



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE JOY OF SALVATION.

PSALM 32

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
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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 11th

DSF Commitment Weekend (At All Masses)

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive & Coffee/Donuts (After All Masses)

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF - Rm 110/Library

Monday, February 12th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MQ Festival Planning 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
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

Tuesday, February 13th

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Hospitality Floral & Prayer Team - Spring - Walking With Purpose - Rm 110/Library
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Program - Mini Hall
 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
 4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 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 14th

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule - 6:30AM; 8:30AM; 7:00PM

12:00PM & 5:00PM - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come' 2024 Spring Semester - Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM The Meditation Group - Mary's House
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 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 15th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Consecration to St. Joseph - Mary's House

Friday, February 16th

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat - Youth Center
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church
 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM Pinewood Derby - Scouts Set Up - Main Hall

Saturday, February 17th

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pinewood Derby - Scouts - Main Hall
 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat - Youth Center
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Pesl & 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

Monday, February 12th

8:30 AM †Joan Schmidt, Irma Stanfield, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

Tuesday, February 13th

8:30 AM †Joe Kean, †Benigno Olivarez, †Jean Brasquier, Dylan Ramirez – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, February 14th

6:30 AM †Brian Bui, All Souls, Respect Life
 8:30 AM †Mike Barnard, Spence & Tonya Killian, Brooke Rinehart – Birthday Blessings
 7:00 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †John Revell, †Catherine Walbe

Thursday, February 15th

6:15 AM †John Garst, All Souls, Michael & Holly Porter
 8:30 AM †Vernon Semien, Jusel Moralde, Kevin & Joanna Gray – Anniversary Blessings

Friday, February 16th

6:15 AM †Paul Bui, †Dominic Bui, †Gloria Cruz
 8:30 AM †Brian Bui, †Gloria Cruz, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges

Saturday, February 17th

8:30 AM Diane Banquer, †Gwen Taylor, †Roger Stanfield
 5:30 PM †Robert Sama, Lisa Gregory, Elizabeth Clarke

Sunday, February 18th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 9:30 AM Miles Libby, Landon Tinney, Mildred Pesl–Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Nancy Green, Deacon Derick Soares, La Salette Prayer Mtg.
 4:30 AM †Maria Lozano, Elizabeth Clarke, Mike Halverson

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 11

That everything we do is for the glory of God.

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 20, 2024 - January 26, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$43,866.80

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,959.00

Difference: \$2,907.80

MP-Debt Reduction: \$664.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$251.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,430.00

**Loan Balance as of February 5, 2024 was
\$1,171,304.44.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 18 - Black and Indian Missions

March 3 - Future Development

March 10 - Catholic Relief Services

Diocesan Services Fund

2023 DSF Summary as of February 2, 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 February 2, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$548,790.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,036

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

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell. Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle? It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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*Save lives on
the go with*



Complete your Health History Interview before you
come in for your donation.

Go to <https://cflxpress.giveblood.org/> and complete
the same day as your appointment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs **Chicken** **Sausage**

Purchase after
Masses
**Sunday,
Feb. 11th**

Celebrating Fr. Thomas'

30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

**Saturday, February 24th
7:00 PM | Parish Hall
(following the 5:30 PM Mass)**



**Come and toast our pastor in
celebration of his anniversary!**

**Please bring an appetizer to share.
(Drinks and desserts will be provided.)**

***Drop off all food in the kitchen on the
night of the event.**



**Please RSVP for all who will attend
by Feb. 18th:**

<https://bit.ly/FT30Anniv>

***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!**

**"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**

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” — Mark 1:41

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World Marriage Day - Sunday, February 11th

National Marriage Week is observed each year on February 7th-14th. During that time, we also celebrate World Marriage Day on February 11th! This day is an opportunity for married couples to celebrate their union by creating a culture of love and life through the family.

Throughout National Marriage Week, we are highlighting the sacramental marriage by introducing our parishioners to various couples in our parish and highlighting how they are living out the sacrament of marriage! Check out our social media pages to view these videos.

All married couples are invited to receive a special marriage blessing at each of this weekend’s Masses.

February 11, 2024

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Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don’t tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn’t handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you’ve ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, “If you will it, you can make me clean.” At this, just before the healing, Jesus was “moved with compassion.” The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to “his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love.” In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus’ heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it’s exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, February 12

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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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.

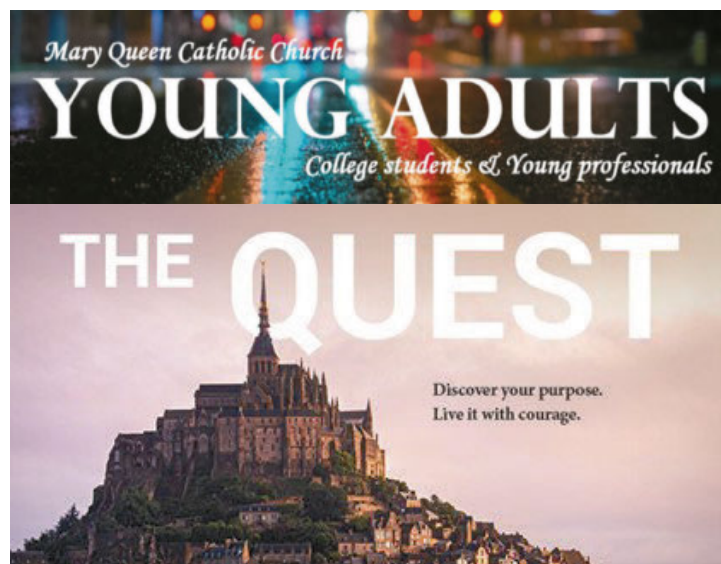
Their schedule is as follows:

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.

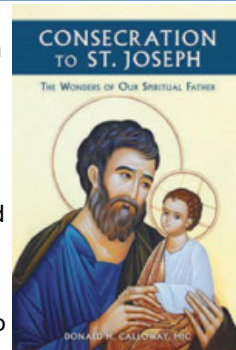
Watch a promotional video here:

<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 and defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a thirty-three day study and consecration to Saint Joseph. If you have previously consecrated to Saint Joseph, this is a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge and renew your devotion. 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 Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**. The group will meet 1 hour per week, on Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM, beginning February 8 - March 14 at Mary's House.

Consecration day is on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph

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

For more information and to register, please contact Eby Kurian.



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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!

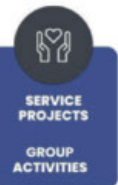
RSVP Here!



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?



SERVICE PROJECTS
GROUP ACTIVITIES



MASS
PRAYER EXPERIENCE



EXPLORE THE GRAND MIDWAY CARNIVAL

GRADES 6-8

COST: \$48/STUDENT

Meals & t-shirt provided



Register Today!



Keynote Speaker:
Maggie Craig

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



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
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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.

Our Elementary Sacraments families competed to see how long they could keep a balloon afloat by saying one thing they were grateful for at each tap! They stayed up for a long time!



AROUND THE PARISH

Save The Date!



First Annual Mary Queen
5K Fun Run!

April 6th 8:30 Race time

Sponsored by The Creation Care
Ministry to benefit the
Social Concerns Ministries.



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 -
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ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Listening Sessions with Father Thomas have begun!

The purpose of these sessions is
to give him insight on what our
parishioners want for our parish
and the direction they would like
to see it go over time.



If you are interested in opening up your home to host a
Listening Session with Father Thomas, please contact
John Laine in the Parish Office at jlaine@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.



DEHUMIDIFIERS NEEDED!

If you are looking for a way to contribute
to the Woodworkers Ministry, they are
currently in need of 1 or 2 dehumidifiers
for their workshop in the Mary's House
Garage. Members work in a very damp
environment and this will be of much help
to them! Dehumidifiers can be old or
used. If you have one that you would like
to donate, please contact John Laine at
the Parish Office by email at
jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org.





WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

Mary Queen welcomes our newest Child of God
into the Catholic Faith:

January Baptisms
Sofia Catalina Arce
Ruby Anne Burns
Eloise Grace Comeaux
Benjamin Michael Watt

Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support - Invitation to Nominate!

The Pastoral Council wishes to honor one person or couple each year with a special recognition – the Mary Queen Lifetime Parish Service Award. The nominee should be an individual or couple who has given of their time and talent to make Mary Queen Church a more vibrant gospel community over their years as a registered member of the parish. The nominee must be a registered, confirmed member with a minimum of 25 years at the parish, and cannot be a member of the Pastoral Council or the Pastoral Staff. The Pastoral Council will confirm the good works of the nominees with the Pastor and Parochial Vicar before the final selection of the recipient.

2024 Lifetime Parish Service Award Nomination Forms can be submitted online on the Mary Queen website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/mary-queen-councils. Paper nomination forms can also be submitted in the drop box near the welcome desk in the church Narthex or in the drop box near the Reception desk in the Parish Center. Paper nomination forms will be located next to the drop box.

**The deadline for submission of forms is 5:00 PM
Friday, March 8, 2024.**



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Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA
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Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14TH

Masses

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

*8:30 AM Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word with ashes

12:00 PM | 5:00 PM

*Benediction concluding Eucharistic
Adoration will take place at
6:00 AM on Ash Wednesday.*

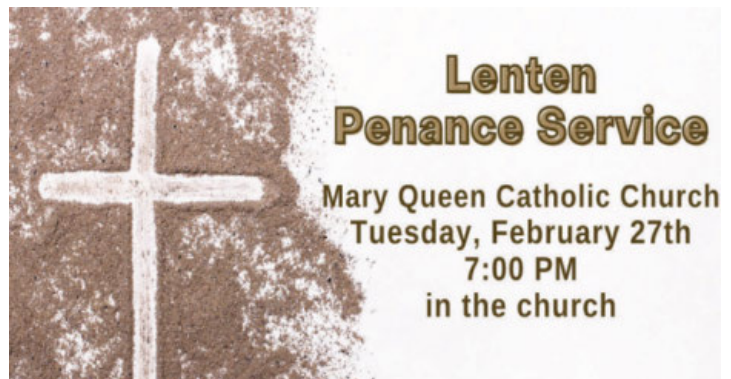
Not sure how to fast this Ash Wednesday?
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LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE


Catholics in good health ages 18-59 are required to fast and
abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday!



Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from
meat on all Fridays during Lent.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



COME & CLICK

2024 UPCOMING WEB DISCERNMENT EVENTS

For Catholic Men between the ages of 18-45

Considering a Vocation?

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When?

Monday, January 22, 7pm ET


Monday, February 26, 7pm ET


Monday, March 25, 7pm ET

Monday, April 22, 7pm ET

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A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey,
Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Maj 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,
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PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith,
CAPT Mike Svatek

US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory, SrA Jake Ainsworth

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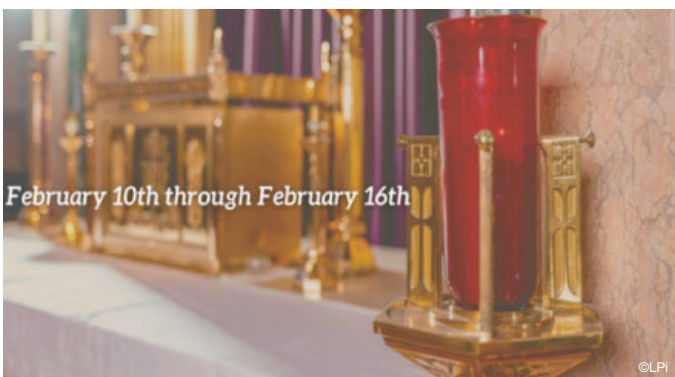
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For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

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.

Lenten Almsgiving

Charity is a frequent and important theme of the Gospels. As individual members of Mary Queen, each of us is called to focus more closely on almsgiving during Lent. Almsgiving is the outward action of donating money or goods to the poor as a reflection of your love for Jesus. This year during Lent, we are asking every person/family to donate the following items to our Food Pantry. When you come to Mass each weekend, please place the items in the Food Pantry Donation Box located in the church narthex. Items can also be dropped off at the Food Pantry Monday – Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

February 17/18:
Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal

February 24/25:
Peanut Butter and Jelly

March 2/3:
Snacks, Crackers, Cookies

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life." (Tob 12:8-9)

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.

March 3—February 12
March 10—February 20



Saint vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.



What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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