

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are his people: the sheep of his flock. PSALM 100

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



Pastor Rev. James H. Kuczynski, 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.

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.



June: Month of the Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 18th

Food Pantry - Storage of Men's Clothing & Shoes Unbound - Visiting Priest (At All Masses)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church

Monday, June 19th

Food Pantry - Storage of Men's Clothing & Shoes Pastoral Offices Closed - Juneteenth Day

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
Merit Badge Workshop - Scout Troop - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, June 20th

Food Pantry - Storage of Men's Clothing & Shoes

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love - Rm 114/115
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 'Wild Goose Series' Bible Study - AFF - Rm 119
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 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VBS Training - Elementary Faith Formation - Mini Hall

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, June 21st

"That Man Is You!"- Summer Series- Main Hall - Kitchen
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
6:00 PM - 8:20 PM - 8:20 PM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
6:20 PM - 8:20 PM - 8:20 PM

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Food Pantry Fundraiser Meeting - Rm 110/Library
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group

Sessions - AFF - Mary's House

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, June 22nd

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Officers Installation Meal -

Main Hall - Kitchen

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Acolyte Meeting - Mary's House

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall

Friday, June 23rd 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, June 24th

Queen Bee Quilters/Special Friends Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church





Saturday, June 17th

5:30 PM †Mike Austgen, †Daniel Jansky, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Billie & Millie Talley

Sunday, June 18th

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, June 19th

8:30 AM †Mike Prince, †George Alston, Naomi Weiner

Tuesday, June 20th

8:30 AM Souls In Purgatory, Elbert Clarin – Birthday Blessings, Rose Mary Baez – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, June 21st

6:30 PM †Ernie Heeb, †Jeannine & †Jim Martin, Sr., Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Celine Cordary

Thursday, June 22nd

8:30 AM Christine Cordary, Greg & Charlene Otto – Anniversary Blessings, John Paul Kurian

Friday, June 23rd

8:30 AM †Hao Leba, Ralph & Regina Joseph, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

Saturday, June 24th

5:30 PM Tyler Post – Birthday Blessings, Abbey Martin –
Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of
Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, John & Sarah Hoehner –
Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, June 25th

7:30 AM †Edmund Moreland, Jr., †Lou Porter, †Richard Heisey

†Lydia Concepcion

11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

4:30 PM Miles Libby, Christopher Garcia, Andrew Harrington

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time: June 18

That we grow in friendship with God and live our discipleship out of love for Him.

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second — invite the Lord into your heart.

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

Offertory: May 27, 2023 - June 2, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$34,066.69 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,416.67

Difference: (-\$2,349.98)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$7,325.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,101.00 **Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$3,550.79

Loan Balance as of June 12, 2023 was \$1,496,241.99.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

July 2 - Peter's Pence Collection

July 9 - Future Development

July 23 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

Diocesan Services Fund 2023 DSF Summary as of June 12, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$82,749.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 232

Total Number of Gifts received: 352

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 June 12, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$475,174.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,647

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
- 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.





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, July 9, 2023 2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday**, **July 9**, **at 2:00 PM** in St. Joseph's Chapel. Please come and join us in prayer for all human life from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

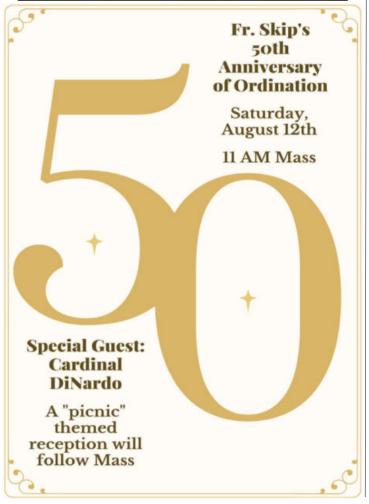


This past Father's Day began with my youngest son asking me for money. As the day went by, he continued to ask me for things. It was actually quite humorous as it was supposed to be my day and I hadn't asked him for one thing. It was all about what he wanted. Finally, after his latest request, I responded, "It's Father's Day! What I want from you is a day where you don't ask me for anything." I would have to say that he does not constantly ask me for things all the time and he is a good kid, but this day he did have me reflecting on how much a child asks from a parent.

We ask quite a lot from our Heavenly Father as well. I don't think He begrudges us anything due to all our requests. However, like any human parent would, I think God would love it when He asks something of us that we can respond with a "yes." We like to do all the asking, but too often we are not very responsive when we are being asked. It is an important aspect to reflect on in any relationship. If you seek to receive more than you are willing to give, what kind of lopsided relationship is that? God doesn't want that type of relationship. Any father wants to give his son or daughter anything they ask for within reason, but offering the same back is what a real relationship is all about.

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Father's Day Blessing

We all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. Fathers are as important as mothers are but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Blessing of Fathers

Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.

You created us and everything around us.

We turned away from you
and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

We come before you today with humble hearts.
You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open
arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers.
They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them,
but have come to realize just how important they
are to us.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.

We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.

In Christ's name.

Amen.



The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine."

— Exodus 19:5

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 18

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday, June 19

St. Romuald, Abbot

Tuesday, June 20

World Refugee Day

Wednesday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Thursday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Friday, June 23

Friday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, June 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, June 18

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday, June 19

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 21

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 22

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 23

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 24

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Sunday, June 25

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33



PRAY & REFLECT

June 18, 2023 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— 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 begin immediately after the 6:30 PM Holy Mass on Wednesdays at Mary's House.

Meetings began May 24th.

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



During the 11:30 AM Mass last Sunday on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Mary Queen community once again joyfully and prayerfully welcomed through the Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance 1 more Adult Catechumen into the Order of Catechumens and 3 more Adult Candidates during the Rite of Welcome to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Please pray for them and all the other Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA process.

More photos can be found on our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/parish-photos.

For more information regarding RCIA or Adult Confirmation, please contact Eby Kurian - ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org 281-482-1391 ext. 319.



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!

The Search

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:00 - 4:30 PM

JULY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH AUGUST 2ND, 9TH

ST. CHARBEL YOUTH CENTER

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED
JUST SHOW UP!

St. Charbel Youth Center High School Summer Open Hours

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



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation 281- 482-1391 Ext. 333 cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org

Elementary Faith Formation Registration

Registration open from June 1 - August 31, 2023

Cost: \$70 per student (registered parishioners)

Sign up today to select your preferred day and time!

Tuesdays 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM OR 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM OR 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who prepared our students for First Holy Communion and for those who assisted the day of the Sacrament!

Thank you to our Catechists who spent many hours preparing our students:

Veronica Segovia, Sarah Kennepohl,
Debbie Cummings, Rick Valdez, Dianne Valdez,
Elizabeth Olin, Colleen Leach, David Barnes,
Alejandra Barnes, Anita Shorosky, Paula Wick,
Victoria Merkys, Alexandra Morrison

Thank you to all those who assisted during the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist:

Father Jim, Father Trey, Deacon Vince, Altar Servers,
Andrea Richards, Art & Environment TeamBoutonniere & wrist corsages,
Tommy McKenna- Photographer,
Dan Levin- Livestream, Ruth Ekland - Livestream,
Dylan Ramirez & The MQ Youth Band,
Yvette Camarillo- Cookies, Leslie Buratti - Lector,
Alexandra Morrison- Lector, Eurcharistic Ministers,
Anita Shorosky, Paula Wick, Rosemary Baez,
Dolores Richards, Joanne Larson, Yvette Camarillo,
Kayse Guerin, Rick Valdez, Dianne Valdez, Mike Stuart

AROUND THE PARISH





Quilts by Queen's Bee Quilters

Join the Queen's Bee Quilters on July 4th for the annual display of their handmade, majestic Military & Patriotic Quilts!

Queen's Bee Quilters, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, will be delivering many of these quilts in the Fall to the VA Hospital - Houston.

Don't miss the drawing for the Special Friends, Inc. Raffle on July 4, 2023 at the July 4th Display in the Main Hall at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale again next weekend.



The members of the Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council 8494 are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's \$3,000 education grants.

Joseph Clark - University of St. Thomas

Andrew Harrington - Texas A&M

Emily Camacho - Texas A&M

Alessandra Rivas - San Jacinto College

Caitlin Ritchey - Texas State University

Nathan Galicia - Newman University

Nicole Harrington - Benedictine College

Visiting Priest - This Weekend!

This weekend, please welcome Rev. John Malasi Ighacho who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 18 developing countries.

To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

About Rev. John Malasi Ighacho

Reverend John Malasi Ishacho is a priest of the Diocese of Mombasa, Kenya, currently serving in the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky. Father Ighacho has also served in Jamaica and Canada as a pastor and chaplain. He considers the experience of being able to work in

He considers the experience of being able to work in different countries and relate to new people as a miracle, and he considers his work with Unbound an opportunity to express gratitude for all he has received.

"It is indeed very humbling and liberating to be the voice of Christ's message of hope, compassion, and love for the poor and the marginalized."

JOIN OUR STAFF

Part-Time Help Wanted

Mary Queen is hiring a part-time Jr High Coordinator with a target start date of July 2023. The responsibilities of this position include: Coordinate and Implement the Sunday Ark program (Jr High Faith Formation) in collaboration with the Ark Core Team and The Director of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization, Coordinate and Chaperone the youth participants for the Annual Archdiocesan Jr High Extreme Challenge, plan and implement Jr High summer camp, and coordinate appropriate St. Charbel Youth Center Activities for Jr High aged adolescents, such as Bible studies and community activities. This position will also assist the High School program during off-weeks and summer as needed. This position is part-time (approximately 16 hours per week). Working on approximately 16-18 Sundays per year will be required, as well as some weekends and evenings, as needed. Please see the website for a full description and minimum requirements for this position at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employmentopportunities.

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.



Following our Heavenly Father's command to clothe the naked and in honor of Father's Day (June 18th), the Homeless Ministry of Mary Queen is asking parishioners to participate in our Men's Clothing and Shoe Drive from June 10th - 19th.

These items will be divided between Our Daily Bread in Galveston and Lord of the Streets in Houston. Clothing and shoes can be used but must be laundered before being donated. We are also collecting new underwear. You can bring items to the Parish Office or drop them in one of the Food Pantry donation boxes.

This clothing and shoe drive is a direct result of our JustFaith Program. After seeing the needs of our unhoused neighbors firsthand, we have decided to expand our Homeless Ministry here at Mary Queen. We are first taking immediate action and will then continue to plan how to best expand our Homeless Ministry.

A new JustFaith Program will begin in the fall. More details to follow. If you are interested in participating in the JustFaith program or would like to join the Homeless Ministry, please contact Chris Austgen at 281-482-1391 or chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Visit our website to register.

Elementary Faith Formation (K-5th)
bit.ly/k-5reg

6th-12th Grade Regular Faith Formation bit.ly/6-12reg



THE WARTH FAMILY



Mike and Cecilia have been at Mary Queen since 2002 after moving here from Sugarland. They wed in 1971 while Mike was finishing college and Cecilia worked at an insurance agency. They were blessed with three sons, who are all married, and seven beautiful grandchildren, who all live in the Houston area. Mike enjoyed a wonderful career with Rohm and Haas for 39 years, while Cecilia worked for an Interior Designer. Mike and Cecilia have been active in Mary Queen Ministries serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and with ACTS. Mike is a Knight of Columbus serving on various committees and leads a Parish cooking team for the homeless at Our Daily Bread in Galveston. In addition, he is president of the Rohm and Haas retiree association known as the "Haas Beens" and is currently a facilitator for the Bible Timeline study. Cecilia is a member of Mary's Chain of Love Crochet Ministry and the Ladies of KC Council 8494. They enjoy time with family and friends, especially while at the beach. Mike and Cecilia feel truly blessed and are proud to be members of Mary Queen Catholic Church and the Friendswood community.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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US Space Force:

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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!

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.

July 9—Already submitted

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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 Daniel Jansky June 17th through June 23rd

We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.



Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member(s) or friend(s) who are in need of special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List.

You may do so by contacting Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, June 20th.

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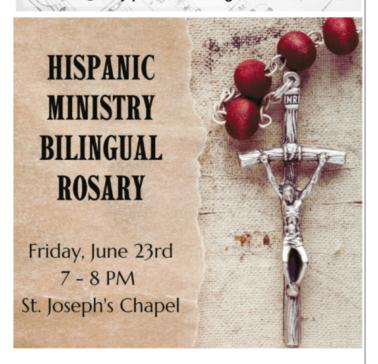
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Q&A

Mass

Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity. ©LPi

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.



I know, I know. Easier said than done. Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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