

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



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Missionaries of **Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org www.lasalette.org

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 26th		
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sisters Seeking Scripture - AFF - Rm 110/Library	
Monday, November 27th		
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	
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Queen Bee Quilters Workshop - 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 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	
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	
Tuesday, November 28th		
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	
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	
Wednesday, November 29th		
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	
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	
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel	
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms	
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mary Queen Festival Planning Meeting - Rm 114/115	
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, November 30th		
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Middle School Home Study Family Gathering Event -	
	Youth Center	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall	
Friday, December 1st		
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	MQ Women's Christmas Bazaar - Main Hall	
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	First Friday Family Ministry - EFF - Youth Center	

Saturday, December 2nd Boy Scouts - Poinsettia Sales - After All Mases

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group - Rm 110/Library
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mass of Christian Burial - Guerra - Church
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	MQ Women's Christmas Bazaar - Main Hall
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25th

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 5:30 PM

Sunday, November 26th

7:30 AM **†** John Cordary, Sr., **†** Harvey Jeffrey, **†**Oscar & **†**Cecilia Rivas

9:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †James C. Potter, Jr., †George Whittet †Minerva Johnson, †Fred Mendoza, †Gloria Gill, 11:30 AM

†Lilia Trujillo

4:30 PM †Daniel Jansky, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Cochiolo/Westhoven Families

Monday, November 27th

†Dan Foster, †Robert Pina, †Ruth Torok 8:30 AM

Tuesday, November 28th

8:30 AM +Roger Stanfield, +Mary Rita Zehentner, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Austgen & Ganter Families

Wednesday, November 29th

6:30 PM **†**Rives Benoit, Roland Villamin, All Priests

Thursday, November 30th

8:30 AM †Carol Lorance, †Joseph Swiader, †John C. Potter, Jr., Blanca Espinoza - Birthday Blessings

Friday, December 1st

8:30 AM †Maria Dinh, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Kandy Thomas - Birthday Blessings, Don & Janice Goins - 50th Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, December 2nd

8:30 AM †Larry Larson, †Fernando Roxas, Mary Queen Ministries 5:30 PM +Remigio Tolentino, +Larry Larson, +David Harrison Sunday, December 3rd

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 7:30 AM 9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †James C. Potter, Jr., †Giovanni Cot 11:30 AM **†**Gloria Cruz, **†**Nestor Cruz, **†**Maria Del Roble Salinas 4:30 PM +Stillisano Family, Ifeona Obioko, Dinora Carbajal -**Birthday Blessings**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 26

That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure, especially when it's not always convenient for

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

TIME.TALENT.TREASURE

Offertory: November 4, 2023 - November 10, 2023
This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$55,785.32 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$61,612.75

Difference: (-\$5,827.43)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,574.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$776.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$5,485.00

Loan Balance as of November 14, 2023 was \$1,263,567.52.

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

December 3 - Future Development and Maintenance

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

December 10 - Retirement Fund for Religious

Diocesan Services Fund 2023 DSF Summary as of November 14, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$146,563.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 324

Total Number of Gifts received: 684

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit www.archqh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of November 14, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$523,149.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,907

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.

We kindly request that all who submit donations by check please use black or blue ink to fill out the check. Unfortunately, our check reader is unable to read any other color ink. Thank you, and we appreciate your understanding with this matter!



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- A New User Registration Form will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
- 3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
- 4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

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

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

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

FLOCKNOTE



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

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

If you are not receiving email communications from

Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

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

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





Sacrament of Baptism

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Sacrament of First Eucharist

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

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



Sacrament of Matrimony

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



Sacrament of Holy Orders

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



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

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



LIVE THE LITURGY

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calling all Elementary Students:

We are in need of children to take part in the opening procession. This is a wonderful event coordinated each year by our Hispanic Ministry and is a colorful, lively and wonderful tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During the Mass:

Students will carry roses to the altar and place them in vases before returning to the pews with their families.

During the Reception:

Students will carry flags in the opening procession which represent the countries under Mary's patronage in North, South and Central America.

Open to all children in grades K-5. Children must be able to wear black pants and a white shirt (girls can wear the same or a dress).

All participating students must attend practice on Friday, December 8th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Main Hall. Please arrive at the church by 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 9th and report to the Bride's Room.

Please RSVP to Judy Wheeler at jrwakw@outlook.com or 713-859-1278 if your child is able to participate. A rehearsal reminder will follow for those who sign up.

This will be considered as a Two Hands of Christ event for **Elementary Faith Formation!**



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LUNCHEON SERVED FROM 11 AM - 2 PM.

Bakery Ifems! Door Priles! We look forward to seeing you there! Invite your friends!

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas Boutique and Tea Room Luncheon!

If you would like to help with the Waitresses, Baked Goods, or Hospitality teams, please sign up here to let us know that you are interested: https://bit.ly/CBVolun.

Or, contact one of the Volunteer Team Coordinators to add your name to their team.

> Katherine Cox - Bakery 281-794-3684 or kgcox84@gmail.com

Karen Lowe - Luncheon Waitresses 832-245-6302

Alice Malek - Welcoming Greeters 281-814-2617 or alicemalek@comcast.net

Thanks for your consideration and participation!

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

— Matthew 25:32

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 26

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday, November 27

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-3

PRACTICING CATHOLIC PRAY & REFLECT

November 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

- Father John Muir **©LPi**

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING

Sunday, Dec. 3rd | 1:30-3:30 PM | Main Hall | \$25

Our Adult Faith Formation department will once again kick off the Advent season with our Advent Family Wreath Making & Blessing!

Join us on the First Sunday of Advent and enjoy making your own Advent wreath and receive other resources for your family to use during this time of preparation.



Register here:



Visit bit.ly/AdventFamGathering or scan the QR code to register and purchase the Advent Wreath Kit for \$25, which includes an Advent wreath with 4 candles.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-710-8876.

Festival of Saint Nicholas - All are invited!

Join us for a special performance of short skits, a puppet show, and songs with an Advent theme! Performances will take place during the Advent Wreath Making. No registration required!



Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA 281-482-1391 Ext. 319

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The Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed 1 Child, 4 Youth, and 8 Adult Catechumens into the Order of Catechumens through the Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance, and 15 Adult Candidates during the Rite of Welcome to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

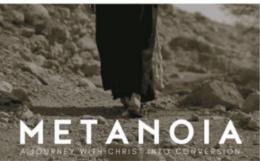






More pictures can be found on Mary Queen's social media platforms.





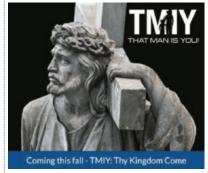
'Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion' -A new faith sharing series for College Students & Young Professionals

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.



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



We had a great retreat for the Teen Confirmation Candidates of 2023-2024 earlier this month. Please keep them in your prayers so they may continue their journey of faith.

FINAL MEETING DATES OF THE YEAR

CAST
December 3rd
December 17th (Christmas Party)

ARK December 10th

December 21st 2-3PM



Work of Mercy Elderly Visit



Sign up here through Flocknote: https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/145169



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

Would you consider being on call for our Faith Formation K-5th Grade classes?

We are looking for on call substitutes for our Wednesday classes from 4:00 - 5:15 PM or 5:45 - 7:00 PM.

Please contact Carol Stuart at 281-482-1391 x333 or email cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org.

Tuesday Class Dates November 28th

December 5th

Wednesday Class Dates

November 29th December 6th

*Please direct children to the Mini Hall at the start of class.

Other Important Upcoming Dates

12/5 & 12/6

First Grade Play Rehearsals during child's class times. Please have your child in attendance!

12/12 & 12/13

First Grade Play – All relatives are invited.

The play will be in the Main Hall during your 1st Grade child's class time.

Thank you for being the Hands of Christ!



3rd graders in our Elementary Faith Formation program made special Blessing Bags filled with sweet and salty snacks and water bottles. The Blessing Bags were then donated to the Mary Queen Food Pantry.

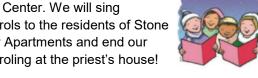
AROUND THE PARISH

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

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

Join the MQ Arts & Environment Team for a

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Dec. 9th | 10-11:30 AM | \$75 | Mary's House

This Christmas season. deck your door with a special holiday wreath!

Create your own wreath using fresh greenery, perfect for inviting guests in with holiday cheer.

Register at: https://bit.ly/MQFlowers



GUADALUPE CHOIR

Our annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass is on Saturday, December 9th!

The Guadalupe Choir is open to ALL and is looking for bilingual members to join.

If you are interested in singing with us at the Mass, please contact

Dylan Ramirez at dramirez@maryqueenchurch.org for more information.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times**



Thursday, December 7th 7:00 PM - Vigil

Friday, **December 8th** 7:00 AM

> 8:30 AM 7:00 PM

The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry will be having an Adopt-a-Highway event on Saturday, December 16th. We will meet in the parking lot of Windsong Elementary School at 7:30 AM.

For more information, contact Jen Hammerle at 281-961-1796.





SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA **Annual Wreaths and More Sale**

Order your fresh evergreen products ONLINE ONLY at GiftltForward.com.

Please note that the User ID has been updated to **SERRACTX001**. If you have tried to purchase or have an order that has not gone through, please use the new code.

Proceeds benefit our Serra Club.





Looking for a meaningful gift to give for Christmas?

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.





Our Christmas Giving Tree tags will be available starting Saturday, November 25th.

Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 10th.





The Clark Family

Debbie is from Beaumont and graduated from Monsignor Catholic Kelly High School. She has had a strong Catholic upbringing at home and at Catholic schools from first grade to high school. She moved to Friendswood in 1991 and has been a member of Mary Queen since then. Debbie graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont and received her Master's from UH Clear Lake. In the earlier years at Mary Queen, she served on the Welcome Committee,





teamed on ACTS retreats for several years. She has helped with Vacation Bible School for nine years and helped prepare meals for the Christmas Bazaar Luncheon. Presently, she serves as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, third grade Faith Formation teacher, and a crocheter with Mary's Chain of Love. She is a member of the Church Keepers and helps with flower arrangements as part of the Hospitality Committee for Walking With Purpose. She also enjoys providing meals for the priests at Mary Queen. Debbie assists with the Ladies of KC Council 8494 at various events. She has been a member of Serra Club of Bay Area for ten years and scheduled speakers for meetings as a Program Chairman for four years.

Terry is a native Houstonian and proud graduate from Mt. Carmel High School and the University of Houston (Go Coogs!). He initially joined the Knights of Columbus (Pearland Council) in 1982. He transferred to Dallas in 1987 and returned to Friendswood and Mary Queen Parish in 1998. He was on the 1st ACTS team at Mary Queen and teamed on a few more. He has been a member of a Saturday morning Men's Prayer Group created from the very first ACTS retreat. Terry was a CCE teacher in 1982, assisted in co-facilitating the Divorced, Widowed, and Separated Ministry, served on the Pastoral Council, is a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and has been an Acolyte for past 5 years. He attends TMIY and has been a Ministry of Care member for 17 years.

Since his retirement, he humbly serves as an Acolyte at daily Masses. He is also a greeter at the 7:30 Mass on Sunday when he is not an Acolyte. Terry is a 4th degree Knight and Past Grand Knight of Council 8494. You may have seen him serving as a bartender at the Women's Luncheon, selling BBQ, helping out at the annual festival, Fish Fry, and various other KC functions. He is currently a Trustee with the Knights, chairman of the Knights of Columbus Valentine Dance and on the KC Grant committee.

Debbie and Terry met while serving on Ministry of Care, bringing communion to Catholic nursing home residents. They are very thankful to Fr. Thomas when he was Parochial Vicar of Mary Queen and the Spiritual Advisor of the Ministry of Care in 2007. Fr. Thomas requested that the Ministry visit the nursing homes in pairs, like the apostles. Debbie and Terry paired up as a team to help serve the Lord. The rest is history! They married at Mary Queen in 2009.

Together, Debbie and Terry lead the rosary before the 7:30 Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, are Faith Formation instructors on Tuesday, attend Adoration, and work at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays.

Terry and Debbie like to live by the words of St. Terese of Lisieux, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word, always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." Bring a little joy to the world.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Home for the Holidays"

Bus Trip to Old Town Spring Wednesday, November 29th from 9:00 am - 4:00 PM

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

Men and women 50 years of age or older are welcomed.

Cost is \$15. Lunch is on your own.

For more information or to RSVP by November 27th, contact Gretchen at 832-605-8360 or Gretchenmitchell@gmail.com.

Fundraiser sponsored by Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

Bus Trip

Sight Seeing Christmas Lights in Houston Area Wednesday, December 6th from 3:30 to ~8:30 PM Meet at St. Bernadette Catholic Church (back parking lot fence) - 15500 El Camino Real Men and women 50 years of age or older are welcomed. Cost is \$15. Dinner is on your own.

For more information or to RSVP by December 4th, contact Gretchen at 832-605-8360 or

Gretchenmitchell@gmail.com.

Fundraiser sponsored by Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

"Come and Click" 2024 7 pm ET via ZOOM January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22

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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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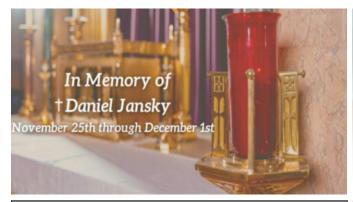
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For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers, those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

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.

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

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

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

December 24—due November 29
December 31—due December 5
January 7—due December 13

Q&A

Patron Saints

Question:

Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified. Because we believe that the saints and blesseds are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we **©LPi**

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration



to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it "forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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