



*January 14, 2024*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Here  
am I,  
Lord.*

**PSALM 40**

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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 (\*Livestreamed)

**First Saturdays**

8:30 AM

**Daily Mass**

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

**Daily Rosary**

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

**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Welcome to Mary Queen!**

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

**Mission Statement**

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

**2024 Mass Intentions**

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. 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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

# THIS WEEK

## JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Sunday, January 14th

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses)  
 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

### Monday, January 15th

#### Pastoral Offices Closed - Observance Martin Luther King Jr. Day

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House  
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House

### Tuesday, January 16th

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Spring - Walking With Purpose - Rm 110/Library  
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall  
 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  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" - AFF - Mary's House  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Wednesday, January 17th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ACCW Baby Shower - Women's Ministry - Main Hall  
 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM High School Open Hours - Youth Ministry- Youth Center  
 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 Bible Infusion Meeting - EFF - Rm 110/Library  
 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 - 9:15 PM Women's Ministry Meeting - Main Hall  
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Thursday, January 18th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115

### Friday, January 19th

6:00 PM - 11:30 PM Youth Council Lock-In - Mary's House - Youth Center  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry - Bilingual Rosary - Chapel - Mini Hall  
 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM Youth Council Lock-In - Main Hall

### Saturday, January 20th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House  
 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mingle Jingle - Walking With Purpose - AFF - 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 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

### Monday, January 15th

8:30 AM †Maria Trang Do, †Clarence & †Judith Savoie,  
 †Carlos Rodriguez

### Tuesday, January 16th

8:30 AM †Judith Brinkley, Bob & Kathy Porter,  
 Walking With Purpose

### Wednesday, January 17th

6:30 PM †Denis Goneau Family, †Rich Lewis, †John Bethany

### Thursday, January 18th

8:30 AM †Genevieve Baur, †Mary Shead, Daniel & Joann Avila –  
 Anniversary Blessings

### Friday, January 19th

8:30 AM †Dorothy Fikac, †Goldie Witucki, Living & Deceased  
 Loved Ones of Judy Hodges

### Saturday, January 20th

5:30 PM †Leola McBride, †Tony Diotalevi, Deacon Derrick Soares–  
 Birthday Blessings

### Sunday, January 21st

7:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Roger Holcroft, Benjamin Bliet  
 9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
 11:30 AM †Paul Bui, Lucia Boone, Benjamin Bliet  
 4:30 PM †Norbert Popp, †Bob Britz, Living & Deceased Loved  
 Ones of the Carlin Family

# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 14

That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him,  
 thanking Him and asking for His guidance.

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we  
 are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as  
 children of God, we spend less time looking for the material  
 comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something  
 deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He  
 wants you to live the life He intended for you.





# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: December 23, 2023 - December 29, 2023

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$52,086.00

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$44,019.17

**Difference:** \$8,066.83

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$2,005.13

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$266.13

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$2,903.85

**Loan Balance as of January 5, 2024 was  
\$1,182,451.59.**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**January 28** - Latin America

**February 4** - DSF Commitment Weekend

**February 11** - Future Development and Maintenance

**February 14** - Ash Wednesday

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2023 DSF Summary as of January 5, 2024**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$219,254.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 424

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 872

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 5, 2024**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$538,469.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$591,091.54

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,991

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 273

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign](http://www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign).

**Make the switch from envelopes to  
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time  
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



## Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

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

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

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

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup)

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

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

## FLOCKNOTE



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

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

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

## ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org).

## 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 onwards.



### **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](http://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

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road. Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world. An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**Ribs**

**Chicken**

**Sausage**

Purchase after Masses  
**Sunday, Jan. 14th**




## 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](mailto:deana.hertler@yahoo.com).

**COME & CLICK**

**2024 UPCOMING WEB DISCERNMENT EVENTS**

For Catholic Men between the ages of 18-45

Considering a Vocation?

One Hour Zoom Event


Discernment Q & A


When?

Monday, January 22, 7pm ET  
Monday, February 26, 7pm ET  
Monday, March 25, 7pm ET  
Monday, April 22, 7pm ET

Join us for one or more

Contact  
[lasalettevocations@gmail.com](mailto:lasalettevocations@gmail.com)  
for more information or for the Zoom Link

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



# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

## Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: There it is. We finally found it.

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38*

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Looking for something to pray for this new year?  
Pray for the seminarians of our Archdiocese!

*O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You, the One and Only Eternal Priest. Amen.*

Find the monthly seminarian prayer calendar for January here:  
<https://bit.ly/JanSeminarian>.

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I’m amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: “he wore a blue shirt,” “we ordered brussels sprouts,” “her hair was up in a bun,” and “he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family’s open front door when it was ten degrees below zero,” (that one’s courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it’s all real.

It’s similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, “...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.” Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that’s the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It’s about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn’t empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God’s love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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## DAILY READINGS

**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

**Monday, January 15**

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 16**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 17**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 18**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 19**

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 20**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 21**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20





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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** will 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!

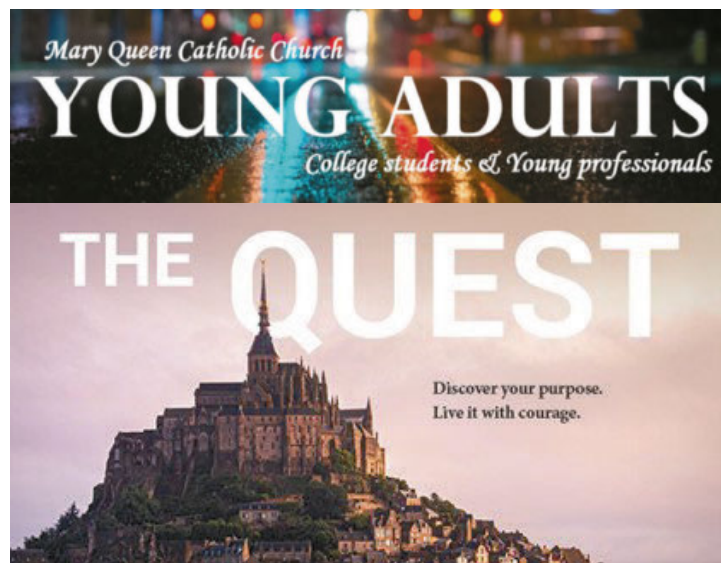
#### Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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 began 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 are held weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Mary's House.

Registration is currently full but if you still need to register, please contact Eby Kurian.



**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 the 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>

Meetings are on Wednesday evenings 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.*

### January 21, Sunday of the Word of God - Enthroning the Holy Bible in your Home

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," (Lk 24:45).

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This year it will fall on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

As an initiative from Adult Faith Formation Department, we would like to invite you to celebrate the 'Sunday of the Word of God' on January 21st by using this Ritual Prayer from USCCB when you gather as a Family to Enthroner the Holy Bible in your Home.

Find the prayer at:

<https://bit.ly/FamilyEnthronementOfBible>





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**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.



**Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation**  
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**Welcome back to another year of  
Elementary Faith Formation!**

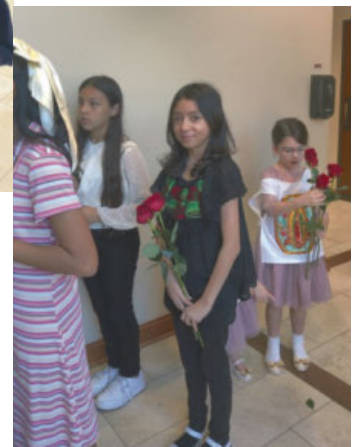
**2024**

**January Class Dates:**

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

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

Two Hands of Christ "Spring" Family Volunteer Opportunities are online now! Please see our Elementary Faith Formation webpage by scanning the QR code on page 5.



## JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY

**February 24, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. Helen Catholic Church**  
**Pearland, TX**

### What's On the Agenda?



**SERVICE  
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**We still have tickets available at the Reception desk in the Parish Hall! Purchase yours today for \$25!** Tickets may also be purchased 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:jlaine@maryqueencatholicchurch.org).



## 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.





## January is Poverty Awareness Month

Did you know.....  
The threshold for living in poverty in the United States for a family of four is \$25,700 a year.



Education is always the first step to understanding a problem. Learning about poverty in the United States can help you discern how you are called to participate in the Church's mission:

- 37.9 million people in the US live in poverty
- 15% of those under the age of 18 live in poverty
- Female-run households have a 25% chance of living in poverty
- 14% of people who have some college, bachelor's degree or higher live in poverty
- 21% of employed people in the US live in poverty (figures are from the US Census Report for 2022)

Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website to educate yourself about poverty and join in the prayers of the Church for those who are living in poverty:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month>

### How is Mary Queen helping?

#### Mary Queen Social Concerns in 2023

- 17,691 people provided with groceries from the Food Pantry
- 18 mothers and babies supported through the Gabriel Project
- 1000+ hours ministering to the homeless

*"You have been told what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)*

## RESOLVE TO RETREAT IN 2024

### \*A Valentine's Invitation for Married Couples... worldwide marriage encounter

\*Worldwide Marriage Encounter is inviting Married Couples to join us for a Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Mary Queen Parish in Friendswood!  
When: February 16-18, 2024, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.  
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# 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  
January 27th for older adults and family members.

Saturday, January 27th

8:30 AM -12:30 PM

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Presentations featuring:

- Support for In-Home Care
- Essential Legal Planning
- Pre-Planning Funerals
- Aging with a Healthier Lifestyle
- 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](http://www.archgh.org/aging).



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Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Times 6:00 PM to 11:00

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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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

**Thank you and God Bless America!**



## Knight's of Columbus

### Sporting Goods Raffle

The Drawing for the Sporting Goods Raffle will happen at Casino Night.

Date: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Drawing starts at 7:00 to 11:00 Place: KC Hall

2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland, Texas 77581

Most prizes are Bass Pro Shop Gift Cards

\$20.00 Per Ticket or 6 tickets for \$100

For information on purchasing tickets Please Contact -

Manny Gonzales - [Mgonzales082011@icloud.com](mailto:Mgonzales082011@icloud.com) 7133766086 leave a message

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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](mailto:reception@maryqueenchurch.org). Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.





**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!

## Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

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

**Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator**  
 email: [smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org)  
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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—already submitted**  
**February 4—January 22**



## Changes to Mass

### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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## Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.



The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet? Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah, the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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