



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I LOVE YOUR
COMMANDS,
O Lord.

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



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M.S.



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M.S.

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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 30th

Carmelite Sisters Mission Appeal (After All Masses)

Hurricane Preparedness Team Handouts (After All Masses)

Monday, July 31st

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 Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, August 1st

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, August 2nd

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 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, August 3rd

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Rm 114/115
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Ready To React Training - Pastoral Staff - Main Hall
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Altar Server Training - Church

Friday, August 4th

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Fr. Skip Anniversary of Ordination Luncheon - Mini Hall - Kitchen

Saturday, August 5th

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
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Flower Arranging Class - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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 Hrnir, †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

Monday, July 31st

8:30 AM †Marian Ganter, †Johnny Garza, Ray & Marie Valadez - Anniversary Blessings

Tuesday, August 1st

8:30 AM †Debra Reyes, †Thomas Banda, Maryanne Post - Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, August 2nd

6:30 PM †Simon Kucera, †Rose Mary Hitt, †Florence Corcoran

Thursday, August 3rd

8:30 AM †Josh Clark, †Fred Debbrecht, Lisa Sokora

Friday, August 4th

8:30 AM †Marian Ganter, †Rebecca Maldonado, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Billie & Millie Talley

Saturday, August 5th

8:30 AM †Eric Concepcion, †Anthony Concepcion, Mary Queen Ministries

5:30 PM †Maria Le, †Edgar Poyatos, Sr., †Rudy Pesl

Sunday, August 6th

7:30 AM †Teresita Campos Garza, †Walter Hammerle, Brigitta Immaculata

9:30 AM †William Borghese & †Bert Borghese, †Connel Masterson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin

11:30 AM †Lesbia Burgus, †Renee Portocarrero, †Billy Clifford

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 30

That we learn to put our trust in God in everything we do.

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: July 8, 2023 - July 14, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$46,606.71

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,884.08

Difference: \$9,722.63

MP-Debt Reduction: \$894.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$4,830.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,555.00

**Loan Balance as of July 19, 2023 was
\$1,435,973.67.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

August 6 - Future Development and Maintenance

August 13 - Infirm Priests

August 27 - La Salettes Mission Appeal

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of July 19, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$95,380.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 256

Total Number of Gifts received: 427

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 19, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$497,977.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$593,841.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,723

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.



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

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

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JOIN THE MQ ARTS & ENVIRONMENT TEAM FOR A

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

August 5th | 10 - 11:30 AM | \$75
(tea, snacks, and arrangement included)

Learn how to design a tabletop arrangement using greenery, roses, and filler flowers!

For more information or to register, visit:
bit.ly/MQFlowers

*Proceeds benefit costs for Altar Flowers.



MARY QUEEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CAR SHOW & CHILI COOK-OFF

@ MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCT. 28TH

SAVE THE DATE!



CONTACT:
ANDREW MAMBRETTI
409-963-4999
ANDREW@MAMBRETTIFAMILY.COM

◆ WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE! ◆

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon
Saturday, September 30, 2023

Theme:

'She is clothed with strength and dignity.'

BLOOD DRIVE

Friendswood Community Drive -
Mary Queen Catholic Church

Sunday, August 13
8:00 am - 1:45 pm

Coach Bus

Free Pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream
& Stack of Pancakes from IHop!!!

Sponsor Code: 0603



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Mia, blood recipient



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the same day as your appointment.

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 Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

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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 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

Monday, July 31

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



PRAY & REFLECT

July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

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ADULT FAITH Formation

Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA
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ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org



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.



SOULCORE
BODY MIND SOUL



College Students & Young Adults Summer Faith Sharing
Small Group & Bible Study continues to meet 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.

For more information, please contact - Eby Kurian



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 - Going on
now!

August 1st
August 8th

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

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Questions?</p> <p>Contact Tino Quirocho: tquirocho@maryqueenchurch.org 281-482-1391</p>

St. Charbel Youth Center
High School Summer Open Hours

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

AROUND THE PARISH

Missions Appeal for the Missionary Carmelites of St. Teresa - This Weekend

The Missionary Carmelites of St. Teresa were founded in Mexico City on March 8, 1903 by four brave sisters who in response to the call of God and the needs of their time began their mission teaching children to read and write sitting beneath a tree and caring for the ill and forgotten in the poorest part of the city all with the desire to MAKE PRESENT THE LOVE OF GOD through their service.

Our Charism is to follow Christ in his filial and confident communication with the Father.

We have a very specific mission: to live and share the experience of the living God and to help others to do so through the total gift of ourselves especially among the poor.

Today, the Congregation, open to the Holy Spirit, continues to respond to this call of evangelization and service with fidelity to the Good News of salvation.

We are currently present in seven countries: Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Chile, and here in the United States.

Our congregation arrived to the United States in 1947 to help in the evangelization and for the past 76 years has been collaborating with different dioceses around the country. We are currently present in Arkansas & Houston.

Altar Server Training

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

The final Training Session will be this Thursday, August 3rd from 6-7 PM in the Church.

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

No need for registration. For questions please contact Rick or Dianne Valdez at valdezrick@hotmail.com or valdezdianne@hotmail.com or 281-996-1679.

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 Dittrich Family



Cindy and Anthony met through CYO at St. Francis Cabrini. They were high school sweethearts and will be celebrating 46 years of marriage this November. Cindy and Anthony were blessed to have 4 children, Jennifer, Leigh-Ann, Jeffrey, and Elaina, and 7 grandchildren, including six grandsons and 1 princess. They are Kai (15), Hunter (14), Nash (13), Jackson (12), Slaytor (4), Mason (4), and Waylon (8 months). There is never a dull moment with this many grandchildren! Anthony's work opportunities with Chevron took him to New York and Georgia before relocating back in 1995 to the Greater Houston area. The Dittrichs moved to Friendswood in 2001, attending several different Catholic churches before making Mary Queen their home. Cindy started Mary's Chain of Love, a ministry for ladies at Mary Queen whose members pray and crochet. Mary's Chain of Love serves the parish community and Memorial Hermann Hospital. Anthony has been a Knights of Columbus member since 2010, and he has served in various roles including Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. After his retirement in 2015, he started two major fundraisers for the Mary Queen Knights: the annual KC Charity Golf Classic, which funds grants for needy students, and the annual KC Casino Night, which raises money for paying the debt of the church. Cindy and Anthony enjoy the outdoors, frequently going to their property in Junction, Texas. Mary Queen has been a special place for Cindy and Anthony, and they hope to serve their Mary Queen family for years to come!



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 this weekend. 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!

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 FSD 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.



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

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Robyn Culling
281-229-4881

Email: wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com



Fr. Skip Negley, M.S. Graduation from St. Cecilia's grade school May 1960

We are getting closer to Fr. Skip's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration! **The deadline to RSVP is Monday, July 31st!** If you will be attending the celebration, please RSVP using the link below.

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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*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.

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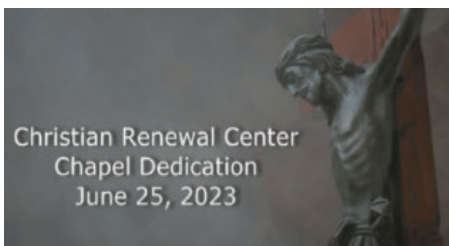
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Around the Archdiocese: Christian Renewal Center Chapel Dedication



The Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX recently held a dedication for their new chapel.

To view the video, visit:
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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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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.

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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.

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Questions? Contact Dylan Ramirez, Director of Liturgy & Music- dramirez@maryqueenchurch.org.

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 20—August 1
August 27—August 9



Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10). To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).
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What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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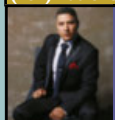
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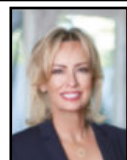
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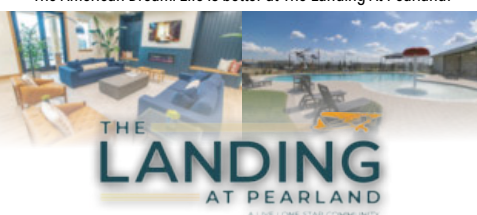
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