



November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN YOU, LORD,
I HAVE FOUND
Refuge.

PSALM 131

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



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M.S.



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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. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2024.

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

THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF SOULS IN PURGATORY

Sunday, November 5th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Combined Rite of Welcome & Acceptance - Church
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" - AFF - Mini Hall
 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Picnic In The Park - Stevenson Park
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sisters Seeking Scripture - AFF - Rm 110/Library
 3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Youth Center

Monday, November 6th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM "Soulcore Session For Men & Women" - AFF- Mini Hall
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Convalidation - Fleming/Wheeler - Chapel
 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Fundraiser - Main Hall

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Knights of Columbus #8494 Exemplification Ceremony - Chapel

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Small Study Group - AFF - Rm 110/Library
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bears Den Meeting - Rm 118
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Lions Den Meeting - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tigers Den Meeting - Rm 116
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Webelos Den Meeting - Rm 119
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Lights Meeting - Rm 114/115
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts Wolves Den Meeting - Rm 117

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Knights of Columbus #8494 Exemplification Reception - Bride's Room
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 125
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House

Tuesday, November 7th

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
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study - AFF - Main Hall

Wednesday, November 8th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' - AFF - 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
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Planning Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Annual Grateful Harvest Luncheon - Queen's Bee Quilters - Main Hall
 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM High School Fall Open Hours - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
 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
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Walking Through Grief Sessions - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing Small Group & Bible Study - 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, November 9th

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Blaze WWP Bible Study-Junior High Girls-Youth Center
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM EMHC Training - Church
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Friday, November 10th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Workshop - Mini Hall
 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Martinez-Kruecker - Church

Saturday, November 11th

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Confirmation Candidate Year 2 Retreat - Youth Center
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Martinez-Kruecker - Church
 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Fr. Thomas's Reception Set Up - Main Hall
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4th

8:30 AM †Dylan Bynum †Monica Szeja, Mary Queen Ministries
 5:30 PM †Velma Labrie, †Mark Diotalevi, †Juliana Krajca

Sunday, November 5th

7:30 AM †Mary Rita & †Bob Zehentner, Sr., †Elisea Pulmarit, Fr. Piotr Stangricki, M.S.

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

11:30 AM †Michael Mireles, †Father Don Thomas, MS, Celine Cordary

Monday, November 6th

8:30 AM †Maria Le, †Larry Larson, †Victoria Botabara

Tuesday, November 7th

8:30 AM †Monica Szeja, †Larry Larson, All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 8th

6:30 PM †Maria Ngo, †Larry Larson, Respect Life

Thursday, November 9th

8:30 AM †Dolores Prindiville, †Larry Larson, Andy & Marie Kotch

Friday, November 10th

8:30 AM Gary & Maribel Arribe – 33rd Wedding Anniversary
 Blessings, Jean Maxwell – Birthday Blessings,
 Paul & Laura Samudio - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, November 11th

5:30 PM †Norbert Popp, Lucia Boone, All Our Military Veterans

Sunday, November 12th

7:30 AM †Michael Mireles, Miles & Mason Libby – Birthday
 Blessings, Melanie & Jerett Bell– 1st Anniversary Blessings
 9:30 AM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Elsej & †Bruno Giacomuzzi,
 Beth Turner – Birthday Blessings, Dolores Thomas –
 Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Alfred Cox, Ivy LaBauve

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 5

That we ask God to help us grow in the virtue of humility.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

REMINDER:

**There will be no 4:30 PM Mass today,
 Sunday, November 5th
 due to Picnic in the Park!**

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: October 14, 2023 - October 20, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,161.40

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$44,592.00

Difference: (-\$4,430.60)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$3,094.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$254.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,420.00

**Loan Balance as of October 30, 2023 was
\$1,274,532.96.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

November 12 - Future Development and Maintenance

November 19 - Campaign for Human Development

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day for the Poor

November 26 - Christmas Flowers

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of October 30, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$135,286.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 317

Total Number of Gifts received: 656

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 October 30, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$520,951.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,894

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.

**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.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

- SACRAMENTS -




Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office to inquire about preparation for Baptism.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church
or by appointment.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Youth Sacrament Classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Carol Stuart in the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes are going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Terri Ryan at the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Engaged couples or couples interested in validating their marriage through the Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance for preparation.



Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Religious Order of priests serving Mary Queen are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. To learn more about their order or our Vocations Ministry, visit our website.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, contact Eby Kurian at the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration



24 Hour Adoration

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday


First Friday Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
St. Joseph's Chapel

Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, November 12, 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

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All are invited to
the Installation Mass of
Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S.

as Pastor of
Mary Queen Catholic Church

Sunday, November 12th
11:30 AM Mass

The parish will be hosting a celebratory reception
following the 11:30 AM Installation Mass.

Please RSVP for all who will attend by Nov. 5th:
bit.ly/FTInstallation

The celebration will be a potluck with the entrée
provided. We ask that parishioners bring a side or
salad to share based on the following request:

Parishioners with last names beginning with A-J -
bring a salad or vegetable dish

Parishioners with last names beginning with K-Z -
bring a side dish that pairs with chicken

Please drop off your food in the kitchen on the day
of the event.

Thanksgiving Pie Sharing

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
IN THE MAIN HALL AFTER THE 6:30 PM MASS

Join fellow parishioners in tasting various pies!
Bring a homemade or store bought pie to share.
No pie? No problem! Bring an appetite!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL

**Mary Queen
Christmas
Boutique**

& Tea Room Luncheon

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We look forward to seeing you there!

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.


We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

— Matthew 23:11

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THE 11:30 AM MASS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED IN
PLACE OF THE 9:30 AM
MASS AS REGULARLY
SCHEDULED.

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?'" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 5

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday, November 6

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 7

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday, November 10

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 12

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1



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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



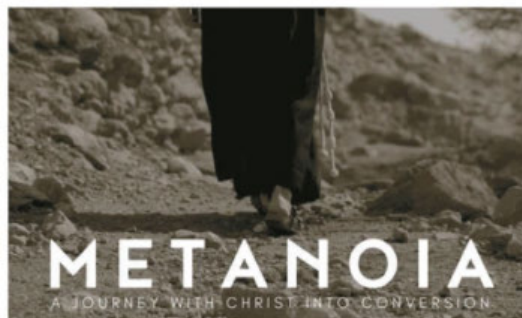
God works in our lives all the time. God calls all His people into the community. God calls us to come to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Some hear this call and come to our parish, asking more about how to do just that: to come into a relationship with the God we call Father. Some of them are not yet baptized. Others have already become members of the Body of Christ through the waters of baptism.

God has called and now we have the privilege of introducing these people to the one we call Lord: Jesus Christ. We share the good news and uncover God's action in our lives. For some, this leads to a remarkable beginning, a new life. For others, this deepens the relationship they already have with Christ. All of them respond to that call from Christ to abandon what they know and to come and follow him.

That story has happened again here at Mary Queen. We now mark the powerful presence of God-with-us, Emmanuel, by a special communal ritual. This ritual is called the **Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion**. It marks first public declaration of God's call to follow Christ. It also marks first public declaration of their wish to live as Roman Catholic Christians.

Many things have already changed for these people. This Rite marks that change. We now know these men and women as belonging to God and to God's people gathered here in our parish. The unbaptized have a unique relationship, and a special name: catechumens. They are entrusted to this faith community to nurture in this journey of faith. Those already baptized are known to us as candidates. All are signed with the sign of our faith, the sign of the cross. They commit now to begin to follow Christ deliberately as Roman Catholics do and to learn what that means from us, through our prayer, our Scripture and Tradition, our works of charity and justice and our lives as holy/different people.

We who are already baptized are to welcome these catechumens and candidates into our homes, our lives and our ministries, and to show them what it means today to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. So this Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumenate and Rite of Welcoming are both a time of joy and a time of commitment for all of us. May we mark these Rites with the enthusiasm of the Spirit and a renewed commitment to the way of the cross. Please join us for the **Sunday, November 5th at the 9:30 am Holy Mass** to prayerfully witness the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion for Adults.



'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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ARK FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, November 19th
beginning at the 4:30 PM Mass
Pizza in the Main Hall to follow!

(Parents must sit with their children at Mass.)



PRAY FOR OUR
CANDIDATES

Please pray for the 75 Youth Confirmation Candidates
as they head to retreat next weekend!



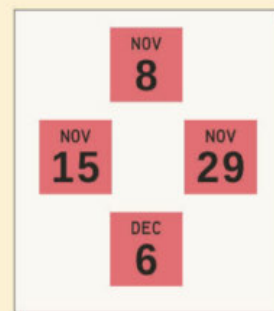
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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY CLASS DATES



WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES



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

SAVE THE DATE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SUPPORTING MARY QUEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

\$240

8-person table

\$30

individual ticket



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST
BE 21 YEARS AND OLDER

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AROUND THE PARISH



Reminder!

The nursery is closed this Sunday, November 5th, due to Picnic in the Park.

First Friday Family Fun!



Join the First Friday Family Fun Ministry for Cookies, Cocoa, & Christmas Carols on Friday, December 1st from 6 - 8 PM in the St. Charbel Youth Center. We will sing

Christmas carols to the residents of Stone Throw Senior Apartments and end our Christmas caroling at the priest's house!



First Friday Family Fun Service Project: Please plan to bring an unwrapped TOY for a boy or girl for the Mary Queen Giving Tree. These will be distributed to our Gabriel

Project families, food pantry clients, Friendswood Blue Santa, and other needy families in our community.

Hope to see you all for this FUN event!
Please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/1stFriDec>

Psalm 150 proclaims, "...everything that has breath gives praise to the Lord!"

Our Music Ministry supports and enhances the singing of the assembly. It expresses things that we are unable to express in words alone. If you have ever been interested in music ministry, now is the perfect time! Join us on **Sunday, November 19th** after the 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM Masses in the choir room for light refreshments and to see and hear what we're all about.



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Thanksgiving BLESSINGS

Continuing one of our longest running traditions, the Food Pantry will once again provide Thanksgiving Blessings to 200 families. These preregistered families will receive all the groceries they need for their Thanksgiving meal, dessert, and a few extra items. Pantry volunteers will be standing outside after all Masses on November 4th & 5th and November 11th & 12th to collect donations for this meaningful ministry.

Looking for another way to give?

Consider our Christmas Gift Catalog!

Giving Tuesday and Christmas are right around the corner! Please consider donating a gift from our Mary Queen Social Concerns Gift Catalog in honor of a loved one. There are many options to choose from, ranging from \$5 to \$1,700. Each donation receives a card to send to the person whom you are gifting. Families in need will greatly benefit from your gift.

For more information, pick up a Gift Catalog from the Narthex or Reception Desk, or scan the QR code.



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 *November* issue in the Narthex!

The magazine is free to all, but donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to cover the subscription cost.

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Join the MQ Arts & Environment Team for a

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National GLPI VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not you have, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. Vocations are an important part of the community! The vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. The vocation of married life should also be centered around service to the church, as is, furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

This week being National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray in thanksgiving for the priests and deacons of our parish, and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation,
you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.
We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes.
We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance.
We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead.
Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church.
Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"
-St. John Baptist de la Salle*



Don't miss our upcoming SoulCore sessions, offered by our Adult Faith Formation Department, in collaboration with Certified SoulCore Leader, Aimee Kindle. These bi-weekly sessions are open to all men and women ages 18 and above. 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
November - 6th, 8th, 27th & 29th
December - 11th & 13th

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteer your time!

St. Vincent de Paul Store at St. Mary's in LP would deeply appreciate 4 hours of your time to help sort, clean & prepare for the Christmas season. Please consider joining us on Thursday, November 9th, from 10 AM - 2 PM.

Location: 816 Park Dr, La Porte, TX.

Bring a sack lunch.

For more information, contact Jan at 281-402-5401.

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"The Amazing New Discoveries and Mysteries of Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Rich May's slide presentation will awe and astound you with what you never knew about this miraculous apparition.

Join us Wednesday, November 15th at St. Paul the Apostle, 18223 Point Lookout Dr., Nassau Bay.

We will begin with 8:30AM Mass followed by brunch at 10AM.

For more information, contact Marilyn at 713-412-8559.

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For more information, visit

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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.

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.

Our parish is served by priests of the religious order the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. This National Vocation Awareness Week, we continue to pray for our parish priests and those in their order.

In celebration, we pray for Haiti's first four La Salette brothers who made their profession of vows last weekend! We thank God for their courage in saying 'Yes' to the Lord's call, and continue to pray for them in their faith journey.



Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

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

Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator
 email: smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org
 phone: 281-482-1391 x334
 text: 409-218-8213

Send pulpit announcement requests to Sofia Medrano by the Tuesday before the requested Mass date.
 (Requests will be announced upon the pastor's approval.)

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

November 26—already submitted
December 3—due November 7



Sin on the Soul

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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We are all Servants of God

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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