



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MY SOUL IS
thirsting
FOR YOU.

PSALM 63

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



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

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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.



September: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, September 3rd

Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council

Monday, September 4th

Pastoral Offices Closed - Labor Day Observed

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, September 5th

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, September 6th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's 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

Thursday, September 7th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Rm 114/115
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Piano Tuning - Church
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall

Friday, September 8th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Multilingual Rosary - Church
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Multilingual Rosary Reception - Main Hall

Saturday, September 9th

Hispanic Ministry 10th Anniversary Blessing (at 5:30 PM Mass)

Social Concerns Ministry Talks (After All Masses)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Walking With Purpose Leadership Training - Main Hall
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Hispanic Ministry 10th Anniversary Reception-Main Hall



Saturday, September 2nd

8:30 AM †Jim Debbrecht, †William Edward Armijo, Mary Queen Ministries
5:30 PM †Carol Lorance, †Jim Debbrecht, †Larry Larson

Sunday, September 3rd

7:30 AM †Juan Solo, †Nancy Green, Dr. Gabriel Ma
9:30 AM †Ray Schuck, †Lee Lawson, †Gatha Estes
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
4:30 PM †Phanxicosavir Sy Nguyen, †Paul Nghia Le, †Peter Minh Nguyen

Monday, September 4th

8:30 AM †Rosalio Laurel, Sr., †Stanley Delikat, Sr., †Modesto Tolentino

Tuesday, September 5th

8:30 AM †Rodolfo DeAsis, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Agnes Susil

Wednesday, September 6th

6:30 PM First Communicants – Connor Ainsworth, Luke Buratti, Declan Edwards, Jack Fury, Max Ortiz, Chase Wendelburg, Vincent Wilson

Thursday, September 7th

8:30 AM †Cicely Gill-Hernandez, †Jerry Cowan, †Kim Thi Anh

Friday, September 8th

8:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Josefa Tolentino, †Kay Russo

Saturday, September 9th

5:30 PM †Tony Diotalevi, †Bob Zehentner Sr., Robert Madden

Sunday, September 10th

7:30 AM †Lucio Horfilla, †Quiling Horfilla, Michael Nguyen – Birthday Blessings
9:30 AM †Sean Bradfield, †Daniel Jansky, †Elizabeth Mueller
11:30 AM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Matta Hue Nguyen, †Barbara Ann Glass
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 3

That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Feast of Our Lady
of La Salette

September 19th



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: August 12, 2023 - August 18, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$38,346.46

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,884.08

Difference: \$1,462.38

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,018.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$493.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,540.00

**Loan Balance as of August 24, 2023 was
\$1,293,092.52.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

September 10 - Future Development and Maintenance

September 17 - La Salette Feast Day

October 8 - Future Development and Maintenance

October 22 - Propagation of the Faith -
World Mission Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of August 24, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$112,591.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 278

Total Number of Gifts received: 512

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 24, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$509,249.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$592,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 108

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

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

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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!

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs

Chicken

Sausage

**Purchase after
Masses
Sunday,
Sept. 10th**



**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
MARY QUEEN
COUNCIL 8494**

GOLF

-Tournament-

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



October 9, 2023

Golfcrest Country Club, Pearland

For Registration, Contact Mike Warth

houwgm@comcast.net

281-744-9411 Cell



Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

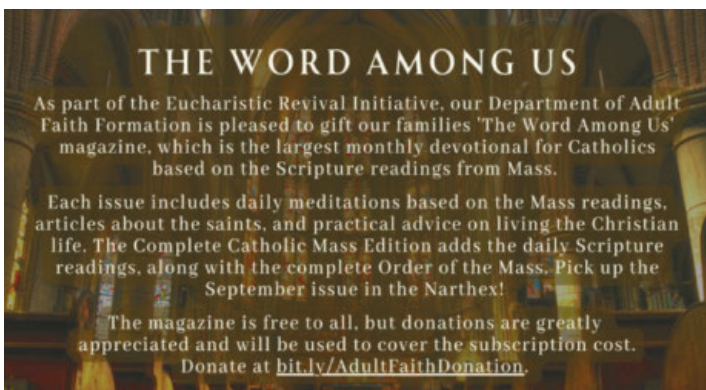
But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

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Sunday, September 3

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday, September 4

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday, September 9

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir

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Inquiries Welcome!

You may have a friend or family member who has never been baptized or baptized in another Christian faith. An acquaintance or coworker may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church. Someone may indicate to you they are searching for a sense of community, or a desire to hear more of the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel.

They are all cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending an open informational meeting on Thursday, September 7th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Main Hall. This is their opportunity to ask questions about "All things Catholic" such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do? This is their opportunity to raise the issues that are on their minds or in their hearts. This is their chance to get information with no commitment!

Those who have never been baptized can investigate what it means to be Christian. Those baptized in another Christian tradition can explore the process to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. And those baptized Catholic as infants but never raised as Catholic can learn about being Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist.

The first step begins with you, today, as you invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to explore what it means to be Catholic.

We encourage those already members of the community to consider being a part of the RCIA team whereby sharing your faith you will receive the gift that comes by helping others grow in theirs.

Finally, we ask you to consider being sponsors, walking with and supporting the inquirers as they grow. Please welcome them warmly into our community.

Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA to sign up.



'Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion' - A new faith sharing series for College Students & Young Professionals

Calling all Young Adults: Whether you are navigating life post-high school, attending college or trade school, or establishing yourself as an early career professional, join us for a new series, 'Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion'.

This follow-up series to The Wild Goose by Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University, focuses on eight different areas that invite us to a deeper metanoia of who Jesus is and how He desires us to know Him.

All young adults ages 18 - 35 are invited to attend our faith sharing small group session from 7:00 - 8:30 PM on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 PM Mass. Please contact Eby Kurian for more information and/or to sign-up for this new series.

'That Man is You!' (TMIY)

Fall 2023 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen starts on **Wednesday, September 20th** and will meet from **5:45 am - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.**

This is the **7th Year** of TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is **'Thy Kingdom Come.'**

In this new year, Thy Kingdom Come we explore the reality that Jesus did not say to the Jews, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "In the world you will have tribulation ... yet I have overcome the world ... My kingship is not of this world ... My kingdom is in your midst ... My kingdom is within you!" The kingdom of God is among us. Let us live with an eternal perspective and boldly proclaim the Kingdom in both word and deed and become the authentic Catholic leader our world, our church and our families so desperately need."

Join us for food, fellowship and faith! All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is **FREE!** Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.

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

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



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YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS!

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

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



SACRAMENT CLASSES - OPENING NIGHT

Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes begin in the Fall
(1st Holy Communion is in Spring)

Parent & child attend

Date: Thursday, 9/14/23

Time: 6:30-7:45pm

Location: Main Hall

Light snacks will be provided.

Please allow extra time to check in.



Walking with Purpose

DATES:

October 5th, October 12th, October 19th,
October 26th, November 3rd, November 10th

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Charbel Youth Center

606 Cedarwood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

RSVP Here!

Questions?

Email Stephanie Rinaldis-Monroig at
sterinmon@msn.com or call (281) 482-1391 Ext. 317

RSVP by September 28th by 5PM. Snacks provided!



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

We have sent each family notification of the day & time
of your child's Faith Formation Class. Please check the
junk folder in your email if you have not received this.

Elementary Faith Formation classes begin the last
week of September (9/26 or 9/27).

To view the calendar with dates of our classes,
please visit: <https://bit.ly/ElemFF>

K-5th Grade VOLUNTEERS:

Catechist Training for Elementary Faith Formation

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](#)

AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome Home Crew-6 and Mary Queen Parishioner Steve Bowen!



Congratulations to you and your crew for spending 6 months onboard the International Space Station doing life science and physiological experiments! What an accomplishment!

Adopt-A-Highway

Mary Queen Creation Care has adopted a stretch of route 528 in Friendswood. Volunteers go out and pick up trash a couple times a year. The top five items of trash we have found are:

1. Plastic bags (60%)
2. Plastic bottles (30%)
3. Cigarette butts (4%)
4. Styrofoam cups from fast food (4%)
5. Aluminum cans (2%)



Creation Care Tip of the month: Use reusable bags when shopping. Pack them in your car or truck so you always have one handy to use.

In September, Creation Care will be collecting used ALKALINE BATTERIES to take to be recycled. Please look for a bin in the Parish Hall near the Food Pantry donation box. (Please no lithium ion or rechargeable batteries).

VOLUNTEER WITH

Children's Liturgy

Can't help during the week?

Volunteers meet once per month on Sundays during the 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM Mass.

Each week, children ages 5-10 are pulled out of Mass to have their own Children's Mass.

What's Children's Liturgy?

Are you being called?

A loving heart and a will to learn is all that is needed. Come and spread the love of God to the future of our church!

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

Dinner and a Movie Night

Join Mary Queen's Creation Care Ministry on September 23rd at 6:45 PM for a movie night! Following the 5:30 PM Mass, we will be showing 'The Letter' in the Mini Hall. Dinner will be provided.

This is a Creation Care & Social Concerns Ministry event in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.



SEPTEMBER 6 7:30 PM ST. SIMON AND JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH 26777 Glen Loch Dr. Spring, TX 77381	SEPTEMBER 23 6:45 PM MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH 606 Cedarwood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546
SEPTEMBER 9 6:30 PM ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH 7801 Bay Branch Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77382	SEPTEMBER 26 6:30 PM ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH 6622 Haskell St Houston, TX 77007
SEPTEMBER 14 6:45 PM ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH 3100 Sweetwater Blvd Sugar Land, TX 77479	FOR SCREEN VIEWING AND DATES, VISIT: https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/social-justice-and-life/secretariat-for-social-concerns/events/

High School Students!

Do you have a passion for the Environment?
Want to learn more about the Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry?

We need your voice!

We invite you, along with a parent, to attend our next meeting on September 14th at 7:30pm in the church library.

RSVP to jenhammerle@gmail.com or just show up!



Brief Thoughts on the Event and Message of La Salette

By: Mary Queen La Salette Laity members

Be Not Afraid

"Come near, my children, be not afraid!
I am here to tell you great news."

How many times have we been afraid in our lives? As a child, surely, but so many times in our adult lives we find ourselves afraid - health, children, finances, relationships, world issues. The great news of La Salette is one of hope and comfort. Our Lady and Her Son are there for us with comfort and love.

Walking Through Grief

The Ministry of Compassion at Mary Queen is offering the eight week DVD series, Walking Through Grief. This series is designed to supply tools to the bereaved for finding hope along this difficult journey. The classes will be held in Mary's House at the back of our property on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. The series will start on October 18th and is open to all.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Support the Mary Queen Food Pantry!

Sign-in to your Kroger Card account and link your Shoppers Card to Mary Queen Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will then receive quarterly checks from Kroger based on a percentage of spending of all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Austgen at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.

Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support - Only a few more weeks to nominate!

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/mary-queen-councils to download a form.

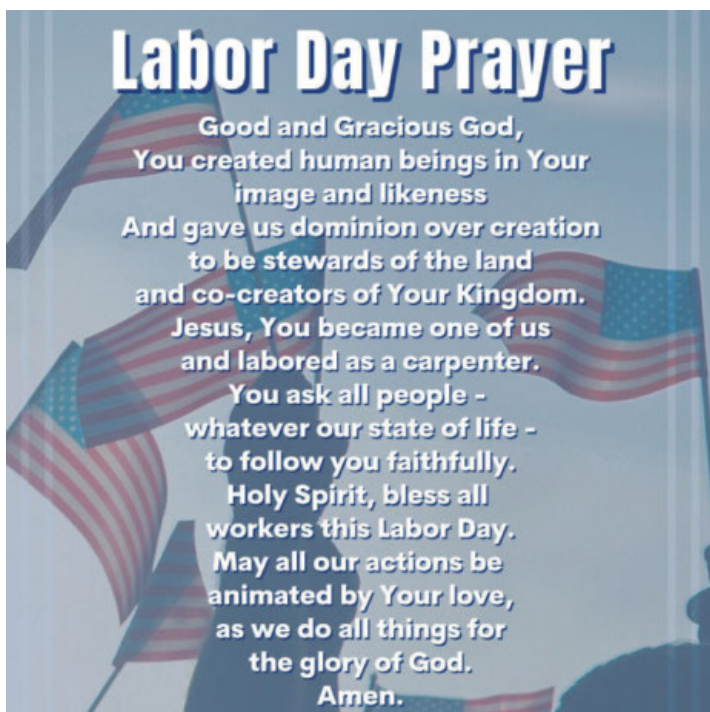
Please email the completed nomination form to Stephanie Hermes from the Pastoral Council at stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com. There are also nomination forms available in the narthex at the welcome desk and in the parish hall at the reception desk.

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

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

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

Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. Scholarships are available upon request.

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

Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women (BADCCW) welcomes you to join us in making a difference!

When: Wednesday, September 20th
Where: St. Mary's LaPorte Rosary Hall

Social begins at 9:30 AM with continental breakfast followed by a meeting at 10 AM to discuss the 2023-24 upcoming events, bus trips, 2024 National Convention, and a new point system to help finance events you choose to participate in. We will end with a raffle, Noon Mass, and lunch at a local restaurant afterwards.

CCW are dedicated Catholic women who come together for fellowship, spiritual growth, leadership, and service to Christ, His church and society. For more information, contact Brigitte Barrera at brigittebarrera@att.net.

Wedding Jubilee Masses

To honor your sacramental marriage, His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo invites you to join him for these Eucharistic Celebrations commemorating your anniversary at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart:

50th Wedding Jubilee Mass – September 24, 2023

Registration fee: \$40

Registration link: archgh.swoogo.com/50wedjubilee2023

25th Wedding Jubilee Mass – October 29, 2023

Registration fee: \$40

Registration link: archgh.swoogo.com/25thWedJub2023

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

For our marriage to be the best it can be, we must follow Jesus. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience held November 3rd-5th at the Holiday Inn Houston Westchase. Contact Brian and Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or brian.tina.little@wwme.org, or go to houstonme.org to apply.



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

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US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

US Coast Guard:

Swab Manon Murphy

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

Thank you and God Bless America!

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Mildred Andrykovitch
Jose Arellano

John Bauer
Dolores Bolanos
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Nancy Brantley
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For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

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



We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn **"In Memory of..."** or **"In Honor of..."** a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.

Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



The Parish Offices will be closed
on Monday, September 4th in
observance of Labor Day.

Normal office hours will resume on
Tuesday, September 5th.

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better
now meets on the second and fourth
Friday of every month from 4 - 7 PM!

For additional information, please
contact Vinnie Saccomanno at
832-526-5070 or Peggie Madison
at 281-482-2860.



Mary Queen Seniors (60+)

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) meet on the second and
fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM.

The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers
are always welcome. If you would like additional
information, please contact
Jo Ann Truman at 713-899-1682.



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.

September 24—September 5
October 1—September 13



Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell
me about Catholic teaching regarding
labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social
teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four
encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum*
Novarum (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by
Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus*
(1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and
dignity of work. In *Genesis*, God takes the initiative in
creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful
stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's
continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing
the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment.
From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in
terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create,
and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with
God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means
by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape
the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape
ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in
Laborem Exercens #6, "the value of work is not primarily the
kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is
doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how
we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.
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The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy
Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.
All the way through while I watch
the film I still laugh and feel like a
child. It is only the last line with
which I have an issue. Wonka by
now has chosen Charlie to succeed
him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator
that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly.
Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened
to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie
says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I
get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or
most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did
not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that
that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living
happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but
instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin
to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have
accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice
to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves
transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only
true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied
ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we
become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in
a parish community experience the same journey, our parish
is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world
around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it
pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new
life in Jesus Christ.

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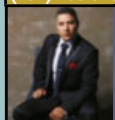
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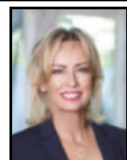
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