

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



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 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 no longer accepting Mass Intention requests for the 2023 year. Information on Mass Intention requests for 2024 will be shared in next weekend's bulletin.

If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.



September: Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Sunday, September 17th

Feast of Our Lady of La Salette (All Masses) Scout/Pack Popcorn Sales - After All Masses

Women's Ministry Luncheon Ticket Sales (9:30 & 11:30 Masses)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM All Core Team Training - Youth Ministry - Youth Center

Monday, September 18th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House Special Friends Program - Main Hall 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, September 19th

Feast of Our Lady of La Salette Mass - 8:30 AM

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Our Lady of La Salette Feast Day Potluck Reception -Mini Hall - Hallway 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Walking With Purpose - Rm 110/Library 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 Bible Timeline Study Group - Mary's House 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

AFF - Main Hall

Wednesday, September 20th

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' - Main Hall Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Mary's House 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM High School Fall Open Hours - Youth Ministry -Youth Center 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Confessions - Church 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel Young Adults & College Students Small Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sessions - AFF - Mary's House 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study -

Thursday, September 21st

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Mini Hall

Friday, September 22nd

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall

Saturday, September 23rd

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Bay Area Catholic School Survey (After All Masses)	
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Supreme Training Session -
	Main Hall
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church
6:45 PM - 8:45 PM	Pope Francis Documentary - Showing of "The Letter" -
	Creation Care Ministry - Main Hall



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

Monday, September 18th

†Michael Doiron, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of 8:30 AM Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Respect Life

Tuesday, September 19th

†Edelmira Santiago, †Oscar Ramirez, Adam Post – 8:30 AM Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, September 20th

Ernie Heeb, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron 6:30 PM Family, Deacon Chuck Turner - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, September 21st

†Paul Christian, †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, 8:30 AM

Fr. Trey - Birthday Blessings

Friday, September 22nd

8:30 AM +Adolf Wehner, +Jerry Cowan, Jeep Turner -Birthday Blessings

Saturday, September 23rd

5:30 PM †Rosie Crawford, †Robert Genoa, Mandy Brslik

Sunday, September 24th

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 7:30 AM

9:30 AM **†**George Whittet, All Mary Queen Choirs,

Fr. Skip Negley, MS

†John Morriss, **†**Becky Gregory, **†**Kim Montz 11:30 AM

4:30 PM +Gloria Cruz, +Ricardo David Arellano,

† Joseph Catacutam

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 17

That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord: so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

Offertory: August 26, 2023 - September 1, 2023 This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,905.47 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,819.17

Difference: \$4,086.30

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,595.18

Future Development & Maintenance: \$647.18

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,776.18

Loan Balance as of September 11, 2023 was \$1,293,092.52.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

October 8 - Future Development and Maintenance
October 22 - Propagation of the Faith World Mission Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund 2023 DSF Summary as of September 11, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$114,579.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 280

Total Number of Gifts received: 528

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 September 11, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$510,009.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$592,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,799

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.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- 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.





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.





Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus. ©LPi

Feast of Our Lady of La Salette

September 19th



Our Lady of La Salette Novena Schedule

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









The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said Saint Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

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Around the Archdiocese: Mary Queen Food Pantry



Our Mary Queen Food Pantry was featured in Around the Archdiocese! With September being Social Concerns Awareness Month at Mary Queen, view the video below to learn more about how the Food Pantry helps our community.

To view the video, visit: https://bit.ly/FoodPantryVideo.



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

Monday, September 18

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a



PRAY & REFLECT

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September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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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 or call 281-482-1391, Ext. 319.

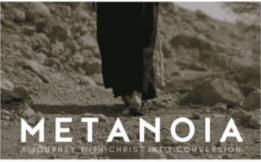
Our Adult Faith Formation Department is working with Certified SoulCore Leader, Aimee Kindle, to offer bi-weekly sessions with morning & evening options for all men & women ages 18 and above. Don't worry if you missed last time; join anytime! Learn more and register at bit.ly/SCMaryQueen.



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 - 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 faith and fellowship! All men are welcome! "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

—Proverbs 27:17

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



Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317 tryan@maryqueenchurch.org

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR UPCOMING 6TH-12TH FAITH FORMATION NIGHTS!







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

3:45-6:30 PM



Walking with Purpose

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

Questions?

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

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





Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation 281- 482-1391 Ext. 333 cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org

Opening Night

Elementary Faith Formation

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 OR Wednesday, September 27, 2023 4:00 - 5:15 PM

OR 5:45 - 7:00 PM

Please walk your child directly to your class.

The number on the door correspondence to the grade.

Parent(s) of ALL grades: Bring your cell phone to take an "exit" ticket photo.



A mandatory parent meeting will be held in the Main Hall during your child's class time.



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

AROUND THE PARISH

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.





Dinner and a Movie Night - Next Weekend!

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' - now in the Main Hall. Dinner will be provided.

> View the official movie trailer here: https://bit.ly/LetterMovieTrailer

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







Brief Thoughts on the Event and Message of La Salette

By: Mary Queen La Salette Laity members

My Children

"Come closer my children"......

Through this invitation I feel the Holy Spirit is drawing the children to her with such intimacy that their fear is released. I am in awe as she calls them "my children". They must have felt such love from her; in fact, they must have been overwhelmed with love as she spoke to them! I wonder if they understood? The Holy Spirit instilled in them the ability to be steady and to withstand what was to come. I am amazed by their witness and pray that, as a child of God, the Holy Spirit will keep me steady.

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.

As the people of God we strive to fulfill the Church's mission of loving our neighbor. Following the words of Our Lady of La Salette, "Come closer my children," we seek to reach out in mercy and compassion to those in need, inviting them through our actions to draw closer to Jesus. We encourage all of our parishioners to be the presence of Christ to our neighbors in need. Below is a list of ministries that are included in our Social Concerns. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, please go to the Mary Queen website under Social Concerns.

Creation Care
Food Pantry
Gabriel Project
Homeless Ministry
Mary's Chain of Love – Crochet Ministry
Mary's Garden
Meal on Wheels
Ministry of Compassion
Queen's Bee Quilters
Mary Queen Woodworkers

Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support -Last week 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-queencouncils 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

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.



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.



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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. 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.



Altar Flowers are a symbol of grace, prayer, and virtue. They are a reminder to us of God's beautiful creation. Fresh altar flowers are a great way to honor a loved one for a special occasion such as a Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or to remember a loved one on the anniversary of their passing. The cost of the flowers is \$250, and your honorarium will be published in the bulletin the weekend the altar flowers are to be given. Please note that flowers cannot be given during the seasons of Advent and Lent or on weekends designated to a Wedding or Quinceañera. Please contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.



Next week is DSF Commitment Weekend!

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We celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette on September 19th! We will gather as a La Salette family for Mass at 8:30 AM. followed by a potluck celebration in the Mini Hall!

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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 <u>Sofia Medrano</u> 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.

October 8—September 21 October 15—September 25



Psychics and Mediums

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or



choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



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