



*August 13, 2023*

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Let us  
see your  
*kindness.*

PSALM 85

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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](http://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.



## August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Sunday, August 13th

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM Fr. Skip Ordination Mass - Family Travel  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Knights of Columbus Blood Drive (After All Masses)  
 Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel

### Monday, August 14th

#### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil Mass - 7:00PM

Fr. Skip Ordination Mass - Family Travel  
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Convalidation - Benevides - Church  
 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 15th

#### Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Masses - 7:00AM; 8:30AM; 7:00PM

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 16th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House  
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee Quilters - Mini Hall  
 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  
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM "Flow Camp" Faith Sharing Group - Rm 110/Library  
 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group  
 Sessions - Prayer & Reflection - AFF - Chapel

### Thursday, August 17th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Catholic Communications Luncheon - Mini Hall -Kitchen  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Friday, August 18th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Garza/Rodriguez - Church  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary - Chapel

### Saturday, August 19th

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast - Main Hall  
 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  
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle Scout Project - Scout Troop 452 - Main Hall  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Rodriguez -Garza - Church  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



### Saturday, August 12th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

### Sunday, August 13th

7:30 AM †Juliana Krajca, Miles Libby, Angelica Marta  
 9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Jerry Adam, Lucia Boone  
 11:30 AM †Scott Durham, †Allen Carambat, †Lesbia Burgos  
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, Alison Roles, Leslie Nunez

### Monday, August 14th

8:30 AM †Mary Rita Zehentner, †John Crawford,  
 †Eric Concepcion, Thomas Banda  
 7:00 PM †Jerry Cowan, †Carol Warrington, †Kim Thi Anh

### Tuesday, August 15th

7:00 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
 8:30 AM †Diana Peters, Gary Lorange, Living & Deceased Loved  
 Ones of John & Agnes Susil  
 7:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Heeb & Garst Families,  
 Karen Simsarian – Birthday Blessings, Brother Francis  
 Marie, OP

### Wednesday, August 16th

6:30 PM †Maria Nguyen, †John & †Rita Vogel, Living & Deceased  
 Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

### Thursday, August 17th

8:30 AM †Mary Campagna, Rev. Hugh Grace, Roberta Prindiville

### Friday, August 18th

8:30 AM †Beck Runte, LaSalette Prayer Group, Andrea & Bob  
 Zehentner – Anniversary Blessings, Charlene Otto –  
 Birthday Blessings

### Saturday, August 19th

5:30 PM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, Monica Quintero, Living & Deceased  
 Loved Ones of Robert & Phyllis Rinehart

### Sunday, August 20th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
 9:30 AM †Enrique Valdez, †Dr. Charles & †Philomenia St. George,  
 The Stumpenhous Family  
 11:30 AM †Alex Bernardo, †Jose Sepulveda, Michael & Joan  
 Masterson – 50th Anniversary Blessings,  
 †Joseph Anthony DeBonis  
 4:30 PM †Judith Cutrer, †Kim Thi Anh, Thomas Jimenez

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 13

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the  
 confidence to walk on water.

*"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk  
 on the water toward Jesus." - Matthew 14:29*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately  
 and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are  
 walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the  
 power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it  
 gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the  
 extraordinary life He has intended for you.





# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: July 22, 2023 - July 28, 2023

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$56,772.21

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$36,819.17

**Difference:** \$19,953.04

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$1,237.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$200.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$11,200.00

**Loan Balance as of August 7, 2023 was  
\$1,361,092.52.**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**August 27** - La Salettes Mission Appeal

**September 3** - University of St. Thomas/Catholic  
University of America

**September 10** - Future Development and Maintenance

**September 17** - La Salette Feast Day

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2023 DSF Summary as of August 7, 2023**

**Parish Goal:** \$185,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$105,793.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 266

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 462

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of August 7, 2023**

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$503,143.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$592,091.54

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,750

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

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

I remember when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

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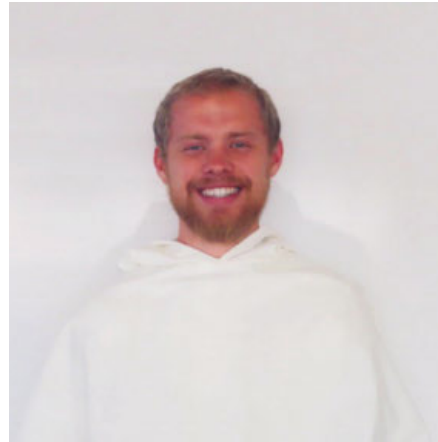
# MULTILINGUAL ROSARY

**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](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) for more information.**

## **Brother Francis Marie Mills set to make Profession of Vows**



Student Brother Francis Marie of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph, son of Gerri Mills, parishioner, with the endorsement of his religious community and the acceptance of the Prior Provincial, will make his first profession of the simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15). He entered the novitiate on the Feast of St. Dominic, August 8th of last year, after graduating from Friendswood High School in 2018 and the University of Texas – Austin in 2021. Brother Francis Marie will be at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. for six years where his formation will focus on four areas: human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. In addition, he will live in community, primarily dedicated to prayer and study, while being assigned to various part-time ministries in Washington, D.C. Please keep Brother Francis Marie in your prayers on his journey to the priesthood!

**The Multilingual Rosary Planning Group is looking for volunteers to host a table decorated as the country of your choice! Following the multilingual rosary, we will host an international reception in the Main Hall.**

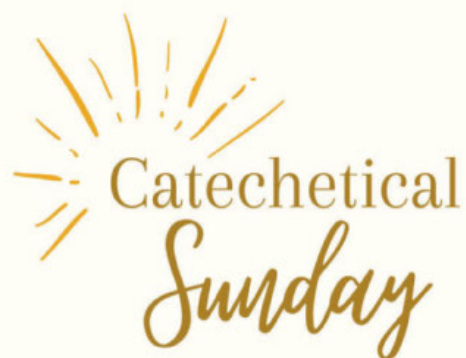
**You will select a country of choice, decorate the table with this theme, and provide light food of your selected country.**

**Example: England - 'Tea Party' themed table with scones.**

**Date: Friday, September 8, 2023**

**Time: 6:30pm International Rosary**

**Please contact Leslie Karam at 832-282-8454 to reserve your country!**



**All Catechists: Join us for a special Blessing of the Catechists during each Mass on the weekend of August 26th & 27th.**



## God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

*"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..."*  
Matthew 14:31

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## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

**7:00 PM - VIGIL**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH**

**7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM**



## Sunday, August 13

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## Monday, August 14

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

## Tuesday, August 15

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-4/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## Wednesday, August 16

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

## Thursday, August 17

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

## Friday, August 18

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

## Saturday, August 19

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

## Sunday, August 20

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



## August 13, 2023

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

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### The RCIA: A Journey of Faith

Since Jesus invited His first followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way...we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration and community – five basic elements that are present in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community. The purpose of the RCIA is literally "the making of Christians", for as Tertullian in the 4th century wrote "Christians are made, not born."

Join us on the journey....

**You are cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending an open informational meeting called "COME & SEE" on Thursday, September 7th from 7 – 8:30 PM in the Main Hall.**

This invitation is extended to:

- anyone who has never been baptized and/or has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith

We welcome all inquiries and look forward to accompanying you soon. Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA.

Thanks to all who attended our first ever SoulCore session at Mary Queen on Saturday, July 22nd!

Our Adult Faith Formation Department is working with Certified SoulCore Leader, Aimee Kindle, to offer bi-weekly sessions with morning & evening options for all men & women ages 18 and above. Don't worry if you missed last time; join anytime! Learn more and register at [bit.ly/SCMaryQueen](http://bit.ly/SCMaryQueen).



Monday Morning Sessions: 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Main Hall

Wednesday Evening Sessions: 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Main Hall

August - 21st & 30th  
 September - 11th, 13th, 25th & 27th  
 October - 9th, 11th, 23rd & 25th  
 November - 6th, 8th, 27th & 29th  
 December - 11th & 13th



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 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

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING  
 THE NEWLY RECIEVED MEMBERS (ADULTS) INTO  
 THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

**Cathy Hart, Cecil Butts, and Jessica Hogan**

who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and  
 Holy Eucharist on August 6th - Transfiguration Sunday.







**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent  
Catechesis & Evangelization**  
281- 482-1391 Ext. 317  
[tryan@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:tryan@maryqueenchurch.org)

### Welcome, Olivia!



We have welcomed our newest staff member, Olivia! She is the new Jr. High Faith Formation Coordinator.

Olivia comes to us from Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries, where she was previously an event planner. Olivia is recently married, and

originally from Alabama. She and her husband will be parishioners of Mary Queen Catholic Church.

When not working, Olivia can be found painting, crocheting, baking bread, hiking, or taking walks with her dog! She is excited about joining our Mary Queen family and is most looking forward to learning from the youth.

Please stop by the St. Charbel Youth Center to introduce yourself to Olivia!



**Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation**  
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## REMINDER

**Registration for K-5th Grade  
Regular Faith Formation  
closes August 31st!**

**Cost: \$70 per student  
(registered parishioners)**

**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**

**REGISTER AT: [BIT.LY/K-5REG](https://bit.ly/k-5reg)**

## REMINDER

**6-12th Grade  
Regular Faith Formation Registration  
closes August 31st!**

**After August 31st-  
Late registration must be done  
in-person Monday - Thursday  
9 AM - 4 PM**

**Register at:  
[bit.ly/6-12reg](https://bit.ly/6-12reg)**

### K-5th Grade VOLUNTEERS:

#### Catechist Training for Elementary Faith Formation

Who attends: ALL volunteer catechist (teachers) for grades K-5th grade for the 2023/2024 year

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: 9:00-10:30 AM

Location: Main Hall

(A light breakfast will be served.)

Volunteers: Ages 18+, please make certain to double-check your CMG Connect is up to date. This is required for all volunteers including teachers, hall monitors & traffic control.

[CMG Connect - Catholic Mutual Group](#)

### WHEN DO CLASSES BEGIN?

Opening night Sacrament class  
(1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion)

Who attends: Parent & Child

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time: 6:30-7:45pm

Location: MQ Main Hall

EFF K-5th Grade classes begin the last week of September:

Tuesday: September 26, 2023

Wednesday: September 27, 2023

Details regarding what class & night your child is in will be forthcoming in August. Please check email and junk folder.

Parents: On night one of class, bring a cell phone to snap a photo of your exit ticket. Once you meet & greet the teacher, there is a mandatory parent meeting in the Main Hall during your child's class time.

Additional calendar information:

<https://bit.ly/ElemFF>



### **The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Annual Mission Appeal - August 26th & 27th**

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. "They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

### **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](mailto:cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391 x333.



### **Dinner and a Movie Night**

Mother Teresa No Greater Love

Mary Queen's Social Concerns Ministry (formerly Parish Social Ministry), Mary Queen Men's Ministry and the Knights of Columbus Council #8494 are joining together to host a Dinner and Movie Night. "Mother Teresa No Greater Love" is far more than a film. "It is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope," (Ignatius Press).

Join us for this informative, moving film and a simple dinner of red beans and rice on Friday, August 25th or Saturday, August 26th at 7 PM in the Main Hall. The event is free, but donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of dinner.

To reserve your spot, RSVP at [bit.ly/MotherTeresaMovie](http://bit.ly/MotherTeresaMovie) or call the church office at 281-482-1391.



### **SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA**

Why Serra?

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The Serra Club of the Bay Area meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Mary Queen.

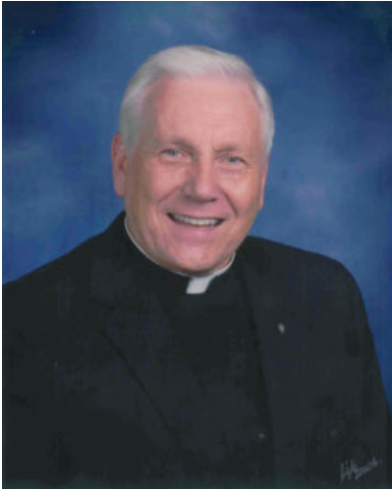


Mary Queen Catholic Church is currently seeking an **Audio-Visual Assistant**.

To view the full job description, visit [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employment-opportunities](http://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](mailto:jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org).





**Happy 50th Anniversary  
of Ordination  
Rev. Phil "Skip" Negley,  
M.S.**

**Ordained August 4, 1973**

Father Skip celebrated  
50 years of priesthood on  
Friday, August 4th!

We thank God for his 'yes'  
to the priesthood and for  
his dedication to  
Mary Queen and the

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston!

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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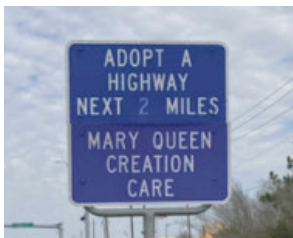
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One-Time Gift to Mary Queen  
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[bit.ly/One-TimeGift](http://bit.ly/One-TimeGift)



\*Please mention 'Fr. Skip's Anniversary' in the Memo line

**Creation Care Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**



Our next clean-up is Saturday,  
August 19th! We will meet at  
sunrise and work for two hours.  
Volunteers should call or text  
Jen Hammerle at 281-961-1796  
for more details.

**The Bridge Program**

Calling all 21-30 year olds- Are you looking to make some new  
connections, investigate future life-paths, and have some fun?  
Join us for fun and fellowship, Thursdays at 7 PM starting August  
24th. Bring a friend! The first meeting will be at the St. Charbel  
Youth Center with volleyball, Mario Cart, card games, and free  
food! You can help decide other activities from there.

Text 832-260-2691 for more information. RSVP to  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/RP2V5CG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RP2V5CG). If you decide to come at  
the last minute and didn't RSVP, don't worry about it and just  
show up! Sponsored by the Vocations Ministry.

**Rev. Phil M. Negley, M.S. (Fr. Skip)  
Ministerial Assignments over Fifty Years with  
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August 4, 1973 – Ordination  
Feast day of St. John Vianney  
St. Cecilia's Cathedral  
Omaha, Nebraska

August – September 1973  
Summer Ministry - Our Lady of the Isle Church  
Grand Isle, Louisiana

September 1973 – 1978  
Parochial Vicar - Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church  
Sulphur, Louisiana

June 1978 -- 1982  
Province Director of Vocations - Mary Queen Province  
Houston, Texas & St. Louis, Missouri  
Masters in Christian Spirituality - Creighton University  
Omaha, Nebraska

December 1982 -- 1985  
Pastor (First Time) - St. Michael Church & Missions  
Jasper, Texas

July 1985 -- 1988  
Pastor - Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church  
Sulphur, Louisiana

June 1988 – 1990  
Vicar Provincial & Local Superior  
La Salette Missionaries Community  
St. Louis, Missouri

July 1990 -- 1992  
Province Director of Formation - Pre-Novitiate Formation House  
St. Louis, Missouri

June 1992 – 1995  
Director of Ministries at the National  
Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette  
Ipswich, Massachusetts

January 1995 – 1996  
Completion of Doctoral Studies  
Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality  
Andover Newton Theological School  
Newton, Massachusetts

June 1996 – 1998  
Parochial Vicar - Mary Queen Church  
Friendswood, Texas

January 1998 – 2004  
Director of the Office of Ministry To Priests (Founding Ministry)  
Diocese of Galveston-Houston  
Houston, Texas

January 2004 – 2012  
Pastor of Mary Queen Church  
Friendswood, Texas

October 2012 – 2015  
Provincial Superior - Province of Mary, Mother of the Americas  
Winchester, Massachusetts

January 2016 – April 2016  
Sabbatical Studies in Pastoral Spanish  
Nuestra Señora de La Salette Paroquia  
Cochabamba, Bolivia

June 2016 – Present  
Director of the Office of Ministry To Priests  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
Houston, Texas

September 2023  
Pastoral Ministry & Province Ministry  
Senior Religious La Salette Missionary  
(A.K.A. *Retired*)  
Friendswood, Texas

Glory to God in the Highest. Amen.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### Tour George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum

Tour the George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Leave St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real at 8:30 AM and return around 4:30 PM. Men and women 50 years of age or older are welcome. Cost is \$20. Lunch on your own at a College Station local deli. Sponsored by Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women. RSVP by Aug. 21st. For info, contact 832-605-8360 or [Gretchenmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchenmitchell@gmail.com).

### Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast

Program: Message From the Heart

Speaker: Sacea Armstrong of Providence Outreach Ministries


Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 7:10 am Coffee, 7:30 am Breakfast,  
8:00 am Program, 9:00 am Closing

Place: Mary Queen

Breakfast: \$10 Suggested Donation

Please let us know you are coming! We want a count to prepare enough breakfast! Email your name and how many are coming to [steve.n.martin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve.n.martin@sbcglobal.net), or call your church Prayer Breakfast Representative.



**Galveston Seafarers Mass and Benefit Luncheon**

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mass 11am at St. Patrick with Bishop Brendan Cahill, USCCB Chaplain for Stella Maris Tour of St. Patrick

Luncheon 12 pm catered by Shrimp n Stuff

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[withgrace@yahoo.com](mailto:withgrace@yahoo.com)

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Please bring full size toiletries to donate. The more you are able to bring, the more seafarers can be gifted during this program.

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Starburst: \$23 with donation, \$26 with tax

### Around the Archdiocese: Café Catholica



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston held their annual Café Catholica for young adults throughout the month of July. This year's event was hosted at St. Anne's Catholic Church.

To view the video, visit:

<https://youtu.be/OYmpn3DTUJY>.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

#### US Air Force:

A1C Jake Ainsworth, SSgt Chris Aubuchon, Capt James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Capt James Gregory, A1C Jasper Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

#### US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo

#### US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, CPL Michael Gray, Lt Col Andrew Kelemen, 1stLt Jacob Perez, Maj Norman Renfro

#### US Navy:

PO1 Chase Bourque, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith, CAPT Mike Svatek

#### 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](mailto: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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Dolores Bolanos  
Ethan Brandon  
Nancy Brantley  
Timothy Buzby

Cardenas Family  
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Rachel Chavez  
Diana Chenevert  
Tomas Coronado  
Thomas Cunningham

Gwen D'Antoni  
Patrick D'Antoni  
Dement Family

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Timothy Ferguson  
Guadalupe Flores  
Milagro del Carmen  
Sanchez Flores  
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and Babies  
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Mike Gerlach  
Fran Goetz  
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Torivia Huerta

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Beulah Johnson  
Eric Johnson  
Jonathan Jorgenson  
Jose Juarez

Suzie Kornblit  
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Michael Lane  
Larry Larson  
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Chris Lobue  
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Sandy Luna

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Edgar Antonio Martinez  
Jean Maxwell  
Joan Meagher  
Joan Mehegan  
Margo Michael  
Brayden Millon  
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Diana O'Connor  
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Wachira-Thuo Family

JoLynn Zann

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](mailto: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.



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](http://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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Terri Kettle  
713-560-4503

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### Public Life

#### Question:

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

#### Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does not mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

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### Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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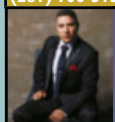
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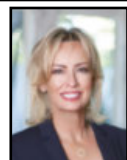
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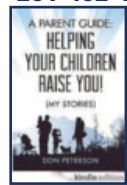
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