



July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

PSALM 86



**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are 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 23rd

Monday, July 24th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
 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 25th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
 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
 Joyful Lights - Mary's House
 Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, July 26th

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
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM "The Search" - High School Coed Summer Series - Youth Center
 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 Women's Ministry Luncheon Meeting - Mini Hall
 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 27th

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ready to React Training - Pastoral Staff - Main Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Altar Server Training - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall

Friday, July 28th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Polish Night at the Parish - Main Hall - Kitchen

Saturday, July 29th

Carmelite Sisters Mission Appeal (After All Masses)

Hurricane Preparedness Team Handouts (After All Masses)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

WARNING! STAY ALERT!

"Can you do me a favor?" "Do you have an open schedule?"

If you have received this message via text or email from Fr. Jim or another member of the Pastoral staff, disregard it immediately! Fr. Jim will NEVER email or text you to ask for money, gift cards, etc. Always check the sender's email address- if it does not end in @maryqueenchurch.org, it is a spam message. Report the message and block the sender. Please do not fall victim to this scam! Stay alert.



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

Monday, July 24th

8:30 AM †Josefina Santos, †Henryka Narloch, †Jeremias Pulumbarit

Tuesday, July 25th

8:30 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, †Oscar & †Cecilia Rivas, All Priests

Wednesday, July 26th

6:30 PM †Dan Foster, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Gautreaux Family, David Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, July 27th

8:30 AM †Jun Martinez, Teri Finnegan – Birthday Blessings, Curtis & Maryanne Post – 55th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Friday, July 28th

8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Martin Vanek, Ray Valadez – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, July 29th

5:30 PM †Renita Labrie, Rolando Villamin, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hartman Family

Sunday, July 30th

7:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Wendy Hrcir, †Jeanne Thoman
 9:30 AM †John Morriss, †David Valdez, †Arthur Grygier
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM Jared Duhon, Alex Mabe, Samantha Dusi

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 23

That we may allow stewardship to blossom in our hearts and joyfully share our gifts.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: July 1, 2023 - July 7, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,390.36

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$51,280.75

Difference: (-\$10,890.39)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$66,399.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,176.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,200.00

**Loan Balance as of July 17, 2023 was
\$1,435,973.67.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

July 30 - Carmelite Sisters Mission Appeal

August 6 - Future Development and Maintenance

August 13 - Infirm Priests

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of July 17, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$93,600.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 253

Total Number of Gifts received: 418

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 17, 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

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

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CAR SHOW & CHILI COOK-OFF

@ MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCT. 28TH

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ANDREW@MAMBRETTIFAMILY.COM

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

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.



Verbum Tuum
DISCERNMENT GROUP

HOUSTON VOCATIONS

SCAN TO LEARN MORE




A four month formation program for the spiritual life. For young men & women who are serious about the mission God is calling them to.

August 24, 2023 - 6pm-9pm
All Saints Catholic Church, Houston

September 22-23, 2023
Overnight Retreat
Christian Renewal Center

October 26, 2023 - 6pm-9pm
All Saints Catholic Church, Houston

November 18, 2023
One Day Retreat
All Saints Catholic Church, Houston

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!




MULTILINGUAL ROSARY

Do you have the gift to speak in more than one language?

The La Salette Laity of Mary Queen Parish will be hosting a multilingual rosary and reception on September 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

If you have the ability to recite one decade of the Rosary in a language other than English and are willing to share that gift, please contact Chris Austgen at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org for more information.





The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27

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Once again Mary Queen parishioners stepped up to put their faith in action by donating to our Men's Clothing and Shoe Drive last month. **We collected 1,439 items!** Many of those items have already been delivered to our unhoused neighbors at Lord of the Streets in Houston and Our Daily Bread in Galveston.

Thank you for Loving God by Serving Others!



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

Monday, July 24

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday, July 26

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 27

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 28

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 29

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday, July 30

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



PRAY & REFLECT

July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great). Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— 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 men and women 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 **Monday,**

August 21st 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.



Mary Queen's Young Adults served our unhoused brothers and sisters at Our Daily Bread in Galveston on Friday, July 14th. They also dropped off 10 bags of men's clothing and shoes that were collected during the Men's Clothing and Shoe Drive.

Interested in getting involved with the College Students & Young Professionals ministry? Contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA.



More photos can be found on our Instagram page at www.instagram.com/maryqueenchurch.



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The Chosen Junior High Study

Tuesdays from
1 - 3 PM - Starting
Next Week

July 25th
August 1st
August 8th

THE SEARCH

Highschool Coed Summer Series

DATES	Wednesdays @ 3-4:30 PM
July 5th	<p style="text-align: center;">THE SEARCH answers some questions like:</p> <p>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?</p> <p>This 6 week co-ed video series answers questions that your heart is searching for.</p>
July 12th	
July 19th	
July 26th	
Aug 2nd	
Aug 9th	

Questions?
Contact Tino Quirocho: tquirocho@maryqueenchurch.org
281-482-1391

St. Charbel Youth Center
High School Summer Open Hours

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

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.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers:

Thank you all so much for your assistance with Vacation Bible School. We had a Stellar week of VBS! We are only as strong because of you, our volunteers. We want to especially thank all of you who were involved in any way. Thank you to all who set up, were hall monitors, aided with our music ministry, and assisted with the liturgy... It takes many hands of Christ to do his work. You all Shined Jesus' Light this week.

A special thank you goes out to our Crew Team & Nursery Workers. So many wonderful teens and adults!

Finally, we want to recognize our core team who plans each activity throughout the week and assists in so many ways to make this an extra special week:

John & Lindsey Evans – Leadership Team

Tamara Ives & Connie Styrk – Games

Dora Wiederhold & Amie Steinhauser –
Bible Adventures

Debbie Clark & Nora Cotter – Kid Vid

Jennifer & Nick Hammerle – Crafts

Sarah Alley & Leslie Buratti – Snacks

Leslie Karam - Music

Janet Sandridge - Nurse

AROUND THE PARISH

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 4th 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.



It is hurricane season and the Mary Queen Emergency Management Ministry wants to help you be prepared and help you help your neighbors in need. We will be passing out Galveston County emergency management guides after all Masses on July 29th and 30th. We will also assist any parishioners who want to sign up for STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry) or have questions about how to help neighbors who might live alone or need assistance in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster. Please stop by our table! Now is the time to make a plan. Now is the time to check in with the vulnerable near you!



Altar Server Training

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

Only 2 Training Sessions remain! Sessions are from 6-7 PM in the Church on these Thursdays: July 27th and 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>.



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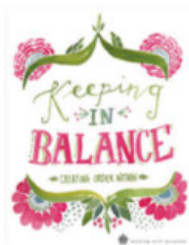
August 5th | 10 - 11:30 AM | \$75
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Learn how to design a tabletop arrangement using greenery, roses, and filler flowers!



For more information or to register, visit:
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*Proceeds benefit costs for Altar Flowers.



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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**Fr. Skip Negley, M.S.
during the summer of
1980**

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 Monday, July 31st.

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:

Cochabamba
bit.ly/FSCochabamba



Priests Retirement Fund
bit.ly/RetiredPriests

One-Time Gift to Mary Queen
in Fr. Skip's Name
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*Please mention 'Fr. Skip's Anniversary' in the Memo line

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.

Over the years, Fr. Skip has celebrated many sacraments and special Masses. If you have any photos of Fr. Skip that you would like to share, please send them to womensministrymq@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

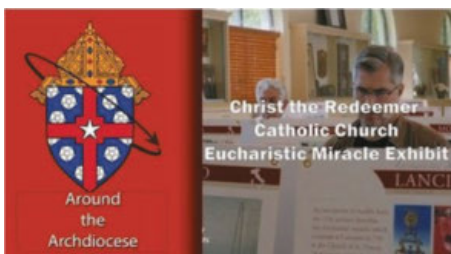
SPIRIT NIGHT
Rise & Run: Living Chastity in Friendship & Dating
Brian Butler, Co-Author of *Theology of the Body for Teens*
July 17

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

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Around the Archdiocese: Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit



All are invited to the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

To view a video of the exhibit, visit:
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

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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!

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Zoe Vontour

Sandy Weidenvort

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.



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.



The 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 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 13—July 26
August 20—August 1



Why Wear a Roman Collar?

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.



We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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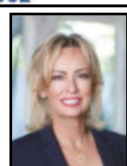
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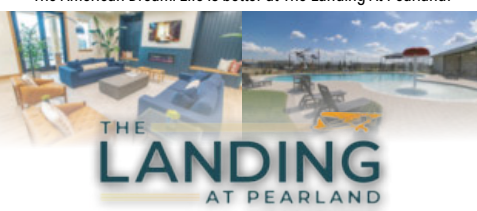
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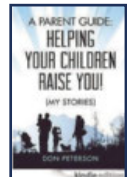
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