



February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the
Lord.

who heals the
brokenhearted.

PSALM 147

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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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

FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, February 4th

Men's ACTS Bake Sale/ACTS Community Event (After All Morning Masses)

Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Boy Scout Sunday - Church
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF - Rm 110/Library
 3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Youth Center

Monday, February 5th

- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 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 Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 125
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center

Tuesday, February 6th

- 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Spring - Walking With Purpose - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/15
 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

Wednesday, February 7th

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' 2024 Spring Semester - Main Hall
 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 - 8:30 PM Scout Troop 452 - Merit Badge Classes - Youth Center

Thursday, February 8th

- 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

Friday, February 9th

- 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Mini Hall
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Laity Supper Club - Main Hall

Saturday, February 10th

DSF Commitment Weekend (At All Masses)

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Knights of Columbus Valentine Dance Set Up-Main Hall
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church
 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM Knights of Columbus #8494 Valentine Dance- Main Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 5th

- 8:30 AM †Robert Susil, †Helena Hurkalo, Paz Ching – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, February 6th

- 8:30 AM †Ann Descant, †Maria Helena Sane, Thekla Adam, Terri Kettle

Wednesday, February 7th

- 6:30 PM †Ann Descant, †Brian Bui, Bob Pillow

Thursday, February 8th

- 8:30 AM †Casimer Witucki, Mark & Amanda Porter, Sheldon Krancher – Birthday Blessings

Friday, February 9th

- 8:30 AM †Mike Vukelicht, Fr. Trey Crespo – 5th Anniversary of Ordination, Leslie Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings, Marie Valadez – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 10th

- 5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, February 11th

- 7:30 AM Anne Bernardo, Victoria Rowbottom, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Pesi & Kloesel Families
 9:30 AM Elizabeth Clarke, Steve Willenborg – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family
 11:30 AM Carlito Caluya, Linette Krupala, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Dixon Family
 4:30 PM †Tony Alcoser, Clayton Royce, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hermes Family

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 4

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 13, 2024 - January 19, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,914.24

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,484.12

Difference: (\$-569.88)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$899.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$4,635.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,025.00

**Loan Balance as of January 26, 2024 was
\$1,171,304.44.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

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 26, 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 26, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$547,230.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,027

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

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out. Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others. Before Lent begins in a couple days, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

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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!

BLOOD DRIVE

**Friendswood Community
Drive - Mary Queen Catholic
Church**

**Sunday, February 11
8:00 am - 1:30 pm**

Donor Coach

Donors get a Tan Zip-Pullover!

sponsor code: 0603



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Diego, blood recipient

***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!**

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A Lifetime of Love

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

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Go to <https://cflexpress.giveblood.org/> and complete
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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
— Mark 1:31

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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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Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, February 5

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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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

Classes are held weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM at Mary's House.

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.

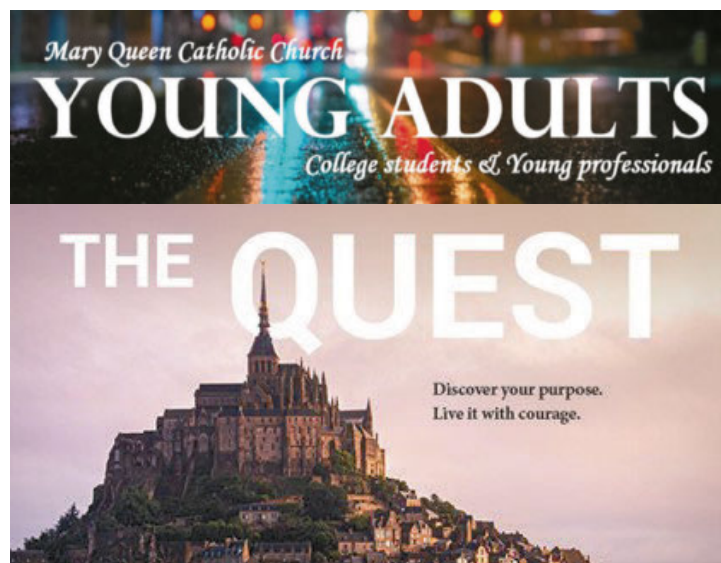
Their schedule is as follows:

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.



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.

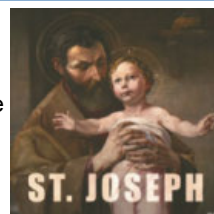
Watch a promotional video here:

<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.

The institutions of our world are under attack, the family is under attack, and even the Church is under attack. We need a defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a nine-day entrustment to Saint Joseph. This program will build your devotion to Saint Joseph whether you have previously consecrated to him or not. After the Blessed Virgin Mary, there is no saint in the Catholic Church who is more highly honored than Saint Joseph.



This study will follow the book by Father Donald Calloway, Consecration to St. Joseph. The group will meet 1 hour per week on Thursdays from 7-8 PM, beginning February 8th-March 14th in Mary's House.

When we entrust ourselves to Saint Joseph, we are imitating Jesus and Mary who entrusted themselves to this just man. Those who have a devotion to St. Joseph, like St. Faustina, "feel his special protection." He can also be your protector.

To register, please contact - Eby Kurian:

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7th & 8th Grade
Middle School
Girls' Bible Study

Walking with Purpose

DATES:
 February 22nd, February 29th, March 7th,
 March 21st, April 4th, April 11th, April 18th

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 St. Charbel Youth Center
 606 Cedarwood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

RSVP by Feb. 15th



Questions?

Email Olivia at
osnyder@maryqueenchurch.org
 or call (281) 482-1391 Ext. 317

Snacks provided!

RSVP Here!



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?



GRADES 6-8

COST:
\$48/STUDENT

Meals & t-shirt provided



Register Today!



Maggie Craig

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



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Upcoming EFF/CCE Tuesday Classes

February 6th

Upcoming EFF/CCE Wednesday Classes

February 7th

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.

Elementary Faith Formation Parents:

Would your family like to participate in Stations of the Cross this Lenten season?

It is easy!

We have a script written that your family will read at just one station.

Event: Stations of the Cross

Date: Friday, March 1, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: In the church

If you would like to participate, please email Carol Stuart at Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org.

*Your family is invited to purchase a fish fry meal and meet in the Mini Hall before the start of the Stations.

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.

LA SALETTE LAITY SUPPER CLUB

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

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

FEBRUARY POTLUCK THEME: WINTER CROCKPOT MEAL

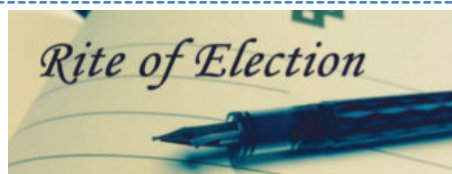


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Archdiocesan Rite of Election - Volunteers Needed on Sunday, February 18, 2024

The Rite of Election is for the catechumens and candidates who are completing their period of preparation. They offer their names for enrollment as an expression of their wish to enter fully into the life of the Church. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the church acts.

Mary Queen Church is again the host parish this year and bilingual volunteers are needed to greet and welcome our guests from the surrounding parishes of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Bilingual volunteers are also needed as Ushers in the church and for registration in the Main Hall.

For more details & to sign-up, please contact:
Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA -
ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org.

Food Pantry Monthly Needs

The Food Pantry is asking parishioners to donate the following items in February:

Canned soup
Crackers
Snacks

Items can be dropped off in the Food Pantry donation boxes in the Narthex and Parish Hall.



JOIN OUR STAFF

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

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Congratulations to our Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council #8494 on receiving two awards at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Awards Night!

They were presented with the Distinguished Service Award last Saturday, January 20th! The council was recognized for the volunteer work it does for the community, especially helping with the Friendswood 4th of July and Christmas parades. Worthy advocate, David Torok, and Past Grand Knight, Robert Rinehart, were at the gala to receive the award from the President of the Chamber, Carol Marcantel.




**Next weekend is
DSF Commitment
Weekend!**

**Scan the QR code for
more information.**

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) Bingo

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM to play Bingo! 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.





Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14TH


Masses

6:30 AM | 8:30 AM
7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word with ashes

12:00 PM | 5:00 PM

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CAPT Mike Svatek

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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 celebrated 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 18—already submitted
February 25—February 5



Is Gossip a Sin?

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477). In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479). Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.



St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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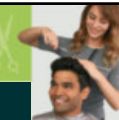


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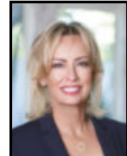
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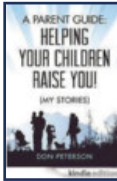
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