



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seed that
lands on good
ground will
yield a fruitful
harvest.

PSALM 65

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



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

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 16th

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

Monday, July 17th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
 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 ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, July 18th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - 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 Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, July 19th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" - Summer Series- Main Hall - Kitchen
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Confessions - Church
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 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
 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions - Prayer & Reflection - AFF - Chapel

Thursday, July 20th

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Altar Server Training - Church

Friday, July 21st

Saturday, July 22nd

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 'Soul Core' - College Students & Young Professionals - AFF - Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Altar Flowers are a symbol of grace, prayer, and virtue. They are a reminder to us of God's beautiful creation. Fresh altar flowers are a great way to honor a loved one for a special occasion such as a Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or to remember a loved one on the anniversary of their passing. The cost of the flowers is \$250, and your honorarium will be published in the bulletin the weekend the altar flowers are to be given. Please note that flowers cannot be given during the seasons of Advent and Lent or on weekends designated to a Wedding or Quinceañera. Please contact Anita Shorosky in the Parish Office or send an email to anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.



Saturday, July 15th

5:30 PM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Robert & Phyllis Rinehart, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Georgia Handwerk

Sunday, July 16th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 9:30 AM †Jerry Brannen, Dr. Coleman, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Smart, Briggs & Cormier Families
 11:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Jerry Cowan, Jennifer Post – Birthday Blessings
 4:30 PM Angel Nguyen, Cristian Salinas, Jude Krancher – Birthday Blessings

Monday, July 17th

8:30 AM †Edward Stifter, David Leos, Sonja Villamin

Tuesday, July 18th

8:30 AM †Pam Pesl, Miles Libby, Paula Wick – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, July 19th

6:30 PM †Rufino Santos, †Ernie Heeb, †Israel & †Guadalupe Garza

Thursday, July 20th

8:30 AM †Marian Ganter, Alec Pourteau Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Agnes Susil

Friday, July 21st

8:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Rives Benoit, Geri Mills – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, July 22nd

5:30 PM †Prudence Lobo, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Doiron & Conner Families

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30 AM †Doug Carlow, †Terri Breedlove, †RJ Nelson
 9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 11:30 AM †Mary Ann Sanchez, Brigitta Immaculata, Izaac LaBauve – Birthday Blessings
 4:30 PM †Deacon Jose Isabel Arellano, Ailis Zermano, Jievan George – 1st Communion Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 16

That the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayer, participation and generosity.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: June 24, 2023 - June 30, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$42,818.97

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,416.67

Difference: \$6,402.30

MP-Debt Reduction: \$800.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$306.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,300.00

**Loan Balance as of July 7, 2023 was
\$1,437,939.07.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

July 23 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

July 30 - Carmelite Sisters Mission Appeal

August 6 - Future Development and Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of July 7, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$93,445.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 252

Total Number of Gifts received: 413

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 July 7, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$488,117.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$593,841.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,695

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 273

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign.

**Want to switch from envelopes to
online giving?**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

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

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

- SACRAMENTS -



Sacrament of Baptism

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Sacrament of First Eucharist

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

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



Sacrament of Matrimony

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



Sacrament of Holy Orders

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



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

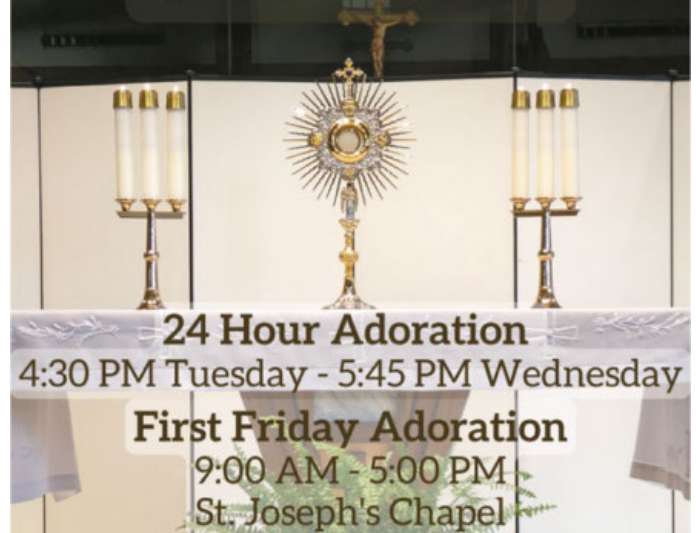
If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

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

Eucharistic Adoration



24 Hour Adoration

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

First Friday Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

St. Joseph's Chapel

Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, August 13, 2023
2:00 PM - St. Joseph's Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to join to pray for all human life from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.



**Live the
Liturgy**

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, then the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

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MARY QUEEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CAR SHOW & CHILI COOK-OFF

@ MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCT. 28TH

SAVE THE DATE!



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409-963-4999
ANDREW@MAMBRETTIFAMILY.COM

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

POLISH NIGHT AT THE PARISH!

Join us for a
**Potluck
&
Pope John Paul II
movie!**

**Friday, July 28th
6 - 8:30 PM
Parish Hall**

You are invited to bring a
Polish dish to share!
We will eat then watch a
movie about this amazing
Saint, mystic, and poet!



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 & Music-
dramirez@maryqueenchurch.org.



FRIENDS • FAITH • FELLOWSHIP

Café Catholica 2023

RISE UP

"Mary
arose
& went
with
haste."
LUKE 1:39

Schedule:

- 5:15 PM - Confession
- 6:15 PM - Mass
- 7:15 PM - Dinner
- 8:15 PM - Talk

Location:
St. Anne Church
2140 Westheimer Rd.
Houston



archgh.org/cafecatholica

Q&A
with Cardinal DiNardo
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,
Bishop of Galveston-Houston
July 10

SPIRIT NIGHT
Rise & Run:
Using Charity in Friendship & Dating
Brian Butler,
Co-Author of Theology of the Body for Teens
July 17

**Decisions, Direction
& Discernment:**
How Mary, Joseph, & the Saints can Help
Paul George,
Author & National Speaker
July 24

Open to all young adults
ages 18-39
Online option available.
Café Connect discussion groups available.
Register Online



Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

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Sunday, July 16

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday, July 17

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 18

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday, July 23

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



PRAY & REFLECT

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

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After successfully completing 6th year of the TMIY program in our Parish, we brought 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.

All College Students & Young Adults are invited to join certified SoulCore Leader, Aimee Kindle, for a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the Rosary with core strengthening, stretching, and functional movement **Saturday, July 22nd from 9:30 - 10:30 AM.**



SoulCore focuses on the mysteries and fruits of the rosary through prayer and meditation paired with functional movement and body strengthening exercises. Learn more and register at bit.ly/SCMaryQueen.

About the Instructor:

Aimee is from the League City area and grew up in the Catholic church attending Edge, Life Teen, ACTS and young adult ministries, where she developed a strong love of her faith.



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.

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 sign-up, please contact Eby Kurian.



We had a great night of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship for College Students and Young Adults! More photos can be found on our Instagram page at www.instagram.com/maryqueenchurch.





**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent
Catechesis & Evangelization**
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Mark your calendars!
We have great
summer activities planned!

THE SEARCH

Highschool Coed Summer Series

DATES

Wednesdays @ 3-4:30 PM

July 5th

THE SEARCH answers some
questions like:

July 12th

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?

July 19th

July 26th

Aug 2nd

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

Aug 9th

Questions?

Contact Tino Quioco: tquicocho@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.

Our week of VBS was Stellar!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of our volunteers for
helping the week go so smoothly! We could not have
done it without your help and dedication!





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at Mary Queen!

Faith Formation Volunteering/Teaching

We are looking for volunteers to assist us during the 2023/2024 school year in teaching our beautiful Catholic Faith! A loving heart and a will to learn is all that is needed. Students are in K-5th grades and meet 19 times during the school year (following the FISD schedule). Class times are from 4:00-5:15 PM or 5:45-7:00 PM on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Are you being called?

Come meet others and spread the love of God!

Children's Liturgy

HELP IS NEEDED! Volunteers meet once per month during the 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM Mass. We are looking for 5 additional team members!

Each week, children ages 5-10 are pulled out of Mass to have their own Children's Mass. It is a beautiful ministry with parishioners who have volunteered for years.

Would you please consider assisting us?

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Stuart, Director of Elementary Faith Formation at cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391 x333.



SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA

All are welcomed to join us for our meetings on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month in the Mini Hall as we strive to promote vocations.

Our Program Meeting on July 27th will be Carol Willenborg of Mary Queen on the subject of Divine Mercy.

Join us for the talk and a small social.

We're Hiring

Mary Queen Catholic Church is currently seeking an **Audio-Visual Assistant**.

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 jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org.



The Mary Queen Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those involved in making our 5th Annual Casino Night a success. The event was a complete sellout with over 300 in attendance. It took more than 60 volunteers helping in numerous ways through planning the event, dealing, running cards to the tables, bartending, serving food and helping decorate for the event. A special thanks goes out to our wonderful sponsors including our event sponsor, Bayway Lincoln. Fr. Jim was presented with a check for \$65,000 that will be used to pay down the debt of the church, bringing the five-year Casino Night debt reduction total to over \$208,000. Next year's event is set for Saturday, June 22, 2024, and we hope to see you there!

Is your CMG Connect up to date?

Summer is the perfect time to renew your CMG Connect!

If you are a volunteer in any ministry or area of the church, you must be current in your CMG Connect in order to continue serving in the parish.

Per Archdiocesan policy, all volunteers must be in compliance or complete the Safe Haven training in order to be renewed in your certification. Training modules do not take long and can be done in only a few hours!

If you have any questions or would like to check your status, please contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.

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.

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>.



Knights of Columbus Council #8494

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

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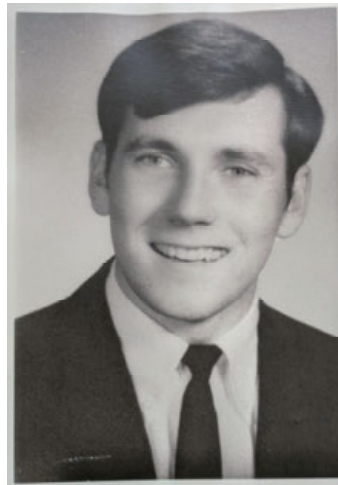
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Fr. Skip Negley, M.S.
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We are getting closer to Fr. Skip's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration! If you will be attending the celebration, please RSVP using the link below by Friday, July 28th.

RSVP here: bit.ly/FrSkip50

If you would like to make a donation in Fr. Skip's name, he has selected some of his favorite causes for donations:

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The celebration on Saturday, August 12th will begin with Mass at 11 AM with special guest, Cardinal DiNardo.

A "picnic" themed reception will follow after Mass and will be a potluck with the entrée provided. We ask that parishioners bring a side to share based on the following request:

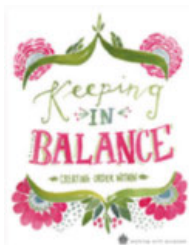
Parishioners with last names beginning with A-L -
Salad, Pasta Salad, or potato salad, etc.

Parishioners with last names beginning with M-S -
Fruit tray

Parishioners with last names beginning with T-Z -
Veggie tray

Please drop off your food in the kitchen on the day of the event.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration for our beloved Fr. Skip!



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:

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713-560-4503

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Email: wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Volunteers Needed

The Shepherd's Nook resale shop, located by Kroger on FM 518, is in need of volunteers. Our Mary Queen Food Pantry works closely with the Nook. As a nonprofit group run by the Episcopal church, they make monetary donations to the Food Pantry throughout the year and assist our clients with free clothing.

Please call Shepherd's Nook at 281-482-8603 if you would like to volunteer or have questions.



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 23, 2023 from 10:30 am - 6:00 pm at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland, TX. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family.

Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through August 14th as well as scholarships upon request.

This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email cameron@forlifeandfamily.org.



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US Marine Corps:

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US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

US Coast Guard:

Swab Manon Murphy

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!

We Pray For

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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 Church is in need...

- Between 1970 and 2021 the number of priests in the US declined from 59,000 to 34,000.
- Half of the priests in the US are at or reaching retirement age.
- Newly ordained priests are only meeting 57% of the demand.
- Hispanics represent 39% of the Catholic population, but only 5% of the priests.

You can help!

Mary Queen Vocations Ministry supports the call of the Lord to those who will serve in religious life. We do this in our parish through prayer and various activities that celebrate and bring awareness to religious vocations including the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and those called to religious service as a sisters and brothers.

We need volunteers to help plan activities that bring awareness and that support those discerning a religious vocation.

If you want to be part of the solution, email us today at MQVocations@gmail.com.

Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

Bulletin, eNews, pulpit announcements, website, or social media

Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator
email: smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org
phone: 281-482-1391 x334
text: 409-218-8213

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

Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

August 6—July 19
August 13—July 26

Texas Catholic Herald

Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at www.archgh.org/digitaleditions or visit www.archgh.org/tch.



Why Use Incense?

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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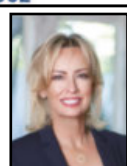
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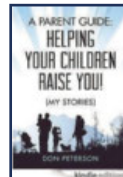
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