



August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET ALL THE NATIONS *praise* YOU!

PSALM 67

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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.



August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, August 20th

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts - Main Hall
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church

Monday, August 21st

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM "Soulcore Session For Men & Women"- AFF - Main Hall
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Merit Badge Workshop - Scout Troop - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, August 22nd

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
4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House

Wednesday, August 23rd

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 24th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM "The Bridge" - Vocations Group - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall

Friday, August 25th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM St. Teresa Movie Night Set Up - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM St. Teresa Movie Night - Main Hall

Saturday, August 26th

La Salette Mission Collection (At All Masses)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Catechist Training - EFF - Main Hall
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM St. Teresa Movie Night Set Up - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM St. Teresa Movie Night - Main Hall



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

Monday, August 21st

8:30 AM †Joseph Leba, †Ernest Glanville, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Mary & Hilman Reviere, Sofia Medrano – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, August 22nd

8:30 AM †Oscar Clarin, Martha Noukas, Carmen Laine – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, August 23rd

6:30 PM Chinazor Ezeli, Bill & Roberta Prindiville, Steve & Paige Ridout – Anniversary Blessings

Thursday, August 24th

8:30 AM †JoAnn Austgen, †Carolina Martinez, †Prudence Lobo

Friday, August 25th

8:30 AM †Amy Ganter, †Ronaldo Paras, †Jerry Cowan

Saturday, August 26th

5:30 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Wayne Lowery, Tran Clarin – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, August 27th

7:30 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, †Oscar & †Cecilia Rios, †Florence Corcoran
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Steve Balko, †Frances Hewitt, Gigi Rowbottom
4:30 PM †Jerry Cowan, †Henrietta Leona Wayland, Heriberto Rodriguez

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 20

That we may show our gratitude for God's great gifts through our active participation in the ministry of God's Church.

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
- Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: July 29, 2023 - August 4, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$16,753.65

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$8,091.33

Difference: \$8,662.32

MP-Debt Reduction: \$964.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$651.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,760.00

**Loan Balance as of August 14, 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 14, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$112,274.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 268

Total Number of Gifts received: 473

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 August 14, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$507,883.04

Total Amount Pledged: \$592,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,776

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, September 10, 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

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

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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 for more information.

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!

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join us on August 22nd in the Main Hall to celebrate our Parish's feast day following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.



Catechetical Sunday

All Catechists: Join us for a special
Blessing of the Catechists

&

Blessing of Backpacks

during each Mass on the weekend of
August 26th & 27th.

MARY QUEEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CAR SHOW & CHILI COOK-OFF

@ MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**OCT.
28TH**



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

CONTACT:
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◆ **WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!** ◆



The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28

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Why a feast day for the Queenship of Mary? August 22nd - Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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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

Monday, August 21

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— 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.



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 BAPTIZED MEMBER (ADULT) OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

BOBBY BURNS, JR.

who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Sunday, August 13th during the Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM.

With Love & Prayers,

Mary Queen RCIA Team



Photo Courtesy: Tommy McKenna



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YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL
MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE

AUG
27

CAST Year 1
High School
Parent/Teen
Meeting

5:45-6:45 PM

AUG
27

CAST Year 2
Confirmation
Candidates
Parent/Teen
Meeting

2:30-4:00 PM

SEPT
10

Ark 6th-8th
Jr High
(feel free to
bring your
child)

3:00-4:00 PM

SEPT
24

CAST
all groups
Kick-Off
Night

3:45-6:45 PM

OCT
1

Ark Kick-Off
Night

3:45-6:30 PM

*ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST. CHARBEL YOUTH CENTER

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

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)

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 - Next Weekend!

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.



Dinner and a Movie Night - Next Weekend!

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 or call the church office at 281-482-1391.

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If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Stuart at cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org.



SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA

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

Our Program Meeting on Thursday, August 24th, will be Deacon Vince Eklund of Mary Queen on the subject of "A Faith Journey." Join us for the talk and a small social.



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. 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.



The Villamin Family



Roland and Colleen have been married for 15 years. Roland has been a parishioner of Mary Queen since 1989 and graduated from Friendswood HS in 1991. Colleen grew up in Spring, TX. They both met at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center when Colleen was a stem cell transplant nurse and Roland was a critical care nurse. Colleen became a parishioner when they moved to Friendswood in 2012. Colleen has served as a Catechist in

Elementary Faith Formation since 2013. She has been a small group leader for the women's bible study, Walking With Purpose, since 2021 and attended the Women's ACTS Retreat in 2021. Roland has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2021 and serves as an officer.

He is responsible for the quarterly blood drives and volunteers with most of the events sponsored by the Knights. He is a member of the Emergency Management Ministry and serves as a Safety Team member during Mass and parish events. They have 5 boys: Vincent, Timothy, Aaron, Roman and Dominic. Vincent and Timothy have been altar servers since 4th grade, they serve as counselors for Vacation Bible School, and have attended Camp Expedition for the last two years. They also enjoy volunteering with their dad at the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Fridays and the July 4th and Christmas Parades. Aaron is looking forward to becoming an altar server next year. Outside of church, the boys are busy with football, basketball, soccer, martial arts, fishing and target shooting. Roland and Colleen feel that the transition from attending Mass weekly to being active participants in ministry has drawn their family closer to God and allowed them to bless others. Roland and Colleen pray that at least one son becomes a priest.

Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support!

Pastoral Council Nominations Mary Queen parishioners are invited to nominate members to the Pastoral Council. A pastoral council is a consultative body in parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that serves to advise the parish priest about pastoral issues. The council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect, and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest as appropriate.

The nominee must be a registered, confirmed member in full communion with the Catholic Church and 18 years of age or older. Pastoral Council members serve a 3 year term and are elected through a discernment process. Nominees must be present for the Day of Discernment on Sunday, October 1st from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. The nominees must also commit to monthly Council meetings (third Thursday of the month) and extracurricular responsibilities. Parishioners may self-nominate to serve on the Pastoral Council.

To submit a nomination, visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/pastoral-council to download a form.

Please email the completed nomination form to Stephanie Hermes from the Pastoral Council at stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com. There are also nomination forms available in the narthex at the welcome desk and in the parish hall at the reception desk. Nomination forms are due by Monday, September 25th at 5:00 PM.

Invitation to Nominate!

The Pastoral Council wishes to honor a person or couple each year with a special recognition known as the Annual Parish Service Award. The Annual Service Award nominee(s) should be an individual or couple, 21 years of age or older, who has given of their time and talent to make Mary Queen Church a more vibrant gospel community over the past year (2022-2023) as registered members of the parish. Members of the Pastoral Council or the Pastoral Staff cannot be nominated. The Pastoral Council will confirm the good works of the nominees with the Pastor before the final selection of the recipients. The 2023 Annual Parish Service Award nomination forms can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex and on the information table in the Parish Hall, or on the Mary Queen website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/mary-queen-councils.

The deadline for submission of forms is 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 21st. You may submit your nomination at the welcome desk in the Narthex, the reception desk in the Parish Hall, or by email to stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com.

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.



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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.
Thank you and God Bless America!

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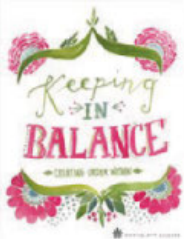
Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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.



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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Religious Orders

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

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The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.



This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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

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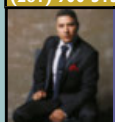
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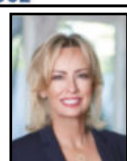
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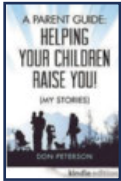
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