

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



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Missionaries of **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.



July: Month of the Precious Blood

Sunday, July 2nd

Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council

Monday, July 3rd	
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Women's Ministry Workshop - Rm 110/Library
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Merit Badge Workshop - Scout Troop - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113
Tuesday, July 4th	

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6:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Lunch - July 4th Celebration -
	Main Hall - Kitchen
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, July 5th 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM

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"That Man Is You!"- Summer Series- Main Hall - Kitchen
8:00 AM
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

"That Man Is You!"- Summer Series- Main Hall - Kitchen
Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House

Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
Confessions - Church
Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
Young Adults & College Students Small Group
Sessions - AFF - Mary's House

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Qu 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Young A

Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions - Prayer & Reflection - AFF - Chapel

Thursday, July 6th 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Pastoral Staff Meeting - Rm 114/115 MQCC 2023 Tropical Plan Review - Rm 114/115 Altar Server Training - Church

Friday, July 7th 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

College Students & Young Adults - Eucharistic Adoration & Praise & Worship Night - Chapel

Saturday, July 8th 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Prayer Group - Bob Larson - Rm 110/Library
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
Vacation Bible School Set Up - Main Hall- Youth Center
Reconciliation - Church

Exposition for
Eucharistic Adoration
has been moved this
week to Wednesday,
July 5th at 8 AM.
Benediction will
continue at 5:45 PM as
regularly scheduled.



Saturday, July 1st

7:30 AM
9:30 AM
†Lou Porter, †Bev Pritchard, Benjamin Levin
†Debra Reyes, †Deacon Ernie Abadejos, †Jerry Cowan
†Jerry Gleeson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of
Judy Hodges, Grace Eby – Birthday Blessings

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, July 3rd

8:30 AM †Billie Talley, †Debbie Reyes, Lisa Sokora

Tuesday, July 4th

Wednesday, July 5th

Thursday, July 6th

Friday, July 7th

Saturday, July 8th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, July 9th

7:30 AM †Marcia Wickramasinghe, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Nguyen 9:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †William & †Virginia Adam, Lucia Boone †Don Weido, †Catherine Severino, †John Morriss †Hector Tobon, Greta Kehres, Katrina Martin

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

13th Sunday of Ordinary Times: July 2

That we use our gifts in the way that God intended for us.

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



TIME • TALENT • TREASUR

Offertory: June 10 - June 16, 2023

This week's collection goes to St. Mary's Seminary - Corpus Christi.

MP-Debt Reduction: \$454.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$53.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,020.00

Loan Balance as of June 23, 2023 was \$1,485,973.67.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

July 9 - Future Development July 23 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

Diocesan Services Fund 2023 DSF Summary as of June 23, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185.000.00 **Total Amount Paid:** \$86,639.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 239

Total Number of Gifts received: 374

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 23, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 **Total Amount Paid:** \$477,320.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,936.28 Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,669 **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.

- 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 at 281-482-1391 contact Anita Shorosky 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.



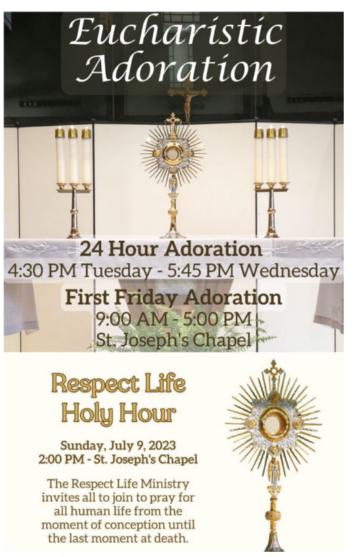
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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.





It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my spouse as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my spouse and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.

This Tuesday, throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. However, freedom does have its limits, and we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all, we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us also take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free and suffer under persecution.

Amen.

O God,

you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

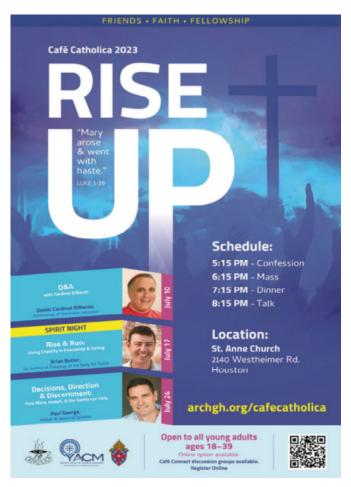
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood

of the cross.



Café Catholica 2023: Rise Up!

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing. Café Catholica 2023 will be held in person at St. Anne Catholic Church (2140 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX) on three Mondays in July starting on July 10th. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 PM, Mass at 6:15 PM, Dinner at 7:15 PM, and Talk at 8:15 PM. This year's theme is: Rise Up! Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is needed to attend. Donations are accepted.

Café Catholica Discussion Groups

We invite all young adults (ages 18-39) to sign up for a Café Catholica Discussion Group. These groups will meet (online or in-person) once a week during the month of July in conjunction with the main Café Catholica program. We will have more than 20 groups available, so young adults can sign up for a time/location that works with their schedule. Registration slots will be limited. Registration is open now! Find all the details online at www.archgh.org/cafeconnect. We are still in need of facilitators for these groups. Register as a facilitator online to help this program succeed.

For more information about this event, go to www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

A Prophet's Reward

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." — Matthew 10:39

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Sunday, July 2

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday, July 4

Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 5

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 6

Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 7

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 8

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 9

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



PRAY & REFLECT

July 2, 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything—even our own life— for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more—that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— 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.

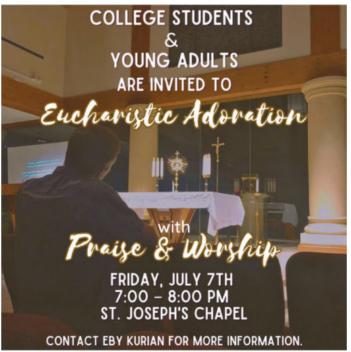
Registration is FREE! Please contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281- 482-1391 x319.



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

Mary Queen College Students & Young Adults will be meeting in Mary's House (located in the back of the Mary Queen parking lot) on Wednesday evenings until August 23rd after the Wednesday 6:30 pm Holy Mass. All young adults ages 18 - 35 are invited to attend our small group session from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. There will be time for food and fellowship as well as small group discussion and prayer. In this summer series, we are discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and learning how we can grow closer to Jesus in our daily walk with HIM.

Agenda:

6:30 - 7:15 PM - Attend Holy Mass

7:15 - 7:30 PM - Enjoy food and fellowship at Mary's House (pizza provided)

7:30 - 8:30 PM - Watch session video and small group discussion

8:30 - 9:00 PM - Prayer & Refection in St. Joseph's Chapel

Attendees are invited to attend all or part of the night.

This series is open to all young adults in the area who can attend. Guests from other parishes, non-Catholics, and newcomers are welcome at any time!

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



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

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



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

Highschool Coed Summer Series

DATES

July 5th

July 12th

July 17th

July 24th

Aug 2nd

Aug 9th

Wednesdays @ 3-4:30 PM

THE SEARCH answers some questions like:

What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Are you leading yourself to some kind of destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between?

This 6 week co-ed video series answers questions that your heart is searching for.

Questions? Contact Tino Quiocho: tquiocho@maryqueenchurch.org 281-482-1391

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.



VBS is almost here for those registered! (camp spots are full)

Date: July 10th - 14th

Time: 9 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: MQ Parish Hall

Please arrive at 9 AM.

*Parents, please walk children into the Main Hall each day. Pick up will also be in the Main Hall.

Day 1: Parents - bring your phone to take a photo of your "exit ticket" needed for us to dismiss your child.

All campers - please bring a reusable water bottle all week.

All MQ Parishioners are welcome to join our VBS Culminating Mass on July 14th @ 11:30 AM. Parents of campers - please attend!

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.

OPEN CHOIR

Do you like to sing but are not thrilled about commitment to rehearsals?

Our choir ensembles are open and ready to welcome you during the summer months.

Just show up 30 minutes before Mass for a run-through of the songs we will be singing.

No commitment required!

Questions? Contact Dylan Ramirez, Director of Liturgy & Musicdramirez@maryqueenchurch.org.





View the video of our Eucharistic Procession created by our Pastoral Council member, Marcus Norwood-bit.ly/CorpusChristiVideo.

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 valdezrick@hotmail.com or valdezdianne@hotmail.com or 281-996-1679.

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



Welcome to Walking with Purpose, a Woman's Program. This season we will offer the study called *Keeping In Balance*. This 22 lesson Bible study focuses on a journey throughout Scripture discovering the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. In this study, we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

The Fall semester will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, through November 14, 2023 (no session October 31, 2023 due to All Saints Mass). The Spring semester will begin on Tuesday January 16, 2024, through May 14, 2024 (no session on March 12, 2024 due to Spring Break).

We will offer two sessions for you to choose from and attend each week, which will meet weekly in the Main Hall at Mary Queen at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

> Registration is Now Open Scan QR Code or use the link



www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/walking-with-purpose

You may also register in person with the receptionist at Mary Queen. The cost to register for the study is \$55, which includes the book.

Registration with book included will close Sunday, August 27, 2023.

For more information please contact:

Pastoral Coordinator Terri Kettle 713-560-4503

Operations Coordinator

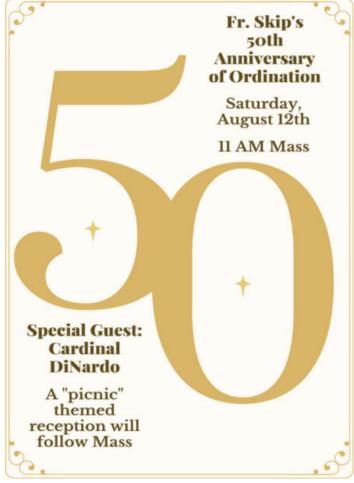
Robyn Culling 281-229-4881

Email: wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com



Fr. Skip Negley, M.S. in Jasper, TX 1984

As we get closer to Fr. Skip's 50th Anniversary of Ordination, we will share photos of him over the years.



Pray for Life! Donate for Life!



Donation drop off is at the Food Pantry drop point in the Narthex or Main Hall. For cash donations, use the QR code or https://bit.ly/asapshower.

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Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

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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.

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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



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 or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5th.

PRAY THIS DAILY JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2023

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF
OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR,
SPARE US DURING THIS
HURRICANE SEASON
FROM ALL HARM.
PROTECT US AND OUR HOMES
FROM ALL DISASTERS OF NATURE.
OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR,
HASTEN TO HELP US.
WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST
OUR LORD.
AMEN.

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Send pulpit announcement requests to <u>Sofia Medrano</u> by the Tuesday before the requested Mass date. (Requests will be announced upon the pastor's approval.)

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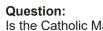
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For additional information, please contact Vinnie Saccomanno at 832-526-5070 or Peggie Madison at 281-482-2860.



Mass Celebrated Around the World



Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

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God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous



temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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