



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS
VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
your
hearts.

PSALM 95

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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.

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, January 28th

Marriage Encounter - Church Narthex (After All Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" - Adults - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ARK Youth Ministry Set Up - Main Hall
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF - Rm 110/Library
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Ark FAMILY Meet Me at the Pew - Main Hall

Monday, January 29th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mary Queen Pastoral Staff Luncheon - Main Hall
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bears Den Meeting - Rm 118
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Lions Den Meeting - Rm 120
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tigers Den Meeting - Rm 116
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Webelos Den Meeting - Rm 119
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Lights Meeting - Rm 114/115
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts Wolves Den Meeting - Rm 117
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center

Tuesday, January 30th

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
 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Joyful Lights Study Group - Mary's House
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Christmas Bazaar Tea Room Crew Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 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

Wednesday, January 31st

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
 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 5:00 PM - 7:15 PM CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Walking Through Grief Sessions - Mary's House
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings - Main Hall
 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
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop 452 - Merit Badge Classes - Youth Center

Thursday, February 1st

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Holy Communion Class - Main Hall
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bridge Vocations Ministry - Mary's House

Friday, February 2nd

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM First Friday Family - EFF - Main Hall

Saturday, February 3rd

DSF Commitment Weekend (At All Masses)

Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Workshop - Mary's House
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department Banquet - Main Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27th

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

Sunday, January 28th

7:30 AM Chris Austgen – Birthday Blessings, Fr. Sibi Kunnu – Birthday Blessings, Jim & Phyllis Tinney – Anniversary Blessings
 9:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Allen Brandt, Joe Valesquez
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †Guadalupe Barrientos, †Rosa Barrientos, Theresa O'Keefe

Monday, January 29th

8:30 AM †Willy Landy, Morgan & Sandra Porter, Andie Flanigan – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, January 30th

8:30 AM †William Prindiville, †Velma Labrie, †Mary Garcia

Wednesday, January 31st

6:30 PM Allen Rowbottom, Eloy Guerra, Deacon Chuck Turner – 9th Anniversary of Ordination

Thursday, February 1st

8:30 AM †Alfredo Buenaventura, All Souls In Purgatory, Cindy Willenborg – Birthday Blessings

Friday, February 2nd

8:30 AM †Bernard Severino, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Rebecca Reeves – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 3rd

8:30 AM †Concession Crasto, Mary Queen Ministries, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Briggs, Smart & Cormier Families
 5:30 PM †Wesley Souliere, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Leslie Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, February 4th

7:30 AM †Hilman Reviere, †Tony & †Antoinette Chavez, †Benjamin & †Adril Kolster-Caylor
 9:30 AM †Maria Hoang Hue, †Joan Schmidt, Norma Leos
 11:30 AM †Leola McBride, †Tony & †Antoinette Chavez, Josephine Krancher – Birthday Blessings
 4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 28

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 6, 2024 - January 12, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$83,912.80

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$56,446.75

Difference: \$27,466.05

MP-Debt Reduction: \$2,252.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$556.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,129.00

**Loan Balance as of January 19, 2024 was
\$1,171,304.44.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

February 4 - DSF Commitment Weekend

February 11 - Future Development and Maintenance

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 18 - Black and Indian Missions

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of January 19, 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 19, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$546,562.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,017

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 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.



Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, February 11, 2024
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

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today. Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming. I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Valentine/Mardi
Gras Dance**
Saturday, February 10th
Mary Queen Church Hall

Mardi Gras/Valentine Dance
7pm to 11pm

Tickets are \$10 per person
& will be available after Mass
or at the parish reception desk

BYOB - SET UPS AVAILABLE

Come out for a fun time, plenty of dancing and great
music provided by Phillip Pampolina.
Wear your Red/Pink or beads & bling.
"Laissez le bon temps rouler, let the good times roll"

Presented by the
Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council #8494



*Valentine Bake Sale and
Mary Queen Community Event*

Sponsored by the ACTS Core Team

February 4, 2024 in the Mary Queen Main Hall

Bake Sale following 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 masses
Family activities following 9:30 and 11:30 masses

DROP OFF BAKED GOODS IN THE MAIN HALL KITCHEN
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, CONTACT SARAH PIKE:
SARAHBIANCHE@HOTMAIL.COM TO HELP OUT!



THE BRIDGE (21-30 yr old
Young Adult
Hangout)



WHAT IS THE BRIDGE?

Hangout with other young adults at the Church. Join us with
games and food in the back of Mary Queen's Parking Lot, @
Mary's House on the First Thursday of the month at 7pm.
Bring a friend!
Sponsored by the Vocations Ministry.

DATES:
February 1st
March 7th
April 4th
May 3rd
June 6th

Scan QR Code to sign up for the
GroupMe for updates and more events
(Sports, Dinners, Games, etc.)

Text 832-260-2691 for more information.

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



**"The Best Gift you can give your
Children is a Strong Marriage..."**

**A Weekend of Discovery...
A Lifetime of Love**

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

PRAY & REFLECT

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
— Psalm 95:7

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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 February here: <https://bit.ly/FebSeminarian>.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-3



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'That Man is You!' (TMIY)

The Spring 2024 Semester of the 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen started on **Wednesday, January 24** and meets 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!

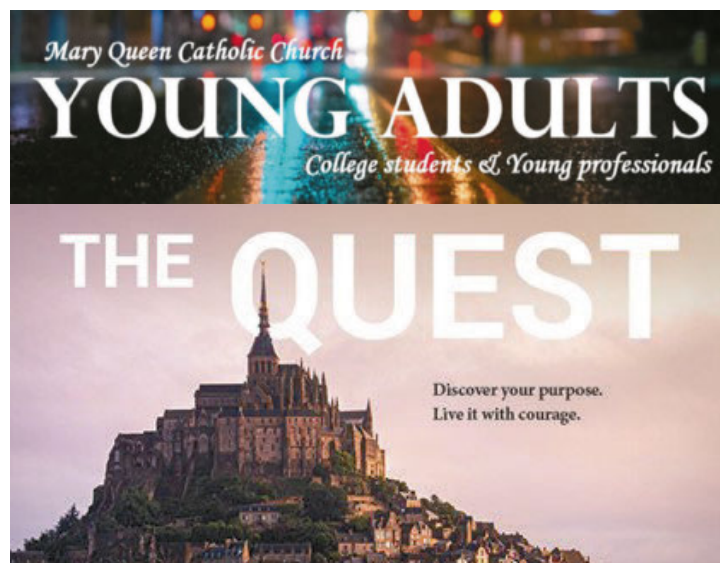
Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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.

JOYful Lights, a Women's study group, will be discussing the book Beautiful Eucharist on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Their schedule is as follows:

January 30th: Pages 1 - 40

February 27th: Pages 41 - 73

March 26th: Pages 75 - 106

The group will meet at Mary's House located at the back of the Mary Queen property.

If you'd like to join the group or have any questions, please contact Sheri Barber at 713-824-8091 or Sandy Sorrell at 281-380-1176.



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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.



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Upcoming EFF/CCE Tuesday Classes

January 30th
 February 6th

Upcoming EFF/CCE Wednesday Classes

January 31st
 February 7th

Upcoming Sacrament Classes (First Holy Communion)

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

4th & 5th grade parents are invited to save the date for:

Bible Infusion - Child & Parent class

Time: Your child's regular class time

Date: Tuesday, March 26th

OR

Wednesday, March 27th

Location: Mini Hall

Two Hands of Christ "Spring" Family Volunteer Opportunities are online now!

Please visit our Elementary Faith Formation webpage by scanning the QR code on page 5.

Souper Bowl Tackle Hunger Food Drive

The Mary Queen Food Pantry is running low even with all the generous donations we have received. Two of the second grade Elementary Faith Formation classes have decided to do their part and help those less fortunate in our community by holding a "Souper Bowl Tackle Hunger Food Drive." The students have learned about caring for those in need, and this is a great way to reinforce the lesson.

The Food Drive will be held the weekend of February 3rd and 4th after all Masses (just before Super Bowl weekend). The second graders are excited to be out there collecting your nonperishable food and toiletry donations. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Help us show our second graders what a caring community we have here at Mary Queen by bringing your donations to Mass next weekend!

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 PROJECTS
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AROUND THE PARISH

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Event Management Team of the Parish Festival on Sunday, May 5th. We will train you to serve with us for the largest fundraiser of the year for Mary Queen. Your prayerful discernment about this opportunity is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Andrew Mambretti at andrew.mambretti@gmail.com or 409-963-4999 for more information.



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.



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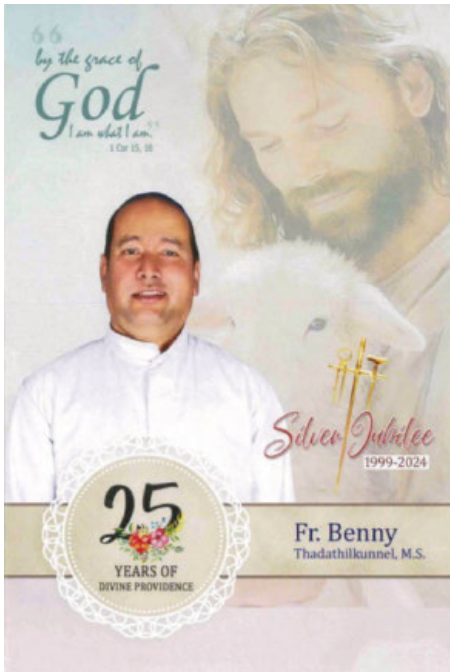
- Mary's Chain of Love is a crochet & craft ministry.
- We provide homemade gifts to the community, nursing homes, local hospitals, and various Catholic charities.
- Whether a beginner or an expert, we welcome you to join us every First & Third Tuesday of each month for our devotional and to crochet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

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



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.



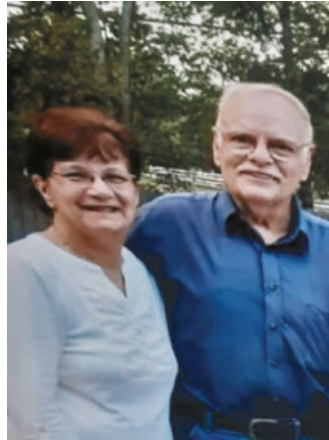
Fr. Benny Thadathilkunnel, M.S., former Parochial Vicar of Mary Queen, celebrated his Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary of the Priesthood on January 27, 2024! Let us continue to pray for God's blessings upon Fr. Benny throughout his silver anniversary year and beyond.

Congratulations, Fr. Benny!



Family of the Month

William and Roberta Prindiville



Bill and Roberta Prindiville were both raised in Catholic families and attended Catholic schools. They have been married for 48 years and have two adult sons: Will, a Houston Firefighter; and Joe, an Art Director living in Seattle who recently married Lani.

The Prindiville Family moved to Friendswood in early 1990 and have now been Mary Queen parishioners for 34 years. Both of their sons attended Friendswood

schools and CCE classes at Mary Queen.

Bill and Roberta are actively engaged in various ministries at Mary Queen. Both serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, work in the Food Pantry, help with the Thanksgiving Blessings give away, Parish Festival, Lenten Fish Frys, Serra Club Dinner, and other special dinners prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Bill also serves as a Lector, Altar Server for funerals, Offertory Counter, Usher, helps with the Women's Ministry Christmas Bazaar, and is very active in the Knights of Columbus Council and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly.

Away from Mary Queen and Friendswood, Bill and Roberta enjoy traveling, both on land tours and cruises, and have visited numerous other countries. Bill spends a part of each year long-distance hiking.

Both are now retired. Roberta was a Registered Nurse for over 50 years, and Bill spent 60 years in the Maritime Industry, ashore and afloat. He has held an Unlimited Master's License in the Merchant Marine for 50 years.

BLOOD DRIVE

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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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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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.

World Day for Consecrated Life

We celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Friday, February 2nd. On this day, which always falls on the first weekend of February, we recognize those who are in a religious order including our parish priests who are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, the only religious order based on an apparition of Mary.



The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette are dedicated to making known the message of Our Lady of La Salette by helping people respond to the grace of reconciliation through faith in Jesus Christ.

On World Day for Consecrated Life, and every day, we invite you to pray for our priests and remember those who are in a religious order.

Let us pray...

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters. Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world. We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Communications Requests - Guidelines & Deadlines

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

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

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

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

February 11—already submitted
February 18—January 30



Communion & Mortal Sin

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2024 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.



New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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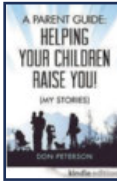
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