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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.

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.

THIS WEEK

JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

	Sunday	, Januar	/ 21st
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Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee/Donuts	,
(After Merning Messes)	

(After Morning Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" - Adults - Mini Hall 2:00 PM - 7:45 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Set Up - Main Hall Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF -2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Rm 110/Library

3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Youth Center

Monday, January 22nd

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House Special Friends Program - Main Hall 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bears Den Meeting - Rm 118 Cub Scout Lions Den Meeting - Rm 120 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tigers Den Meeting - Rm 116 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 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts Wolves Den Meeting - Rm 117

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Catholic Homeschool (BACH) Meeting -

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center

Tuesday, January 23rd

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Spring - Walking

With Purpose - Rm 110/Library

Mary Queen Seniors Program - Mini Hall 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 4:30 PM 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" -

AFF - Marv's House

Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' 2024 Spring Semester - Main Hall 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM High School Open Hours - Youth Ministry- Youth Center

5:00 PM - 7:15 PM CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 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

Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop 452 - Merit Badge Classes - Youth Center

Thursday, January 25th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM MQ Vocations Ministry - Rm 114/115

Friday, January 26th

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Trivia Night - Youth Ministry - Set Up - Main Hall Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Mini Hall 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 27th

Marriage Encounter - Church Narthex (After All Masses)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Trivia Night - Youth Ministry - Main Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20th

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

Sunday, January 21st

7:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Roger Holcroft, Benjamin Bliek

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

11:30 AM †Paul Bui, Lucia Boone, Benjamin Bliek

†Norbert Popp, **†**Bob Britz, Living & Deceased Loved 4:30 PM Ones of the Carlin Family

Monday, January 22nd

8:30 AM †William Adam, †Paul Gosselin, †Cesar Francisco

Tuesday, January 23rd

8:30 AM †Julia LaBorde, Ora Curdie, Paula Pierce -Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, January 24th

6:30 PM Ora Curdie, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Briggs, Smart & Cormier Families, Jacob Karam -Birthday Blessings

Thursday, January 25th

8:30 AM †Chris Worden, †Harvey Jeffrey, †Geraldine Rinehart, Baby Matulis

Friday, January 26th

8:30 AM †Jim Harbus, Vera Smart, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Janet Wild, Phyllis Rinehart - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, January 27th

5:30 PM Irma Stanfield - Birthday Blessings, Tino Quiocho -Birthday Blessings, Fr. Benny Thadathilkunnel, M.S. -25th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, January 28th

Chris Austgen - Birthday Blessings, Fr. Sibi Kunninu -7:30 AM Birthday Blessings, Jim & Phyllis Tinney -

Anniversary Blessings

+Roger Stanfield, +Allen Brandt, Joe Valesquez 9:30 AM

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 11:30 AM

4:30 PM **†**Guadalupe Barrientos, **†**Rosa Barrientos,

Theresa O'Keefe

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 21

That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to "Follow Him" and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

Offertory: December 30, 2023 - January 5, 2023
This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$16,834.17 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$9,675.33

Difference: \$7,158.84

MP-Debt Reduction: \$3,279.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$926.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$4,415.00

Loan Balance as of January 12, 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 12, 2024

Parish Goal: \$185,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$220,429.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 430

Total Number of Gifts received: 879

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 January 12, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00
Total Amount Paid: \$546,191.00
Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54
Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,013
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.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- A New User Registration Form will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
- 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 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!

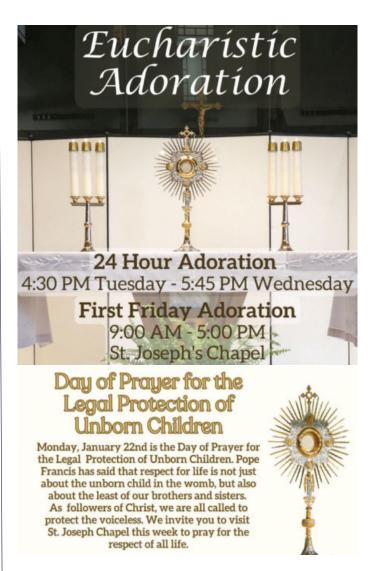


Social Concerns Ministries

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.



LIVE THE LITURGY

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me. I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade. Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either. Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

UPCOMING EVENTS





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!



*A Valentine's Invitation for Married Couples...



*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.

This parish-based retreat allows you to attend the Experience during the day and go home each night!



For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries elevate the Power & Joy of their Marriage by promoting Deeper Communication & Faith-Centered Values in a Sacramental Relationship.

Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment." — Mark 1:14

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Looking for something to pray for this month? 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.

PRAY & REFLECT

January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

Father John Muir©LPi

DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, January 22

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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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!

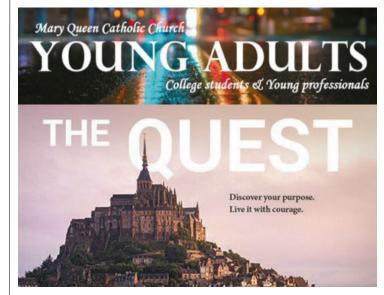
Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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 21st, 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 Enthrone the Holy Bible in your Home.

Find the prayer at:

https://bit.ly/FamilyEnthronementOfBible



Tino Quiocho, Associate Youth Minister & **Confirmation Coordinator** 281-482-1391 Ext. 100 tquiocho@maryqueenchurch.org





A parent/guardian MUST attend opping off students is NOT allow





RSVP Today!











GRADES 6-8

COST:

Maggie Craig

For more information, contact Olivia at osnyder@maryqueenchurch.org



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

Upcoming EFF/CCE Tuesday Classes

January 23rd - NO CLASS January 30th February 6th

Upcoming EFF/CCE Wednesday Classes

January 24th - NO CLASS January 31st February 7th

Upcoming Sacrament Classes (First Holy Communion)

Thursday, February 1st 6:30-7:45 pm Main Hall

Our First Friday Family Fun Ministry provides free events that are open to all of our parish families! Join us:

Pancakes, Pajamas & Prayers Friday, February 2nd

Enjoy some pancakes and enjoy fellowship followed by prayer time led by parishioner Sandy Sorrell.

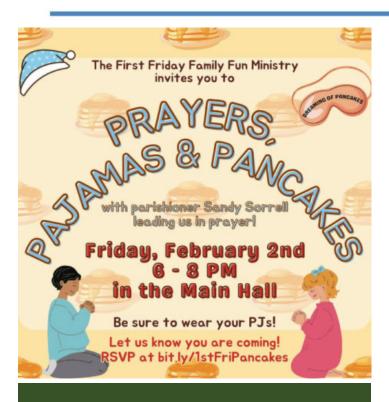
This is a DO NOT MISS event for our young families!

Pajamas are encouraged

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.



AROUND THE PARISH





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!

FEBRUARY POTLUCK THEME: WINTER CROCKPOT MEAL



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.





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.

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.

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

JOIN OUR STAFF

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

<u>www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employment-</u>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.

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-humandevelopment/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)

Notice to our Parishioners

"Can you do me a favor?" "Do you have an open schedule?"
If you have received this message via text or email from
Fr. Thomas or another member of the Pastoral staff, disregard
it immediately! Fr. Thomas will NEVER email or text you to ask
for money, gift cards, etc.

Always check the sender's email address- if it does not end in @maryqueenchurch.org, it is a spam message.

> Report the message and block the sender. Please do not fall victim to this scam! Stay alert.

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SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA

Our Christmas Banquet honoring our priests, deacons, religious and consecrated women in our Bay Area was a success. Many thanks to our Serra Club and many thanks for your prayers.



Join us this Thursday, January 25th at 7 PM in the Mini Hall!

Our Serra Club will be viewing the movie THE GREATEST MIRACLE. This is a great way to learn more about the Catholic faith. It will renew your interest and appreciation of the Holy Mass. Do not be discouraged that is an animated movie; it's content is amazing and it's great to watch with the family! The movie is based on visionaries, and is not fictional. The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay. said this of the film: "The Greatest Miracle draws the viewer into the Mass by artistically portraying what we as Catholics believe to be taking place, but what we as human beings are incapable of perceiving with our earthy senses. It beautifully depicts the moment of the Consecration as a continuation of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, and it celebrates the way in which we "unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1326) The film is well worth seeing! All are welcome. Please bring a snack to share.



Mary's Chain of Love Ministry Come Pray & Crochet with Us! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 9:30 - 11:30 AM in Rm 114/115

- Mary's Chain of Love is a crochet & craft ministry.
- We provide homemade gifts to the community, nursing homes, local hospitals, and various Catholic charities.
- Whether a beginner or an expert, we welcome you to join us every First & Third Tuesday of each month for our devotional and to crochet whatever projects are needed.

To learn more, contact Cindy Dittrich at 832-282-6346 or dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS







PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

US Air Force:

A1C Jake Ainsworth, SSgt Chris Aubuchon, Capt James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Capt James Gregory, A1C Jasper Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, 2LT Julian Monroig, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo, CPT Christopher Zavesky

US Marine Corps:

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

US Navy:

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US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

US Coast Guard:

Cadet 4/c Manon Murphy

If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn "*In Memory of...*" or "*In Honor of...*" a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.



Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



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 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.

February 4—January 22 February 11—January 24



Does God Forgive Abortion?

Question

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

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Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.



I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers—they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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