



September 10, 2023

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**IF YOU  
HEAR  
HIS VOICE,  
DO NOT  
HARDEN  
YOUR  
HEARTS.**

**PSALM 95**

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



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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM

**First Saturdays**

8:30 AM

**Daily Mass**

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
6:30 PM Wednesday

**Daily Rosary**

after 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church  
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

**Welcome to Mary Queen!**

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](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.



## September: Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

### Sunday, September 10th

#### **Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament Ticket Sales (After All Masses)**

#### **Social Concerns Ministry Talks (After All Masses)**

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser/Coffee & Donuts
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Private Baptism - Sandling - Deacon Vince - Church
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Ark - Junior High - Parent Meeting - Youth Center

### Monday, September 11th

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
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Special Friends Board Meeting - Mini Hall
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 12th

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Walking With Purpose - Rm 110/Library
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study - AFF - Main Hall
4:30 PM	Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study - AFF - Main Hall

### Wednesday, September 13th

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
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Women's Ministry Meeting - Kickoff - Main Hall
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM	"Soulcore Session For Men & Women" - AFF -Mini Hall
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM	Parish Festival Kickoff Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Thursday, September 14th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Mini Hall
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	Sacrament Preparation - 1st Reconciliation - Main Hall
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Safety & Hall Monitor Training for Elementary Faith Formation - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 119
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

### Friday, September 15th

### Saturday, September 16th

#### **Scout/Pack Popcorn Sales - 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
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Anointing of the Sick Mass - Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church



### 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

### Monday, September 11th

8:30 AM †Gene Hess, †Jerry Cowan, Dan & Jean Levin

### Tuesday, September 12th

8:30 AM †Gertruda Zielke, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Billie & Millie Talley, Gael de Jesus Palomo – Birthday Blessings

### Wednesday, September 13th

6:30 PM †Kim Thi Anh, Respect Life, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Rodriguez Family

### Thursday, September 14th

8:30 AM †Rives Benoit, †Anne Catalano, †Joseph Marcantel

### Friday, September 15th

8:30 AM †Alex Bernardo, †Mike Vukelich, Ron & Carol Willenborg– Anniversary Blessings

### Saturday, September 16th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

### Sunday, September 17th

7:30 AM †Blaze & †Anna Rogalla, †Carmen Cononie, †Ruth Nelin Marcott  
 9:30 AM †Doug Carlow, †Jerry Montemayor, Lucia Boone  
 11:30 AM †Mark Willenborg, †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St. George, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges  
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Robert & Phyllis Rinehart, Miles Libby

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 10**

That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.



# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: August 19, 2023 - August 25, 2023

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$42,314.47

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$37,326.00

**Difference:** \$4,988.47

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$729.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$211.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$880.00

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

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**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 September 1, 2023**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$114,214.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 279

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 520

**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 September 1, 2023**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$509,863.00

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

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,797

**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.

# 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

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

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# Feast of Our Lady of La Salette

September 19th



## Our Lady of La Salette Novena Schedule

Sunday, September 10 - All Masses

Blessing of Families

(At all weekend Masses there will be special blessing of families.)

Monday, September 11 - 8:30 AM Mass  
La Salette Vocations

Tuesday, September 12 - 8:30 AM Mass  
The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday, September 13 - 6:30 PM Mass  
Mother of Evangelization

Thursday, September 14 - 8:30 AM Mass  
Feast of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15 - 8:30 AM Mass  
Our Lady Mother of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16 - 10:00 AM Mass  
Anointing of the Sick

(The anointing of the sick is appropriate not only for those suffering from a grave illness but for all who are suffering physically, mentally or spiritually.)

Sunday, September 17 - All Weekend Masses  
Feast of Our Lady of La Salette  
(Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers)

Monday, September 18 - 8:30 AM Mass  
Mary, Mother of Our Savior

Tuesday, September 19 - 8:30 AM Mass  
Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette  
(Recognition Ceremony of La Salette Laity during Mass. Potluck breakfast following Mass. Please bring something to share and we will gather in the Parish Center as a family to celebrate Our Lady of La Salette)  
7:00 PM - Rosary Procession



## BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs



Chicken

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

Sausage



## 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



## Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

— Psalm 95

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## Sunday, September 10

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

## Monday, September 11

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

## Tuesday, September 12

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

## Wednesday, September 13

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

## Thursday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

## Friday, September 15

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

## Saturday, September 16

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

## Sunday, September 17

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



## September 10, 2023

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

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### "Thirsting for God?"

Do you know someone not Baptized or Baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Holy Communion? They may be thirsting too!

We welcome you to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process with your questions, your insights and your faith story.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith, to ask questions and seek understanding in a warm accepting setting.

Weekly inquiry sessions started on Thursday, September 7th and continue to meet on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Main Hall.

We welcome all inquiries and look forward to accompanying you soon!

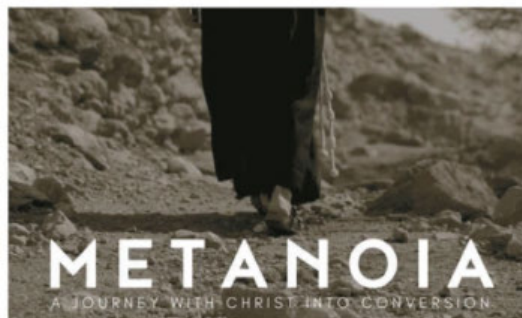
Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA [ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org) or call 281-482-1391, Ext. 319.

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

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



### '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 - 7:00AM** 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.





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## YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS!

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

SEPT  
**24**

**CAST**  
all groups  
Kick-Off  
Night

3:45-6:45 PM

OCT  
**1**

**Ark Kick-Off  
Night**

3:45-6:30 PM

OCT  
**8**

**CAST  
Night**

3:45-6:45 PM

\*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.



7th & 8th Grade

**Middle School**

*Girls' Bible Study*

*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](mailto:sterinmon@msn.com) or call (281) 482-1391 Ext. 317

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



*Be the Hands of Christ*



Elementary Faith Formation Parents:  
 we are launching a new program entitled,

**"Two Hands of Christ"**

Elementary Faith Formation 2023/2024  
 Family volunteering as the Hands of Christ  
 Please select 1 fall event from the list below:

<https://bit.ly/2HandsofChrist>



### First Friday Family FUN will be back soon!

We have created some new fun events for families of our parish while also keeping the fan favorites from last year. We want families to come together in Christ and enjoy food, fun kid-friendly activities, and socialize with other families of Mary Queen. These fun family events will be held the first Friday of every month starting in October from 6:00-8:00 PM, so mark your calendars now because you and your kiddos will not want to miss out! If you are interested in joining our committee to help with hosting these fun family events and/or are interested in helping to sponsor and make these events possible, please contact Stephanie Hermes by telephone at (281) 610-6267 or email at [stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com](mailto:stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com).

**Blessing of the ANIMALS**

Please join the Creation Care Ministry on **Saturday, October 7th at 10 AM** under the big oak trees for the annual Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. We look forward to seeing you and your pets!

## 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](mailto: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
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## 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](mailto:jenhammerle@gmail.com) or just show up!





### **Brief Thoughts on the Event and Message of La Salette**

*By: Mary Queen La Salette Laity members*

#### The Holy Mountain

The site of the Apparition, high on a beautiful mountain, was isolated from the outside world. We might ask why She chose this place – so isolated from the world below. One possible answer is a refuge from our spirit of restlessness.

Isolation from the business of our everyday lives – noise, electronic devices, schedules – allows us the opportunity to rest in the love and comfort of the Beautiful Lady and Her Son. It allows us the time to listen to her words on the importance of prayer and the Eucharist. It allows us the opportunity to receive a renewed perspective on our daily lives.

Find your “Holy Mountain” and go there often.

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



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### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com).



## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### 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 [brigittenick@att.net](mailto:brigittenick@att.net).



### 2023 Public Square Rosary Crusade

Anniversary of the Fatima Message

In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

**What:** Pray The Holy Rosary & be part of an annual nationwide Rosary Rally

**Where:** In front of the Veterans Memorial (next to City Hall) 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas (bring a chair if needed)

**When:** Saturday, October 14, 2023, 11:50 am to 12:30 pm

For more information, call or text: Stephanie Rinaldis-Monroig at 570-809-3557.

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima campaign, visit [www.ANF.org](http://www.ANF.org).



### 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:

Cadet 4/c 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!**

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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](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.





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To learn more, contact Cindy Dittrich at 832-282-6346 or [dittrich\\_cindy@yahoo.com](mailto:dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com).

May God bless you and yours,  
 Mary's Chain of Love



## Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

### Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

### Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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## The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.



It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver  
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## Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

**Bulletin, eNews, pulpit announcements, website, or social media**

**Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator**  
**email: [smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org)**  
**phone: 281-482-1391 x334**  
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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.)**

**Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.**

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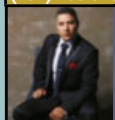
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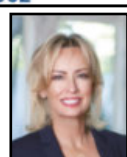
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