Queen, was recently featured in the newsletter, *Encounter*, where he spoke about the Missionaries of La Salette. Visit our website to check out the article from the U.S. Catholic Mission Association at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/resources.



Camera Crewmembers Needed

We are still in need of substitutes for our regular Livestreamers! We are especially in need of those who can volunteer during the week for daily Mass and for funerals. No experience is necessary! We will train you to use the equipment and software. For more information, contact Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator, at smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org.



Happy 50th Anniversary of Ordination!

Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. Ordained May 12, 1973















COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Men's ACTS Retreat

St. Hyacinth's Men's ACTS welcomes any man desiring to take the next step in their relationship with God on June 1st - 4th.

To register or more info, please contact:
Robert Zapata
281-884-2615
bobbyz258@yahoo.com

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.

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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!

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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.

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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



May 13th through May 19th

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.

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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.





Can Catholics Gamble?

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

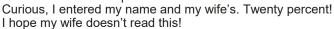
While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated.



I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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