



September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The
Lord is
near
to all
who
call
upon him.

PSALM 145

**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.

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 is located on page 14 of the 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 24th

Bay Area Catholic School Survey (After All Masses)

DSF Weekend

3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST-Welcome & Kick-Off-Youth Ministry-Youth Center

Monday, September 25th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop - Rm 114/115
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM "Soulcore Session For Men & Women" - AFF- Main Hall
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wedding Music Rehearsal - Guajardo - Church
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113

Tuesday, September 26th

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
 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Joyful Lights - Mary's House
 3:30 PM - 6:45 PM EFF Mandatory Parent Meeting - Main Hall
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Core Team - AFF - Youth Center
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 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 27th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' - Main Hall
 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
 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM High School Fall Open Hours - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
 3:30 PM - 6:45 PM EFF Mandatory Parent Meeting - Main Hall
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Confessions - Church
 5:00 PM - 7:15 PM CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM "Soulcore Session For Men & Women" - AFF- Main Hall

Thursday, September 28th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 114/115

Friday, September 29th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Women's Ministry Luncheon Set Up - Main Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Gutierrez/Cabrales - Church

Saturday, September 30th

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Women's Ministry Luncheon - Main Hall
 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Mass Safety Team Training Session - Emergency Management Ministry - Rm 114/115
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Gutierrez-Cabrales - Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, September 23rd

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

Sunday, September 24th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 9:30 AM †George Whittet, All Mary Queen Choirs, Fr. Skip Negley, MS
 11:30 AM †John Morriss, †Becky Gregory, †Kim Montz
 4:30 PM †Gloria Cruz, †Ricardo David Arellano, †Joseph Catacutam

Monday, September 25th

8:30 AM †Mary Garcia, Dennish Belvis, Rachel, Kathryn & Michelle Willenborg – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, September 26th

8:30 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, †Oscar & †Cecilia Rios, †Jerry Cowan, †Gordon Garcia

Wednesday, September 27th

6:30 PM †Lydia DeAsis, †Lori Mundell, †Jim Debbrecht

Thursday, September 28th

8:30 AM †Timothy Gately, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Irma Stanfield, Eby Kurian – Birthday Blessings

Friday, September 29th

8:30 AM †Miguel Roxas, †Kim Thi Anh, Jerry Hutchins

Saturday, September 30th

5:30 PM †Jim Debbrecht, †Joseph Swiader, Fr. James Kuczynski & Fr. Thomas Vellappallil

Sunday, October 1st

7:30 AM Chris Cordary, Roy & Tracy Glanville & Family, Fr. James Kuczynski & Fr. Thomas Vellappallil
 9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 11:30 AM †Scott Durham, †Allen Carambat, Fr. James Kuczynski & Fr. Thomas Vellappallil
 4:30 PM †Mila Lopez, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges, Fr. James Kuczynski, Fr. Thomas Vellappallil

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 24

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
 - Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: September 2, 2023 - September 8, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,445.48

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$51,280.75

Difference: (-\$10,835.27)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$2,092.39

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,111.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$9,048.00

**Loan Balance as of September 18, 2023 was
\$1,285,585.11.**

*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 18, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$116,666.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 283

Total Number of Gifts received: 549

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 18, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$512,059.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$592,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,824

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.



Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, October 8, 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 hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.



**This weekend is
DSF Commitment
Weekend!**

**Scan the QR code for
more information.**



Join us to say:

THANK YOU, FR. JIM!

Sunday, October 1st
11:30 AM Mass

Fr. Jim will
concelebrate the
Mass with our
soon-to-be new
Pastor, Fr. Thomas,
who begins his
ministerial
appointment at
Mary Queen Oct. 1st.

Join the MQ Arts & Environment Team for a

Festive Fall Flower Arrangement Class



OCT. 14TH | 10 - 11:30 AM | \$75 | MARY'S HOUSE

Take home an arrangement with fall mums and roses, all in a wooden box container that will add autumnal ambiance to your fall celebrations!

Register at: bit.ly/MQFlowers

PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5TH

STEVENSON PARK

11:30 AM OUTDOOR MASS
AT GAZEBO

FOLLOWED BY BBQ MEAL
SERVED 12:30-2:00PM

- \$10 BBQ Sandwich with Chips
 - \$10 Loaded Baked Potato
 - FREE Hot Dogs & Ice Cream for Kids
- OR
- Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch

Games and Races for the Kids
Volleyball • Basketball • Tennis • Playgrounds
Limited Seating
Bring Lawn Chairs & Blankets
Chance of Rain?

Check Mary Queen Website for venue change

SOFT DRINK AND WATER
DONATIONS NEEDED:
COKE-DIET COKE-SPRITE-
DR. PEPPER-BOTTLED WATER
DROP OFF IN PARISH HALL

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on

• October 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th

At the reception desk on

• October 16th-20th and 23rd-27th

On the parish website

• October 16th-29th

Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at the picnic



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



The Invitation to the Vineyard

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.


I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9

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Priesthood Sunday

September 24th



Today, we pray in thanksgiving for our priests and their vocation. Thank you, Fr. Jim and Fr. Trey, for your "Yes!"

Prayer for Priests
Lord God, most holy,
You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. In gratitude, we thank You for their priesthood and presence in our parish. We ask this in the name of Your Son. Amen.





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

Monday, September 25

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



PRAY & REFLECT

September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— 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!

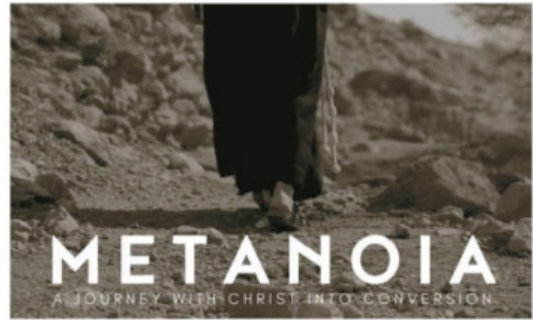
Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or call 281-482-1391, Ext. 319.

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 started 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.



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YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS!

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

<p>CAST all groups Kick-Off Night</p> <p>3:45-6:45 PM</p>	<p>Ark (Jr. High) Kick-Off Night</p> <p>3:45-6:30 PM</p>	<p>CAST (High School) Night</p> <p>3:45-6:45 PM</p>
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*ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST. CHARBEL YOUTH CENTER



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!



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 corresponds 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.

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>



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.

Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support - Final chance 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.



Seafarer Bags

In coordination with Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women, we will be collecting items for the Seafarer's coming into the Port of Galveston. We package the bags and deliver them to the port. This may be the only gift sailors get while working at sea this Christmas.

This year, we are asking for only a few items as we are coordinating our efforts with area Deanery churches. Items needed are: Knit Caps, Disposable Razors, Nail Clippers, Ink Pens, Decks of Cards/Card Games/Word Searches/Sudoku, and Work Gloves. Any of these items are appreciated and may be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the Parish Center and the Church Narthex now through Sunday, October 15th.

For additional information, please contact Deana Atteberry at datteberry2@yahoo.com or 469-230-8272. We do not need shoeboxes this year.

Mass and an Hour with Father Cedric Pisegna

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an hour with Father Cedric Pisegna on Wednesday, October 18th after the 6:30 PM Mass.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

You can learn more about Father Cedric on his website at www.frcecdric.org.

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



Family of the Month

The Scarpa Family



Tony and Chris Scarpa, along with daughters Michele, Stefanie, Stacy, and son Nicholas moved to Friendswood from Colonia, New Jersey in 1994 when an opportunity arose with Tony's employer. The family joined Mary Queen Parish, and Tony joined the Knights of Columbus, Council 8494.

Tony immediately accepted a Council assignment as Liaison to the City of Friendswood 4th of July Committee. The entire family got involved and 29 years later, they are all still active on the committee with Tony having served as Parade Chairman, Evening Event Chairman, and overall Committee Chairman. Currently, Stefanie is the Parade Chairman, Michele is Chairman of the afternoon program and Stacy is the Vice Chair of Committee. In 2011, the city presented the family with the Evelyn B. Newman Award for their dedication and support to the City's 4th of July Program. Tony and Chris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30th, 2023.

Tony is a past Grand Knight, District Deputy, as well as Committeeman on the State Charity Committee. He currently serves as Assistant Diocesan Deputy. He led the Knights project to raise money to purchase an Ultrasound System for the Pregnancy and Parenting Center of Texas City, now renamed Adria Women's Health.

The Scarpa Family has cooked and served food with Lighthouse Charity where needed, including in Galveston after Hurricane Ike, Friendswood after Tropical Storm Harvey and most recently in Sulphur, LA following Hurricane Laura with their three grandsons assisting on the Sulfur event.

Tony received the Golden Horseshoe Award from Friendswood ISD for both him and Council 8494 for supporting the School District over many years running fundraisers for the Choir, Wranglerettes, Band, and other activities.

Tony and Chris have taught CCE and Confirmation. He and Nicholas have assisted in running Confirmation retreats, Life Teen retreats, and ACTS retreat teams with Tony serving as Co-Director on two occasions. He and Chris have been adult leaders on over 12 mission trips with our Mary Queen youth.

Tony served two 3-yr. terms on Pastoral Council, was Chairman of the Parish Festival and served on the Parish Master Planning Committee and Capital Campaign. He is currently an EMHC and a member of the Mary Queen Livestreaming team.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Bus Trip

Bus trip to Our Lady of Walsingham & Bering's Hardware

When: Monday, October 9th

Meet at: St. Bernadette Catholic Church
back parking lot fence - 15500 El Camino Real

Time: 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$15 (Lunch is on your own)


Men and women 50 years of age or older are welcome.
For more information, contact Gretchen at 832-605-8360 or
Gretchenmitchell@gmail.com. RSVP by Oct. 4th.

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Bay Area Catholic High School Survey

Are you interested in a new Catholic High School in the Bay Area? We need YOUR input!

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 Follow our progress on Facebook: @Bay Area Catholic High School (BACHS)

Pearland Life Chain 2023

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, life chains form in cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for the sanctity of life. More than 1,500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate. We invite you bring your family and friends to stand and pray for one hour at the Pearland Life Chain. Signs will be provided. Please visit <https://www.lifechain.net/> for more information or email Carrie Schoeffler at csschoeffler@gmail.com.

When: October 1, 2023, 2:30-3:30 PM

Where: Chase Bank parking lot at the intersection of FM 518 and Pearland Parkway

Rain or shine! Water, strollers, umbrellas, and lawn chairs are welcomed and encouraged!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." We are called to give 100% in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a 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 note: The hotel has a 3-week cancellation policy with a minimum of 10 couples, so early registration is highly recommended. We will be at Mary Queen after each Mass on October 14-15 to answer questions.



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

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US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, 2LT Julian Monroig, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo

US Marine Corps:

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

US Navy:

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

US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

US Coast Guard:

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.

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.

Guidelines for 2024 Scheduled Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2024 will be accepted starting on Wednesday, October 11th at 9 AM. Please submit your scheduled Mass Intention in-person.

You may request a form from the Parish receptionist during business hours. All Mass Intentions requests that are submitted to the receptionist must be on the Mass Intention form and clearly legible.

When filling out your scheduled Mass Intention form either through our website or one to be turned into the office, please include the preferred date and an alternate date for each request. If you do not list an alternate date and your preferred date is unavailable, an alternate date will be selected for you. Please make a copy of your requested 2024 scheduled Mass Intentions, as you will only be contacted if one of your date(s) is not available. Calls or emails will not be made confirming your selection of Scheduled Masses, if there is no conflict. If you drop off your Mass Intention form with the receptionist, checks should be made out to Mary Queen Catholic Church. Cash is also accepted. The suggested Mass Intention stipend is \$5 per Mass for either a scheduled or unscheduled Mass Intention.

Each family has a limit of 12 Scheduled Mass Intentions per year. Any scheduled Mass Intentions that you request throughout the year, will be counted towards these 12. If you request 12 scheduled Mass Intentions on October 11th for 2024, you have met your limit for 2024. We will not be able to schedule anymore Mass Intentions for you during 2024. In addition, each family will only be able to schedule up to three Mass Intentions for any given Saturday/Sunday Mass for the year. For example, you may only schedule three Mass Intentions for the Sunday, 4:30 Mass for 2024. The remainder of your scheduled Mass Intentions should be for another Mass, either on a Saturday/Sunday or a weekday.

If you have used up all 12 of your Scheduled Mass Intentions during 2024, we have several options for a Mass Intention. You may request an unscheduled Mass Intention, which is not published in the bulletin or said aloud during Mass. This must be done in person, in the office, during business hours. Only cash is accepted for an unscheduled Mass Intention. Another option is to request a Mass through the La Salette Missionary Association. These Masses are offered by the Missionaries of La Salette around the world. Information and cards are available at the receptionist desk during business hours.

Any questions about Mass Intentions, should be directed to Anita Shorosky at the Parish office.



Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles

Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew.

And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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phone: 281-482-1391 x334
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Send pulpit announcement requests to Sofia Medrano
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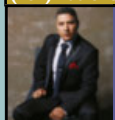
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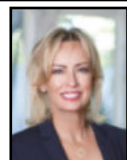
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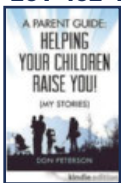
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