



*October 8, 2023*

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

# The *vineyard* of the Lord.

PSALM 80

**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 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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

# THIS WEEK

## OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

### Sunday, October 8th

**Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council**

**Mary's House Special Guests**

**Scout/Pack Popcorn Sales - After All Masses**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Private Baptism - Chism/Deacon Vince - Church  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel  
3:45 PM - 6:30 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Youth Center

### Monday, October 9th

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  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Convalidation - Ricardo - Chapel  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall  
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 113  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center

### Tuesday, October 10th

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 Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study - AFF - Main Hall

### Wednesday, October 11th

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  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM "Grateful Thankful" Luncheon - Queen's Bee Quilters - Main Hall  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM High School Fall Open Hours - Youth Ministry - Youth Center  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Confessions - Church  
5:00 PM - 7:15 PM CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center  
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel  
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  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM "Flow Camp" Faith Sharing Group - Rm 110/Library

### Thursday, October 12th

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Workshop - Mini Hall  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Blaze WWP Bible Study-Junior High Girls-Youth Center  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Altar Server Training - Church  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Friday, October 13th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary - Chapel

### Saturday, October 14th

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Talks (at 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 - 12:00 PM Liturgical Flower Workshop - Mary's House  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Convalidation - Taylor - Chapel  
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM Couples For Christ's Prayer Assembly - Main Hall  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

# MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 7th

8:30 AM †Bob Zehentner, Sr., †Larry Larson, Mary Queen Ministries  
5:30 PM †Denise Cozzitorto, †Larry Larson, †Jim Debbrecht

### Sunday, October 8th

7:30 AM †Kate Ezeli, Karen Ganske, JoLynn & Kevin Stifler, Yolanda Linky - Birthday Blessings  
9:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Roger Souliere, †Sue Carlow  
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Linda Meza Samudio, †Kate Ezeli

### Monday, October 9th

8:30 AM William Borghese & Bert Borghese, †Kim Thi Hoa, †Larry Larson

### Tuesday, October 10th

8:30 AM †Frank Scheidler, †Sama Family, †Felimon Valencerina

### Wednesday, October 11th

6:30 PM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Larry Larson, Respect Life

### Thursday, October 12th

8:30 AM †Michael Beiermann, †Larry Larson, †Becky Hartmann Gregory

### Friday, October 13th

8:30 AM †Mike Vukelich, †Larry Larson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Edwina Hernandez

### Saturday, October 14th

5:30 PM †Dolores Prindiville, †Carl William Szabo, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

### Sunday, October 15th

7:30 AM †Ronald Holder, †George Whitlet, Angela Lawniczsk  
9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Teresa Pina, †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St. George  
11:30 AM †Tera Newman DaVoudi, †Becky Gregory, †Walter Macedo  
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 8

That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!





# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: September 16, 2023 - September 22, 2023

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$44,941.13

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

**Difference:** \$7,615.13

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$947.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$403.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$10,197.92

**Loan Balance as of October 2, 2023 was  
\$1,285,585.11.**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**October 22** - Propagation of the Faith -  
World Mission Sunday

**November 1** - All Saints

**November 5** - Retired Priests

**November 12** - Future Development and Maintenance

## Diocesan Services Fund

### 2023 DSF Summary as of October 2, 2023

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$123,126.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 296

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 584

**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 October 2, 2023

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$514,973.00

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

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,845

**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).

**Make the 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.



## **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**

You know how the story goes. Your son or daughter swears that while you were gone he or she only invited two friends over to watch a movie and eat popcorn. How those other twenty-five people got there with beer is still a mystery. They were not invited but your young host felt pretty uncomfortable just kicking them out. You did teach them about good hospitality after all.

That sure is a twisted view of hospitality, perhaps, but it does make me reflect on those I am willing to welcome into my home and those I am not. Who is my neighbor? Would I extend hospitality to the person that is alone? I have done so for holidays. But I have known them well. Would I invite someone into my home that I did not know? It could be unsafe. But what if I found myself alone somewhere without any connections. Where would I turn? Who could I trust?

There are no simple answers here but I wonder if we should really have the luxury of not asking the question. If the Christian will not invite the lost and forsaken, who will? In the coming days, I suggest we all reflect on those in our midst who seem to be alone. Who can we invite into our lives who needs something much more important than a party? Who is out there who simply needs friends? They may not need a physical shelter but they do need the warmth of Christian hospitality and the kindness of others.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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

### 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.frccedric.org](http://www.frccedric.org).

KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS

## BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs

Chicken



Sausage

Canceled  
for  
October!



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  
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281-744-9411 Cell

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

## The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

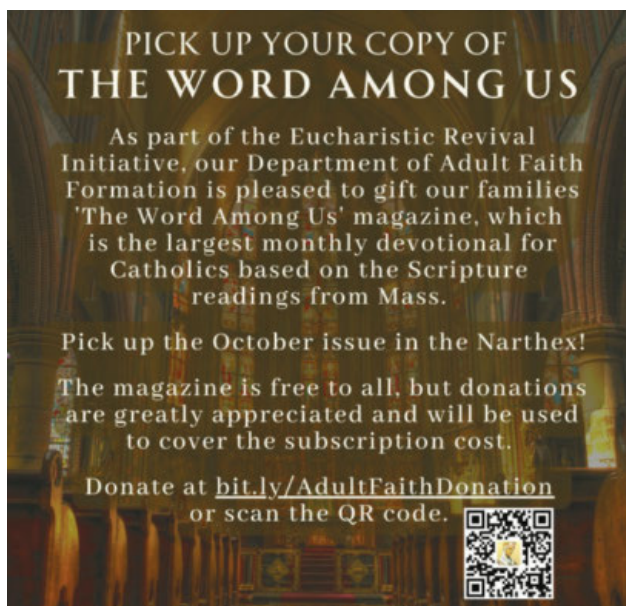
In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

*"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43*

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PICK UP YOUR COPY OF  
**THE WORD AMONG US**

As part of the Eucharistic Revival Initiative, our Department of Adult Faith Formation is pleased to gift our families 'The Word Among Us' magazine, which is the largest monthly devotional for Catholics based on the Scripture readings from Mass.

Pick up the October issue in the Narthex!  
The magazine is free to all, but donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to cover the subscription cost.

Donate at [bit.ly/AdultFaithDonation](https://bit.ly/AdultFaithDonation) or scan the QR code.



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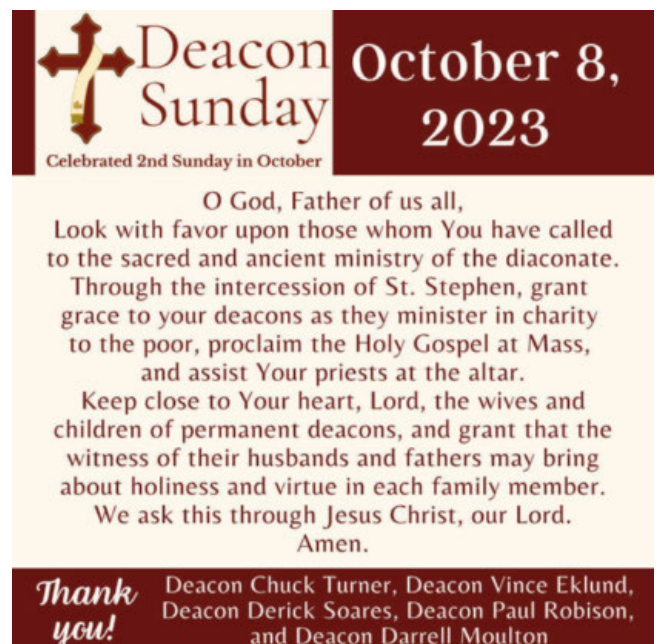
Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.


Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir

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 **Deacon Sunday** **October 8, 2023**

Celebrated 2nd Sunday in October

O God, Father of us all,  
Look with favor upon those whom You have called to the sacred and ancient ministry of the diaconate. Through the intercession of St. Stephen, grant grace to your deacons as they minister in charity to the poor, proclaim the Holy Gospel at Mass, and assist Your priests at the altar.  
Keep close to Your heart, Lord, the wives and children of permanent deacons, and grant that the witness of their husbands and fathers may bring about holiness and virtue in each family member.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

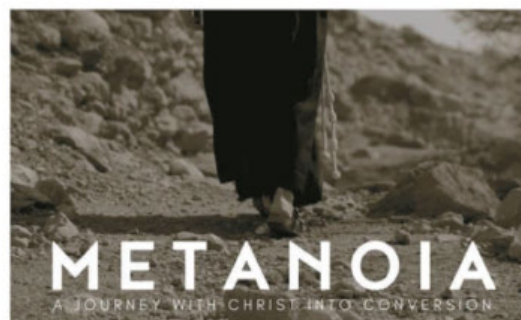
**Thank you!** Deacon Chuck Turner, Deacon Vince Eklund, Deacon Derick Soares, Deacon Paul Robison, and Deacon Darrell Moulton





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Our RCIA and Adult Confirmation group was blessed to have special visitors during their session last Thursday, September 21st! Very Rev. William Kaliyadan, Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of La Salette, and Rev. Thomas Vellappallil, MS, our new Pastor, took a moment to visit with everyone and speak of how wonderful a blessing it is to go through the RCIA process. Please pray for all the inquirers & candidates as they continue through the RCIA and Adult Confirmation process!



### **'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 in Mary's House (at the back of the main parking lot) after the 6:30 PM Mass. Please contact Eby Kurian for more information and/or to sign-up for this ongoing 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 continues to 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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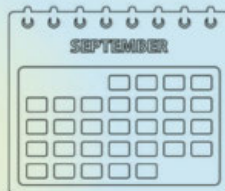
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## Looking for Faith Formation class dates?

Mary Queen Catholic Church



Visit our website under  
'Faith Formation'  
to find class calendars  
for all grades!



[www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org)

## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

### TUESDAY CLASS DATES

OCT 17	OCT 24
NOV 7	NOV 14
	NOV 28
	DEC 5

### WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

OCT 18	OCT 25
NOV 8	NOV 15
	NOV 29
	DEC 6

**\*PLEASE DIRECT YOUR CHILDREN TO THE  
MINI HALL FOR THE START OF CLASS.**



7th & 8th Grade

## Middle School

## Girls' Bible Study

*Walking with Purpose*

### DATES:

October 5th, October 12th, October 19th, October 26th,  
November 2nd, November 9th

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

Click the link below to RSVP by September 28th by 5PM. Snacks provided!

RSVP: [https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/  
signup/132633](https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/132633)



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



SAVE THE DATE!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

for all children of the parish

**SUNDAY, OCT. 29TH**

**2-4PM**

Spooktacular games!  
Hayrides!

**Volunteer your trunk!**

Contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391  
or [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org)

## LOCAL

Around the Archdiocese  
Parishes in the Archdiocese are gearing up for fall festivals and banners. Look for events near you! • SEE PAGES 18-19

### Father Phil 'Skip' Negley, minister to priests, among those celebrating 50-year Jubilee

BY BRIAN L. SMITH

Spokane, Wash. (CNS) — Father Phil Negley, minister to priests, is one of the most rewarding, supportive and pastoral ministers in our local Church of Galveston-Houston. Being a priest for priests is a profound privilege.

During Cardinal Lubin's visit on Aug. 12 at Father Negley's 50th anniversary of his ordination, he led the crowd of priests, bishops and parishioners. In the beginning, Father Negley was the foundation, the origin of the Ministry for Priests.

"If a priest calls priests, they are ministers. If the cardinal calls a priest, they are called to death. But when he (Father Negley) calls you, you're renewed," he joked on the congregation checked.

The Mass was held at Mary Queen Church in Humble, where Father Negley served as pastor from 2006 through 2012 before being elected as the provincial superior of his order, from 2012 to 2015.



He served the three-year term as head of the North American Province, including working trips to Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, India and throughout Europe to help open new seminaries and support the nearly 1,000 priests in the order worldwide, Father Negley said.

He then returned to Houston to begin his second term as director for the Office of Ministry to Priests from 2015 through

**WANT TO GO?**

**JUBILEE MASS**  
Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.  
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston

**JUBILARIANS 2023**

**DIAMOND - 60 YEARS**  
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Father Richard E. Phelan, M.M.  
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Sister Thomas Thea, O.P.  
Sister Patricia Casey, O.P.  
Sister Anna Maria Plancha, O.P.  
Sister Ann McQuinn, O.P.  
Sister Lavonia Schneider, O.P.

**GOLDEN - 50 YEARS**  
Father Harold Halberstam  
Father John A. Hesse

### Mary Queen made the news!

Our beloved La Salette priests, Fr. Jim, Fr. Skip, and Fr. Robert, were all recently featured in the Texas Catholic Herald in an article about jubilarian priests and religious celebrating anniversaries this year!

Check out the September 26th issue of the Texas Catholic Herald to read the full article. To read the article online, visit [bit.ly/tchjubilarians](http://bit.ly/tchjubilarians).



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## Walking Through Grief

The Ministry of Compassion at Mary Queen is offering a nine 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. The series will start on October 18th at 6 PM and is open to all.



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](http://bit.ly/MQFlowers)**

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During the month of October, the Catholic Church within the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to contemplate on the importance of every human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.

Join us this Sunday, October 8th for Respect Life Holy Hour from 2-3 PM in St. Joseph's Chapel. See page 5 of our bulletin for more information.

**SEND A  
BOX OF JOY!**



This Christmas, make a child's life brighter by sending them a Box of Joy! These boxes go to impoverished children who live in developing countries that may not otherwise receive a gift for Christmas.

The Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting Boxes of Joy throughout the month of October. Visit the Narthex or Parish Hall to pick your box with instructions on how to fill it!

### 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](mailto:datteberry2@yahoo.com) or 469-230-8272. We do not need shoeboxes this year.

### 2023 Annual Service Award

Each year, the Pastoral Council recognizes a parishioner, who has blessed Mary Queen with their faithful stewardship with the Annual Service Award. The 2023 nominees, nominated by their fellow parishioners, are a registered, confirmed member of Mary Queen and over 21 years of age.

**The Pastoral Council of Mary Queen, on behalf of our Parishioners, gratefully thanks, and proudly honors, our 2023 Annual Service Award recipient, John Silva.**

John has faithfully served Mary Queen Parish for many years. He is involved in many ministries of our church including Ministers of Holy Communion, Food Pantry volunteer, Welcome Greeter and Usher, serves on the Finance Council, member of the Safety and Emergency committee, and a Prayer Group Leader of the Rosary recited at Morada Retirement Home. John has also previously served as a member of the following councils: Mary Queen Church Pastoral Council, Southern Deanery Pastoral Council, and Cardinal DiNardo's Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. He gives so much to our parish family, and we are blessed to have him as a parishioner!

A big thanks to all of the other 2023 Annual Service Award nominees: Dolores Richards, Mary Merlau, Greg & Charlene Otto, Larry & Nancy Sims, and JoAnne Larson. We want to extend our gratitude to all the nominees who were nominated by fellow parishioners; all nominees serve our parish well and are deserving.



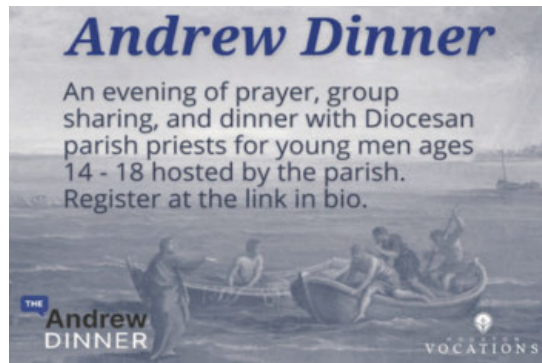
Our Adult Faith Formation Department is working with Certified SoulCore Leader, Aimee Kindle, to offer bi-weekly sessions with morning & evening options for all men & women ages 18 and above. Don't worry if you missed last time; join anytime! Learn more and register at [bit.ly/SCMaryQueen](http://bit.ly/SCMaryQueen).



Monday Morning Sessions: 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Main Hall  
Wednesday Evening Sessions: 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Main Hall

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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Upcoming Dates:

Friday, Oct. 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, The Woodlands  
 Friday, Oct. 13 – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spring  
 Friday, Nov. 10 – St. Thomas More, Houston

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## CELEBRATING ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN

...that you bear much fruit and  
 become my disciples John 15:8

### Council Mass with Cardinal DiNardo and Seminarians Sunday, October 15, 2023, 9:30 AM St. Mary's Seminary

(9845 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77024 / parking to the right  
 at Msgr. Borski Center/Gym)

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 in our Archdiocese. The Archdiocese Galveston-Houston  
 Council of Catholic Women G-H ACCW is an  
 umbrella of All Catholic Women Organizations, and  
 Ministries in our Archdiocese.

G-H ACCW will be taking donations online for  
 St. Mary's Seminary. All donations for this  
 Mass will be forwarded by G-H ACCW to  
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 Donate to St. Mary's Seminary@GHCW.ORG



## G-H ACCW Save the Dates:

**Wed., November 1st** - G-H ACCW Day of Prayer for Life  
 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Fri., December 15th** - Advent Seafarers Mass & Luncheon  
 with Cardinal DiNardo

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

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Contact Brian and Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or  
[brian.tina.little@wwme.org](mailto:brian.tina.little@wwme.org), or go to [houstonme.org](http://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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 Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez,  
 Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman,  
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 Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Capt James Gregory,  
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 A1C Andrew Merrifield, Capt Rachel Miller,  
 SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton,  
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 Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth,  
 C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora,  
 SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

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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

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

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 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](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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Darrel Alexander  
Mildred Andrykovitch  
Jose Arellano

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Dolores Bolanos  
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Bianca Tellez  
Denise Thomas  
Mike Thomas

Unborn In The Womb

Sandy VanDyke  
Zoe Vontour

Shirley Weaver  
Judith Wright

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.

## 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 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.



## Priests & Marriage Counseling

### Question:

How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

### Answer:

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially, marriage is a relationship, and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

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## Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

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

Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator  
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text: 409-218-8213

Send pulpit announcement requests to Sofia Medrano  
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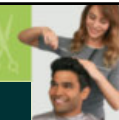
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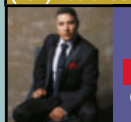
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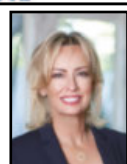
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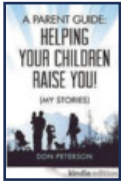
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