

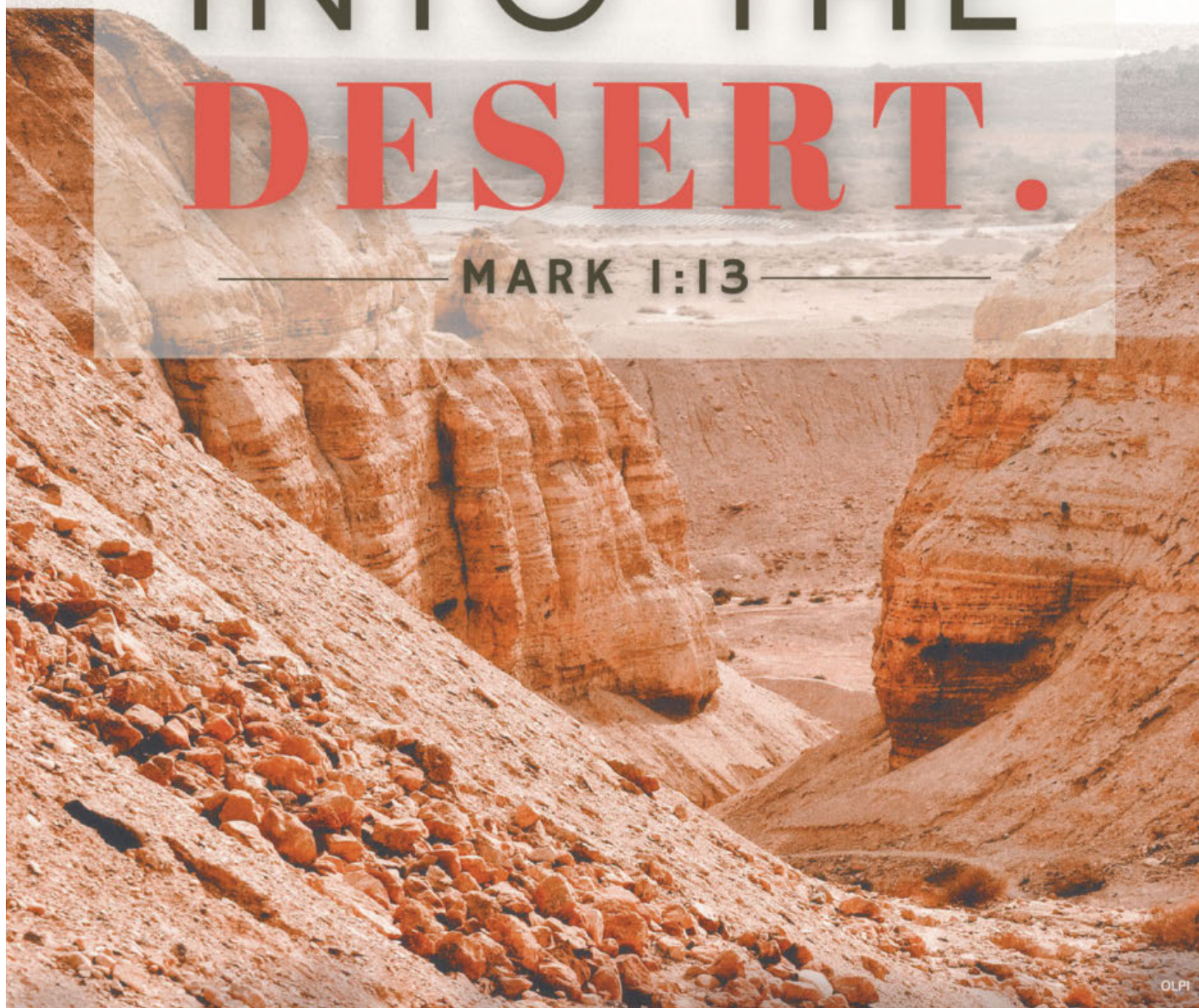


February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTO THE DESERT.

— MARK 1:13 —



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



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M.S.



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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 18th

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat - Youth Center
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Rite of Sending Rehearsal Check In - Main Hall
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sisters Seeking Scripture - Bible Study - AFF - Rm 110/Library
4:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Rite of Election Check In - Main Hall

Monday, February 19th

Pastoral Offices Closed - President's Day Observance

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House
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Tuesday, February 20th

6:15 AM - 7:30 AM	Youth Lenten Bible Study - Youth Center
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 21st

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
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Walking Through Grief Sessions - Mary's House
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
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pastoral Finance Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM	College Students & Young Professionals - Silent Prayer & Meditation - Chapel

Thursday, February 22nd

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Junior High WWP Bible Study - Youth Center
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
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall

Friday, February 23rd

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Rm 114/115
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

Saturday, February 24th

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Pastoral Council Day of Reflection - Mary's House
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Emergency Management Committee Workshop - Mini Hall
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fr. Thomas's Anniversary Celebration Set Up-Main Hall
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Fr. Thomas's Anniversary Celebration - Main Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 19th

6:15 AM	†Paul Bui, †Dominic Bui, Stephen Imafidon
8:30 AM	†Florence Corcoran, †Juan Carlos Pujalt, Maria King

Tuesday, February 20th

6:15 AM	†Guadalupe Barrientos, †Rosa Barrientos, Edgar Valen
8:30 AM	†Paul Gosselin, †Jim Debbrecht, Marie Valadez

Wednesday, February 21st

6:15 AM	†Amy Ganter, †Brian Phifer, Patrick Ezeli
6:30 PM	†Mary Jo Dimicelli, †Manuel Garza, Jr., †Pedro Leos

Thursday, February 22nd

6:15 AM	†Veronica Ebun Orobor, †Fr. Lionel Lacasse, M.S., †Richard & †Ruth Hodges
8:30 AM	†Francis Herrick, †Dan Foster, †Ed & †Pauline Jansky

Friday, February 23rd

6:15 AM	†Tony Langehennig, Peter Earl Balitaan, Cristy Sarmiento
8:30 AM	Chelsea Ticson, Allie Kennard, Ann Hartman - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 24th

8:30 AM	†Danny Sauter, †Dorothy Donegan-Barrow, †Norman Donegan
5:30 PM	†Joseph Anthony DeBonis, †Tony Diotalevi, †Nathaniel Labrie, †Wayne & †Carolyn Norris

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 AM	†Harvey Jeffrey, †Nancy Green, †Elisa Sierra
9:30 AM	All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM	†Abel Hernandez, Patrick Ezeli Family, Lucia Boone
4:30 PM	†Jerry S. Brannen, †Beatrice Cornish, Mary Donegan

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 18

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 27, 2024 - February 2, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$33,289.90

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,419.13

Difference: (-\$7,129.23)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$966.12

Future Development & Maintenance: \$431.12

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,525.12

**Loan Balance as of February 12, 2024 was
\$1,171,304.44.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 3 - Future Development

March 10 - Catholic Relief Services

March 17 - Easter Flowers

March 24 - Palm Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of February 12, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$20,975.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 63

Total Number of Gifts received: 70

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 12, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$550,107.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,044

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.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

**Thank you to all who helped us meet and exceed our
2023 DSF Parish Goal by \$35,429.00!**



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.



Not sure how to fast this Lenten season?
We've got you covered!

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!

One meal
+
Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a full meal
+
MEAT

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

LIVE THE LITURGY

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life. Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth. This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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>

MARY QUEEN KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8494



CLAYS FOR A CAUSE

Supporting Friendswood community organizations
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2024

12:30 PM REGISTRATION - 1:30 PM START
GREATER HOUSTON SPORTS CLUB
6700 MCHARD RD, HOUSTON

ENTRY FEE: \$250 INDIVIDUAL • \$1000 TEAM
INCLUDES AMMUNITION • DINNER • RAFFLES • SILENT AUCTION

Free basic clay shooting instruction available

Sponsorships available

To register or for more information contact

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MARCH 21 2024

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2209 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, TX 77581
7-9:30PM
M4MTX.EVENTBRITE.COM

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.

Lenten Penance Service

Mary Queen Catholic Church
Tuesday, February 27th
7:00 PM
in the church

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

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February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it mean?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



**Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Fry**

Fridays during Lent

5:30 - 7:00 PM
**Mary Queen
Parish Hall**

\$12 per plate
(no children's plates)

February 16th - March 22nd



Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA
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The Spring 2024 Semester of the **'That Man is You!'** (TMIY) program in Mary Queen started on **Wednesday, January 24th** and meets from **5:45 AM – 7:00 AM** in the **Main Hall**.

This is the **7th Year** of TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is **'Thy Kingdom Come.'**

This is the perfect time to bring a friend. Invite a man in the pew, a neighbor, family member or co-worker!

Build the Kingdom - Bring a Friend: A smile, a tap on the shoulder and a friendly invitation.

All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is **FREE!** Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Bible Study group meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Mary's House.



Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed through the **Celebration of the Rite of Welcome 3 more Adult Candidates to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church!**



More pictures can be found on Mary Queen's social media platforms.



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 **Lenten Season – 'The Quest: The Way of Beauty.'**

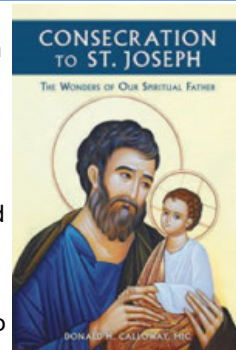
Season 2 of this thought-provoking documentary mini-series from the University of Dallas Productions draws upon stories from Scripture, history, and the lives of saints to explore Christian life as a narrative of joyful courage in the gathering darkness of this world.

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 meets 1 hour per week on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 PM from 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.



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

HIGH SCHOOL

Lenten Study

JOIN US

**EVERY TUESDAY
MORNING**

February 20th, February 27th,
March 5th, March 12th,
March 19th, March 26th

Time? 6:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Meet in the Church for Mass

Where? St. Charbel Youth Center
Breakfast provided!



Join us for
**Live
Stations of the Cross**

put on by our Youth
Ministry department

Friday, March 8th

7:00 PM

in the church

Our youth will reenact the
Stations of the Cross!



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

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

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.



Women's Lenten Day of Prayer



Come spend time with other Women seeking the W.O.W. in their
lives this Lenten Season through self-reflection and prayer.

We will gather on March 2, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Main Hall

To register and pay for this event, scan the
QR code or visit our website at

<https://bit.ly/WMLent>.

To register and pay in person, please see
the receptionist at Mary Queen.

The cost is \$25 per person, with lunch included.

If cost is a factor, or if you have any questions regarding the Day
of Prayer, please contact Janet Wild at jwild1@gmail.com.

The deadline to register and make payment is Feb. 26, 2024.



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.



Rite of Election



Archdiocesan Rite of Election - Volunteers Needed This Weekend!

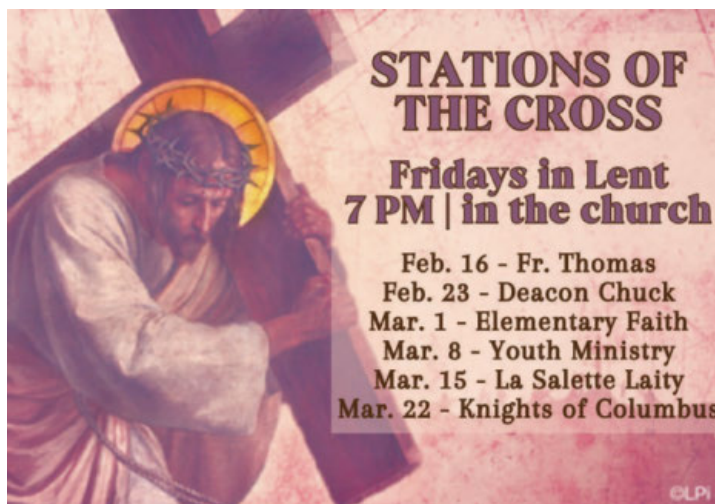
Bilingual volunteers are needed to greet and welcome our guests
from the surrounding parishes of the Archdiocese of Galveston-
Houston this Sunday, February 18th. Bilingual volunteers are
also needed as Ushers in the church and for registration in the
Main Hall.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays in Lent
7 PM | in the church**

Feb. 16 - Fr. Thomas
Feb. 23 - Deacon Chuck
Mar. 1 - Elementary Faith
Mar. 8 - Youth Ministry
Mar. 15 - La Salette Laity
Mar. 22 - Knights of Columbus



Attention Mary Queen Ministries and Groups:

All ministry events that are requested to be included on
our parish calendar and/or need room space must first be
approved by Fr. Thomas. Please send all event and room
requests to Rose Mary by email and copy Fr. Thomas.

For groups that fall under our Faith Formation or Liturgy
departments, please send all event requests to your
parish liaison for approval and copy Fr. Thomas.

Elementary Faith - Carol Stuart
Jr. High & Youth Ministry - Tino Quiocho
Adult Faith - Eby Kurian
Music & Liturgy - Dylan Ramirez

Bulletin, eNews, and/or Mass Announcements will be
included after event approval has been received.

All email addresses can be found on our website at
<https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/contact-us>.

La Salette reflection for the First Sunday of Lent
Written by the National La Salette Laity Board

Today's readings give us step by step instructions on how to live the message of La Salette and therefore live in His way.

One -- In the psalm, we are told "he teaches the humble his way". You can't get more humble, ordinary, unpretentious than Maximum and Melanie. They were uneducated, unchurched, peasant children. That's who Mary appeared to so that she could teach them Her Son's way. We need to start there this Lent. We need to simplify our lives and humble ourselves before Mary and Her Son so that they can begin to teach us His way.

Two -- Once we start to know His way, we will realize that we need to "repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). When we learn about the message of La Salette -- when we go to Mass, when we say our prayers well, when we make sacrifices during Lent -- we will grow deeper in our faith. Our heart will want to repent. It will lead us to live a life reconciled with God and each other.

Three -- Returning to the psalm, "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant." This message, just like the message at La Salette, tells us that we must first know His ways and then we can live a life keeping His covenant.

Today's readings and the message of La Salette reflect what we know and how we are to live. When we know better, we need to do better. That is my prayer for us as we begin this journey.

**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.**



Family of the
Month

The Simon Family




Nicholas and Imelda Simon have been Mary Queen parishioners for 18 years. They have two children, Christianna, who graduated college in 2022 and is excited to now be out in the work force, and Nicholas, who is in his first year of college. One of his all-time favorite things to do is help distribute the Thanksgiving baskets by the Mary Queen Food Pantry to families in need. Here at Mary Queen, the family's faith has flourished and strengthened through bible studies, the kindness of its members, the wonderful gatherings, ACTS, and the encouragement of our priests to continue our journey of our faith. All has been a blessing.

Imelda spends her time caring for the family, but she is also involved here at Mary Queen. She is a long-time Food Pantry volunteer, a Gabriel Project ministry angel, the secretary for the Mary Queen Women's Ministry, a member of the new La Salette Laity, and a committee board member for the Social Concerns Ministry. She enjoys helping with the Christmas Bazaar tearoom as a waitress, volunteering at the Parish Festival, and lastly, enjoys the Walking With Purpose women's bible studies.

Nicholas has been practicing law for over 20 years. Here at Mary Queen, he is active with the Mary Queen Woodworkers Ministry, providing and building furniture and other items for our church. He is a member of the Pastoral Council, the Knights of Columbus, and has teamed for ACTS. He regularly volunteers at Mary Queen's Parish Festivals and the Casino Nights. Outside of the Church, Nicholas volunteers, donates, participates, and supports the Harris County Houston Sports Authority, U of H Athletics, U of H Law Center, and the U of H Catholic Newman Center.

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."
(1Samuel 3:10).

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

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 10—February 20
March 17—February 26



Lent

Question:

After attending a parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and

practice of Lent?

Answer:

You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life. Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?



Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

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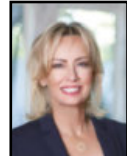
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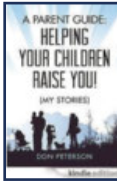
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