



**February 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**LED THEM**  
UP A HIGH  
MOUNTAIN.

— MARK 9:2 —

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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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).



# THIS WEEK

## FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

### Sunday, February 25th

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall  
3:45 PM - 6:45 PM Ark - Junior High Sessions - Youth Center

### Monday, February 26th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Festival Planning Committee Meeting - Mini 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 27th

6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Youth Lenten Bible Study - Youth Center  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Program - Mini Hall  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Joyful Lights Study Group - Mary's House  
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  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Lenten Penance Service - Church

### Wednesday, February 28th

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  
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM College Students & Young Professionals - Silent Prayer & Meditation - Chapel

### Thursday, February 29th

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

### Friday, March 1st

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM First Friday Family Fun Ministry - EFF - Mini Hall  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Main Hall  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - EFF - Church

### Saturday, March 2nd

#### Adult Faith Formation Concert Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Women's Ministry Day of Prayer - Main Hall  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

# MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, February 26th

6:15 AM †Josephine Salazar, Charles Aebersold, †Sara Lydia Castillo  
8:30 AM †Jerry Adam, †Larry Larson, Joey Guerra – Birthday Blessings

### Tuesday, February 27th

6:15 AM †Donna Okelley, Mike Walker, Morgan & Kim Porter  
8:30 AM †Dorothy Bagat, Carl Caluya, Fr. Thomas Vellappallil – 30th Anniversary of Ordination

### Wednesday, February 28th

6:15 AM †Carroll Bailey, †Joan Schmidt, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Jennifer Pham & Andrew Lee Families  
6:30 PM †Roger Stanfield, †Beatrice Cornish, †Butch Roberts

### Thursday, February 29th

6:15 AM †Andrew Buller, †Lee Buller, †Ken Welling  
8:30 AM †Charles & †Philomena St. George, †Roger del Valle, †Augustin & †Ramona del Valle

### Friday, March 1st

6:15 AM †Richard & †Mary Card, †Ginger Craugh & †Fred Birch, All Souls In Purgatory  
8:30 AM †Rozalia Mazur, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Chatron Family, Levi Lashley – Birthday Blessings

### Saturday, March 2nd

8:30 AM †Ginger Berlin, †Ginger Craugh & †Fred Birch, Mary Queen Ministries  
5:30 PM †Dan Foster, †Leroy Macek, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family

### Sunday, March 3rd

7:30 AM †Marion Schmidt, †Verlyn Schmidt, †James & †Joyce Runte  
9:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Peter Phudo Nguyen, Elise Kim  
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
4:30 AM †Ed & †Irene Schmidt, †Helen & Howard Butler, Lily DeVillez

# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 25

That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

*"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: February 3, 2024 - February 9, 2024

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$49,668.09

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$56,446.75

**Difference:** (-\$6,778.66)

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$7,419.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$1,312.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$22,870.00

**Loan Balance as of February 16, 2024 was  
\$1,160,040.72.**

*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 16, 2024

**Parish Goal:** \$195,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$28,324.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 91

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 110

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

### 2022 IGNITE Summary as of February 16, 2024

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$551,706.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$591,091.54

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 2,062

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto: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](http://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

I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come. The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart. Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions. This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Lenten Penance Services

Mary Queen  
Tuesday, February 27th

St. Mary, LaPorte  
Wednesday, February 28th

St. Bernadette  
Thursday, February 29th

St. Luke the Evangelist  
Wednesday, March 6th

St. Helen  
Thursday, March 7th

St. Paul  
Tuesday, March 12th

St. Hyacinth  
Wednesday, March 13th

St. Clare  
Thursday, March 14th

\*All services begin at 7 PM.

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

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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](https://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](https://M4MTX.EVENTBRITE.COM)

For more information, please contact  
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**TAIZÉ**

Join us for an evening of candlelit  
prayer, song, and contemplation

**Monday, March 18th**  
**7 PM in the Church**

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

## On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? “Because it’s there,” George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: “Why climb a mountain?”

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory’s life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it’s all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let’s climb it.

*“God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, ‘Abraham!’ ‘Here I am!’ he replied.” — Genesis 22:1*

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February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— Father John Muir

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## DAILY READINGS

**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

**Monday, February 26**

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday, February 27**

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 28**

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday, February 29**

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday, March 1**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday, March 2**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday, March 3**

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #8494  
Lenten Fish Fry**

**Fridays during Lent**

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

**Fish Plate Prices:  
Adults: \$12 per plate  
Children: \$7 per plate**

**Dine-in or Take out options are available.  
Cash, check, or Credit/Debit cards accepted.**





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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 the 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.

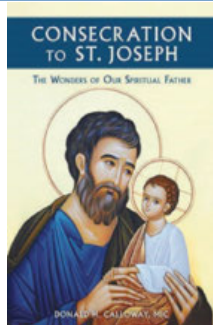
The institutions of our world are under attack, the family is under attack, and even the Church is under attack. We need and defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a thirty-three day study and consecration to Saint Joseph. If you have 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 St. 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.



## **THE QUEST**

*The Way of Beauty*



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.*

### **Rites of Sending, Election, and Call to Conversion**

On this upcoming first Sunday of Lent, and after a period of formation of the Catechumens' and Candidates' minds and hearts, these rites are celebrated - The Rite of Sending, The Rite of Election, and the Call of Continuing Conversion. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord, Jesus, and be Baptized. The Rite of Sending, held during the 11:30 AM Holy Mass this Sunday, February 18th, Children, Youth & Adult Catechumens are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. Those who are already Baptized had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. The Adult Candidates are called to Continuing Conversion and state their intention to be fully initiated and share in the table of the Eucharist. This Rite offers Mary Queen's community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the Catechumens and Candidates have made, express approval of their elections or recognition, and send them forth to our Cardinal with assurance of our care and support. Across the entire world, Catholic Bishops welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their Godparents and Sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion, held Sunday evening at 7:00 PM and hosted by us at Mary Queen, celebrates the Lord's choosing of men, women, and children who, with the help of the Church, acknowledge God's election of them for the Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and preparation to be received into Full Communion. These Rites mark the beginning of the final period of intensive Scriptural preparation of the Elect and Candidates prior to celebrating Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.







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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org).



**First Friday Family Fun  
March Event**

**Family Stations  
of the Cross  
&  
Family Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 1st  
6 - 8 PM**

Purchase your Fish Fry meal and meet other families in the Mini Hall before going to Stations of the Cross in the church!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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, Sound & Liturgy - Dylan Ramirez**  
**Social Concerns Ministry - Chris Austgen**

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

Please send these notices to Sofia Medrano,  
Communications Coordinator, by email and copy your  
designated parish liaison.

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



In past years, the Queen's  
Bee Quilters have delivered  
Patriotic and Military Quilts to  
the VA Hospital in Houston.  
This year, they have created  
the quilts to give as gifts to  
World War II Veterans.

If you or someone you know  
is a WW2 Veteran and are  
interested in receiving one of  
these beautiful quilts, please  
call the Parish Office at  
281-482-1391.

Save the date for our next EMHC Training on March 7th!  
7:00 PM - in the church

**One of the requirements to serve as an Extraordinary  
Minister of Holy Communion is to be current in your  
CMG Connect.** Per Archdiocesan policy, all volunteers  
must be in compliance or complete the Safe Haven  
training in order to be renewed in your certification.

If you would like to check your CMG status, please contact  
Anita Shorosky at [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org)  
or 281-482-1391.



**La Salette reflection for the Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Written by the National La Salette Laity Board**

Today's readings are leading us to living and sacrificing our lives to show our devotion to God.

In the first reading God put Abraham to the test by asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham did everything God instructed him to do and God knew his devotion to him. Mary at La Salette called to Melanie & Maximum to go make this message of Reconciliation known to all which gave them the opportunity to show their devotion to Mary and Her Son. Their lives were turned upside down and sacrifices were made. God gives us daily opportunities to show our love for Him and one another in the form of personal sacrifice.

The Responsorial Psalm proclaims, "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living". Melanie and Maximum became obedient servants walking with Jesus spreading the message of La Salette. Mary at La Salette tells us how important it is to be obedient to Her Son, to walk before the Lord.

In Paul's letter to the Romans we hear that God is with us and that He did not spare His own son, Jesus. Mary at La Salette was with the two shepherd children and told them to share the message and not to worry. We too, are to walk the faith, intercede for others who are in need and make this message of penance and reconciliation known to all.

**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](http://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.**

**2024 Men's ACTS Retreat Registration is open!**

The 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat is scheduled for April 18th - 21st, 2024 with a theme of "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," Psalm 118:26.

The goal of this retreat is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, renew ourselves spiritually, give new meaning to our prayer life and Sunday liturgy, and build lasting friendships with members of our parish. This retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday with a meal of fellowship in the Main Hall at Mary Queen Church following the 11:30 AM Mass. Round trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from the Mary Queen Church. The retreat will be held at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX.

To register, scan the QR code or visit the parish website at <https://bit.ly/24ActsRegis>.

If you need further information, please contact:

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**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.




**Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better**

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better meets on the second and fourth Friday of every month from 4-7 PM!

For additional information, please contact Vinnie Saccomanno at 832-526-5070 or Peggine Madison at 281-482-2860.



# 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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Discernment Q & A

When?

Monday, January 22, 7pm ET



Monday, February 26, 7pm ET

Monday, March 25, 7pm ET

Monday, April 22, 7pm ET

Join us for one or more

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lasalettevocations@gmail.com  
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for the Zoom Link

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A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey,  
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Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield,  
Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala,  
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SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

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COL Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski,  
SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins,  
SPC Jesse Roberts, SSgt Emmanuel Thomas,  
MAJ Brian Y'Barbo, CPT Christopher Zavesky

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Lt Col Andrew Kelemen, 1stLt Jacob Perez,  
Maj Norman Renfro

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PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith,  
CAPT Mike Svatek

#### US Space Force:

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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.  
**Thank you and God Bless America!**



# WE PRAY FOR...

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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](mailto: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 24/25:  
Peanut Butter and Jelly**

**March 2/3:  
Snacks, Crackers, Cookies**

**March 9/10:  
Soup, Chili, Ravioli, Spam, Tuna**

*"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](mailto: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 17—February 26  
March 24—March 1**



## Why Hold Hands?

### Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

### Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

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## When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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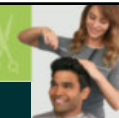


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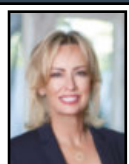


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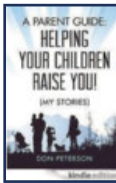
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