



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

EVERY
NATION
ADORES
you.

PSALM 72

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:30 PM Wednesday

Daily Rosary

after 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

Welcome to Mary Queen!

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

Mission Statement

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

2023 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests for the 2023 year. 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

JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Sunday, January 7th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF - Rm 110/Library
3:45 PM - 6:45 PM Ark - Junior High Sessions - Youth Center

Monday, January 8th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Board Meeting - Mini Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House

Tuesday, January 9th

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Mary's Chain of Love Holiday Brunch - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:15 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, January 10th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM High School Fall Open Hours - Youth Ministry
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
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
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, January 11th

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Holy Communion Class - Main Hall
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
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Friday, January 12th

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Santa Nino Fiesta Set Up - Main Hall

Saturday, January 13th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Santo Nino Rosary, Novena & Mass - Church
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Santo Nino Fiesta Reception - Main Hall
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6th

8:30 AM †Fabiola Pardo Montoya, Pol Bernardo,
Mary Queen Ministries

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, January 7th

7:30 AM †Jan Hurkalo, †Ted Slafka, †Dorothy Barrow

9:30 AM †Enrique & †David Valdez, †Robert Burns,
†Terexa Brandy

11:30 AM †Kimberly Montz, †Greg & †Crystal Goneau, Rita Davis

4:30 PM †Kathy Margerum, †Joanne Chagra, Becky Adam -
Birthday Blessings

Monday, January 8th

8:30 AM †Maria Trang Do, †Thanh Pham & †Chanh,
Amanda Ainsworth

Tuesday, January 9th

8:30 AM †Renita Labrie, Brodie Decuir, Jordan de Cardenas

Wednesday, January 10th

6:30 PM †Norbert Wilms, Bill Prindiville, Respect Life

Thursday, January 11th

8:30 AM †Gerald Dörner, †Daniel Jansky, Living & Deceased Loved
Ones of Don & Becky Adam

Friday, January 12th

8:30 AM †Frances Hewitt, †Mike Vukelicht, Sheri Barber -
Birthday Blessings

Saturday, January 13th

5:30 PM †Larry Larson, †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of Al & Joan Radous

Sunday, January 14th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

9:30 AM Tim & Karen Berlinger, Connor Clarin - Birthday Blessings,
Deacon Vince Eklund - 7th Anniversary of Ordination

11:30 AM Annette Rivera, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Queen Staff

4:30 PM †Vernon Semien, All Victims in Israel,
Deacon Derrick Soares - 7th Anniversary of Ordination

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 7

That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: December 16, 2023 - December 22, 2023

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$59,346.95

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$44,592.00

Difference: \$14,754.95

MP-Debt Reduction: \$5,754.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$244.49

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,823.00

**Loan Balance as of December 27, 2023 was
\$1,252,451.59.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

January 14 - Future Development and Maintenance

January 28 - Latin America

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of December 27, 2023

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$193,841.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 392

Total Number of Gifts received: 821

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 December 27, 2023

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$534,835.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,972

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.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18-35.



RCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our RCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.



Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, January 14, 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

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Santo Niño Group of South Texas
Invites everyone to celebrate



11am - Rosary & Novena
followed by Holy Mass,
Procession and Reception
with lunch & Dancing

Saturday
January 13, 2024

SANTO NIÑO FIESTA

(Feast in honor of the Holy Infant Jesus)



Mary Queen Catholic Church
606 Cedarwood Drive
Friendswood, Texas 77546

Bring your image of the Santo Niño for the blessing and dancing of the Sinulog

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, January 21st

After the Masses in the Parish Hall
Join us and support the Mary Queen

Hispanic Ministry!

Egg & sausage burritos

Egg & chorizo burritos

Egg & potato burritos



Tamales

Donuts



Coffee & Lemonade

==== Kid Zone =====

Coloring books table

Cornhole

Games table

Hula hoops

Looking forward to seeing you all!



The Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women
(BADCCW) Gathering

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Location: Mary Queen Catholic Church

Time: 9:30 AM social, 10:00 AM announcements,
10:30 AM presentation

Speaker: ChristyAnne Collins- "From Prison Ministry
to Prison"

There will be a raffle and baby shower to assist Bay Area
Deanery Gabriel Projects. We are especially in need of
diapers sizes 3, 4, and 5, toiletries, and winter baby
clothes for boys sizes 0-12 months.

BADCCW are dedicated Catholic women who come
together for fellowship, spiritual growth, leadership and
service to Christ, His church and society. The group is
open to all women.

For more information, contact Deana at 469-230-8272 or
deana.hertler@yahoo.com.

"Come and Click" 2024

7 pm ET via ZOOM

January 22, February 26,

March 25, April 22

"Come and See" Weekend

June 7-11, 2024

contact

lasalettevocations@gmail.com to
register or for more info



Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

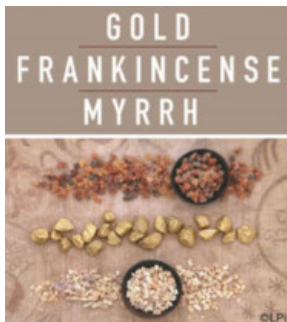
But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2

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The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what the gifts actually are?



"Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ.

"Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death.

"Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 7

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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'That Man is You!' (TMIY)

The Spring 2024 Semester of the 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen starts on **Wednesday, January 24** and will meet from **5:45AM - 7AM** 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 food, fellowship and faith! All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, you can now jump into this new content!

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



New Bible Study for Adults starting in January 2024!

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

The book of Matthew brings the history of Christ to life. We see Jesus as the awaited

Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the kingdom of heaven. Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a twenty-four-part Bible study, explores how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department will begin Matthew: The King and His Kingdom on January 16th. The course includes 24-lessons, online access to videos (1-year), a workbook & the small group discussions. All these are included in with purchase of the material for \$40.

Classes will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Mary's House.

Visit our website to register at <https://bit.ly/MatthewBibleStudy>.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian.



The QUEST

Find your purpose. Live it with courage.

Calling all Young Adults whether you are navigating life post-high school, attending college or trade school, establishing yourself as an early career professional to join us for a new series during this New Year - 'The Quest'

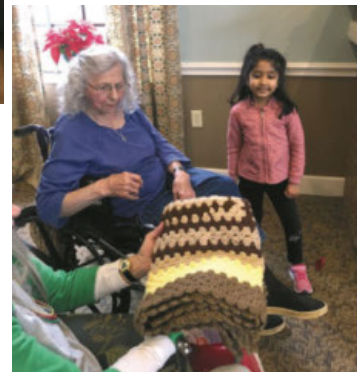
This thought-provoking documentary mini-series from University of Dallas Productions draws upon stories from Scripture, history, and the lives of saints to explore Christian life as a narrative of joyful courage in the gathering darkness of this world.

Watch a promotional video here: <https://bit.ly/QuestPromoVid>

Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning January 10th after the 6:30 PM Holy Mass. All young adults of ages 18 - 35 are invited to attend our faith sharing small group session from 7:00-8:30 PM at Mary's House.

Please contact Eby Kurian to get more information and/or to sign-up for this new series.

Our Adult Faith Formation Department collaborated with our Social Concerns Ministry to truly share the JOY of Christmas on December 21st with residents of Serenity Gardens & Friendship Haven. College Students, an Adult Confirmation Candidate, and a family from Mary Queen blessed the lovely residents with prayers, Christmas carols, and warm hugs!





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Enjoy the break and Merry Christmas from Elementary Faith Formation!

2024

January Class Dates:

Tuesdays- 1/9, 1/16, 1/30
No Class on 1/23

Wednesdays- 1/10, 1/17, 1/31
No Class on 1/24

First Holy Communion Sacrament Schedule

OPENING NIGHT!

Thursday, 1/11/24

Time: 6:30 - 7:45 PM

***Parent & Child must attend.**

Elementary Faith students being the Two Hands of Christ!



TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDRAISER
 SUPPORTING MARY QUEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

\$240

8-person table



\$30

individual ticket



REGISTER TODAY!



JANUARY
27TH
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THEME:
FAVORITE ROCK BANDS

TO BECOME A SPONSOR,
 CONTACT JOANNA KRANCHER
 713.591.1162
 JOANNAKRANCHER@GMAIL.COM

MUST BE 21 YEARS AND OLDER TO ATTEND

DINNER . TEAM COMPETITIONS . PRIZES . PHOTO BOOTH & MUCH MORE!



THEME: SUPER BOWL



RSVP Today!

MEET ME AT THE PEW

Sunday, January 28th

4:30 p.m. - Mass

**Reserved seating will be available for Ark families*

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us afterwards in the Main Hall for
 pizza, games & fellowship

A parent/guardian **MUST** attend.
 Dropping off students is **NOT** allowed.



AROUND THE PARISH



Brought to you by St. Helen Catholic Church, Mary Queen Catholic Church, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church & The Cor Project:

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal.

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
St. Helen Catholic Church

Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25 and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online at [M4MTX.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://m4mtx.eventbrite.com).

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA at ekurian@maryqueencatholicchurch.org or 281-710-8876.



Mary Queen Catholic Church is currently seeking a full-time Director of Youth Ministry.

For more information about the position and to view the full job description, visit

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employment-opportunities.

Interested candidates who meet the requirements listed in the job description are invited to submit a cover letter, resume, and references via email to John Laine, Business Manager, at jlaine@maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

LA SALETTE LAITY SUPPER CLUB

Friday, February 9th | Main Hall | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join this new group on the second Friday of the month as we look into the message of La Salette through both study and prayer and enjoy a themed potluck dinner!



Mary Queen Seniors (60+)

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM. The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact Ed Gasparini at 832-545-1385.

Our Special Friends' Christmas Program and dinner was a total success thanks to our Mary Queen Community, the Knights of Columbus #8494, and our Special Friends. This was only possible because of the many organizations that shared their talents and support. This year, we were able to raise over \$2,000 from our raffle and silent auction! The generosity of supporters is important because it



allows us to continue offering our Special Friends program on Monday nights. Special thanks to Kim Mize, Special Friends Volunteer, for securing all of the amazing gift baskets for our event through her wonderful

sponsors. The highlight of the evening was the performance

by the 65 "Note-Ables" volunteer choir members lead by their awesome Director, Sandra Strickhouser. People are still singing about the performance!

As the holiday season approaches and we celebrate the end of



one year and the beginning of another, the Special Friends Staff want to take this moment to wish you and your loved ones a joyous and fulfilling Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May this new year bring you blessings upon blessings as we all continue onwards in our ministry. We appreciate your Special Friend, you and your family. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Epiphany is the perfect time to bless your home! Get your family together and pray the Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany found below.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Here, the Reader reads from Luke 19:1-9.

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us.

With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Catholic Conference on Aging: January 2024

Nurturing the Roots of Our Communal Tree:
A Catholic conference to honor and support aging

The event will be held in English and Spanish on
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Saturday, January 27th

8:30 AM -12:30 PM

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- Support for In-Home Care
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- Spiritual Care for Aging
- Senior Care Housing Options
- Community Providers to Support Aging

Registration required. This is a free event but seating is limited. For questions or assistance with registration, please call 713-741-8712 or visit www.archgh.org/aging.



As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in our love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 16-18?

For more information, contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

MLK Mass of Remembrance

The annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass of Remembrance 2024 will be held Sunday, January 14th at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway (Downtown) Houston, TX 77002 at 3 p.m.

Rev. Martins C. Emeh, Pastor of St. Monica Parish will serve as Homilist.

For further information, call 713-652-8203 or email dladet@archgh.org. All are invited!

Reception to follow in the Cathedral Centre.



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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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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.



We are in a new year! This is the perfect time to consider serving our parish in a unique way through one of our various ministries.

We hope you will find your place here at Mary Queen!

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Contact our Parish Office for more information on any of these ministries or if you'd like to join one or more!

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

Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator
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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.

January 28—January 12
February 4—January 22



Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.
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Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."



There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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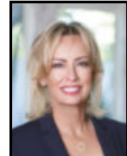
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