

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.

JOHN 2:17 ----

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



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Missionaries of **Our Lady of La Salette** 

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

## Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM\*, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM (\*Livestreamed)

**First Saturdays** 8:30 AM

## **Daily Mass**

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:30 PM Wednesday

#### Daily Rosary

After 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

#### **Welcome to Mary Queen!**

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

## **Mission Statement**

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love. will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

## 2024 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2024.

If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

## THIS WEEK

## MARCH: MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

### Sunday, March 3rd

Adult Faith Formation Concert Ticket Sales (After All Masses)
Coffee & Donuts - Pastoral Council - After Morning Masses

	5 - Pastoral Council - Arter Morning Masses
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CAST - Youth Ministry - Set Up - Main Hall
3:45 PM - 6:45 PM	CAST All Groups-Mandatory Parent Night-Youth Center
Monday, March 4th	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Special Friends Program - Main Hall
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Bears Den Meeting - Rm 118
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Lions Den Meeting - Rm 120
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Tigers Den Meeting - Rm 116
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Webelos Den Meeting - Rm 119
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scouts Arrow of Lights Meeting - Rm 114/115
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scouts Wolves Den Meeting - Rm 117
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 125
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House
Tuesday, March 5th	
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 114/115
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
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Troop 452 Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115
Wednesday, March 6th	
5:45 AM - 7:00 AM	That Man is You! Year 7 - Theme: 'Thy Kingdom Come'
	2024 Spring Semester - Main Hall
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Queen Bee Quilters Meeting - Mini Hall
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	The Meditation Group - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
5:00 PM - 7:15 PM	CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing

## Thursday, March 7th

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Junior High WWP Bible Study - Youth Center
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	First Holy Communion Class - Main Hall
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM	First Holy Eucharist Teaching Mass - EFF - Chapel
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Bridge Vocations Ministry - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Consecration to St. Joseph - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	EMHC Training - Church
Friday, March 8th	•

Prayer & Meditation - Chapel

Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House

Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

College Students & Young Professionals - Silent

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3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Mini Hall
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Main Hall
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	La Salette Supper Club - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - Youth Ministry - Church

#### Saturday, March 9th

#### Creation Care Ministry Fun Run Sign Up (After All Masses)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Scout Crew 452 Meeting - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation - Church

## MASS INTENTION

### Saturday, March 2nd

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	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	<b>†</b> Frank & <b>†</b> Carlotta Garza, <b>†</b> Peter Phudo Nguyen, Elise Kim
11:30 AM	All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
4:30 AM	†Ed & †Irene Schmidt, †Helen & Howard Butler,
	Lily DeVillez

## Monday, March 4th

6:15 AM	†Brian Bui, †Sandy Van Dyke, Living & Deceased Loved
	Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria
8:30 AM	<b>†</b> Norbert Wilms, Jordan Matulis, Ray & Edith Zansler

#### Tuesday, March 5th

6:15 AM	†Diane Shea, †Leo Neal Namken, Elodie Ridout –
	Birthday Blessings
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†Hermann Wehner, James Joseph Mooney, Deacon Vince Eklund - Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday, March 6th

6:15 AM	<b>†</b> Brandy Magdos, <b>†</b> John H. Stevenson, Jerome Karam –
	Birthday Blessings

6:30 PM **†** Jeff Wild, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges, Joaquin Krancher - Birthday Blessings

### Thursday, March 7th

6:15 AM	†Erminia Olivarez, †Francis Xavier Mooney,
	+Howard & +Helen Butler

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Agnes Susil, Joshua Vascik - Birthday Blessings, Lula Langham Potter -Birthday Blessings

#### Friday, March 8th

6:15 AM	†Pat & †Whit Wilson, †Bety & †Al Welling,
	Brett & Stephanie Martin
8:30 AM	†Dorothy Donegan Barrow, †Robert Susil,
	Michael & Jessica Harris - Anniversary Blessin

## Saturday, March 9th

8:30 AM	TSandy Van Dyke, TNancy Green, TPam Jensen
5:30 PM	†Stanley Saccomanno, Tinney Grandchildren,
	Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Al & Joan Radous

## Sunday, March 10th

7:30 AM	Michael Bender, Sheldon Krancher, Diane Banquer
9:30 AM	†Danny Sauter, The Kettle Family, Michael & Jessica
	Harris – Anniversary Blessings
11:30 AM	†Irby Banquer, Dolores Richards, Ezeli Family
4:30 PM	All Our Mary Ougen Parishioners

#### All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

## **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH**

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society - those visible and invisible.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

## TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

Offertory: February 10, 2024 - February 16, 2024
This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,759.72 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,484.08

**Difference:** (-\$3,724.36)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,447.32

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$3,634.00 **Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$1,660.00

Loan Balance as of February 23, 2024 was \$1,160,040.72.

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

## **Upcoming Special/2nd Collections**

March 10 - Catholic Relief Services

March 17 - Easter Flowers

March 24 - Palm Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund 2024 DSF Summary as of February 23, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$36.343.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 119

**Total Number of Gifts received: 156** 

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

To make your gift or for more information, please visit <a href="https://www.archgh.org/dsf">www.archgh.org/dsf</a>.

## **IGNITE Campaign**

2022 IGNITE Summary as of February 23, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$555,275.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,073 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.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- 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 <a href="https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1">https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1</a>.

## **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 <a href="https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/">https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/</a>.

## **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 <a href="mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org">baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org</a>.

## 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!

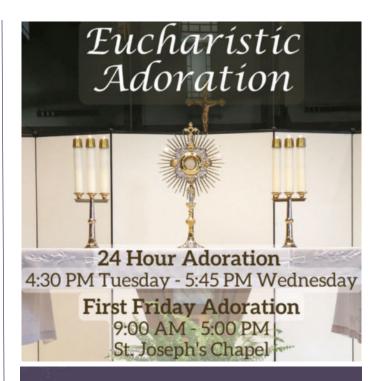


## Social Concerns Ministries

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 <a href="https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org">www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org</a>.



Lenten Daily Mass Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6:15 AM | 8:30 AM\*

> Wednesday 6:15 AM | 6:30 PM\* Saturday 8:30 AM

\*Livestreamed Mass

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship. Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him. To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Lenten Penance Services

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.

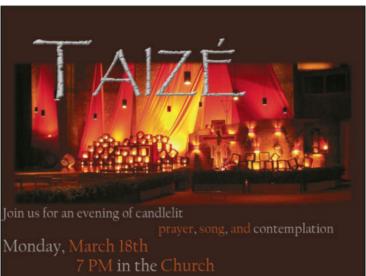
## SUPPER CLUB

Friday, March 8th | Mini Hall | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Why La Salette Laity? Come find out! Even if you missed last month's meeting, all are welcome! You do not need to be an existing Laity member to attend.

All are encouraged to purchase a fish fry meal to enjoy at the meeting.





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

Keaton Chism 832,470.0131 keaton.chism@vectorcag.com
Anthony Dittrich 281.808.5322 anthonydittrich@gmail.com



(21-30 yr old Young Adult Hangout)

## WHAT IS THE BRIDGE?

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

Bring a friend!

Sponsored by the Vocations Ministry.

DATES: February Ist March 7th April 4th May 3rd June 6th Scan QR Code to sign up for the GroupMe for updates and more events (Sports, Dinners, Games, etc.)



Text 832-260-2691 for more information.

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

## The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25 ©LPi



## PRAY & REFLECT

## March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God  $\dots$  You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip." then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir ©I Pi

## DAILY READINGS

#### 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

Monday, March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday. March 9** 

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



## Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA 281-482-1391 Ext. 319 ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

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.



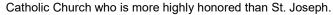
## Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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

> CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

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

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



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.







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.



## Third Sunday of Lent - First Scrutiny with the Presentation of the Creed

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, the elect participates in the Scrutinies. The Scripture reading for the Scrutinies are to be a driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. The Scrutinies help deliver the elect from the power of sin, to

protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ. Scrutinies also remind the whole parish of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

The Presentation of the Creed during the Third Sunday of Lent entrusts the words of the Nicene Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass and summarizes what we believe as Catholics. This presentation symbolizes our parish community passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic faith with those about to join our Catholic family. May they embrace and treasure these venerable words as we do.

Interested to become Catholic? Please contact Eby Kurian - Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA.

Thank you for volunteering for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election!

It was a beautiful liturgy where we had the privilege to witness the renewal of our Catholic Faith and growth in our Church! These new Elect and Candidates continue their Journey of Faith as they move to the third stage in the RCIA process called

'Purification and Enlightenment'.



Mary Queen again welcomed our guests with joy and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and patience. This Liturgy would not been as successful without your help. Let's continue praying for one another, the catechumens, and the candidates we are accompanying. May this Lent be a prayerful and contemplative season so that we may arrive at the joy of Easter refreshed and ready! From the Mary Queen RCIA team, myself, and our Elect and Candidates, thank you for your support in this process and commitment to Mary Queen parish.

-Eby Kurian



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# HIGH SCHOOL

Lenten Study

## EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

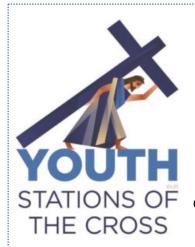
February 20th, February 27th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th

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

Wednesday, March 27th

Location: Mini Hall

## **First Holy Communion Class**

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024

Time: 6 PM merchandise/Class begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Location: Main Hall

(Dominican Sisters will offer merchandise beginning at 6 PM)

Please study the interview questions with your students.

Interviews: 4/11/24

Please work on your felt family shields. What will your First Holy Communion Family Shield resemble? These will be displayed in the Narthex!

Due: 4/18/24





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## AROUND THE PARISH

On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St. Maria Faustina's Diary it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary grace - a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well.\*

We begin to prepare in Lent for our celebration of Easter and Mercy Sunday as the eighth day of thanksgiving (the Octave Day of Easter). We especially focus on performing works of mercy, spending more time in prayer, as well as doing penances and giving alms.\*

The Divine MERCY NOVENA and CHAPLET will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel on Good Friday, March 29, following the 3 PM Stations of the Cross. The remaining eight days of the Novena, March 30 – April 6, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3 PM, including Easter Sunday.

On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 7, at 3 PM, there will be Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

\*Text taken from Marian Press Leaflet, "How to Prepare for Mercy



### **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. <u>Please send all event and room</u> 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 <a href="https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/contact-us">https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/contact-us</a>.



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 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 <a href="mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org">anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</a> or 281-482-1391.

## La Salette reflection for the Third Sunday in Lent Written by the National La Salette Laity Board

It's almost Passover, large crowds gather in the temple area. The merchants have moved the

market very close to the temple selling their animals required for sacrifice, they are price-gouging, even the poor for a couple of pigeons. Jesus comes upon this scene and becomes very angry at these abuses, he strongly admonishes them for disrespecting, "My Father's House". With these words he declares himself the "Son of God". The Jews challenge him, prove it! He responds, "destroy this temple and I will raise it in three days." They did not know he was referring to himself, being the temple and predicting his own death and resurrection, revealing his divinity.

This reading reminds me of another scene, when His Mother appears to two children at La Salette, she weeps:

- for those who disrespect Her Son: "you swore and took my Sons name in vain"
  - the church: "they go to mass only to make fun of religion"
  - Lenten practices: "they go to the butcher shop like dogs"

These abuses are what cause her to weep. Even in her weeping she offers hope, predicting, "if they are converted." Hope is the message she asks us to share. "Well my children, you will make this message known to all my people."

May both events remind us of the importance of church in our lives as we continue these days of Lent.

Be reconciled!



World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Helen on Thursday, March 21 with an all-new event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND.

Mary Queen is a co-host parish for this event. Tickets are on sale this weekend in the Narthex for \$25 before and after all the Masses. Cash, check or credit card are accepted. Seating is limited and will sell out, so get your tickets if you want to ensure a spot. You will not want to miss this awesome and inspiring event!

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA at <a href="mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org">ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org</a> or 281-710-8876.

## 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:

Gary Arribe - Director, (281) 935-9959, garyarribe@yahoo.com

Kevin Krauss - Co-Director, (602) 579-9088, kevinkrauss19@gmail.com

Brian Tran - Co-Director, (713) 480-6900, brianvtran@gmail.com

## Mary Queen Pastoral Council Needs Your Support - Final week to Nominate!

2024 Lifetime Parish Service Award Nomination Forms can be submitted online on the Mary Queen website at <a href="https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/mary-queen-councils">www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/mary-queen-councils</a>.

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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## **US Marine Corps:**

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## **US Navy:**

PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, 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 <a href="mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org">anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</a>. 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.



#### **Praver 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.

> March 2/3: Snacks, Crackers, Cookies

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

March 16/17: Oil, Sugar, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

"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 <u>Sofia Medrano</u> 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 24—Already submitted March 31—March 7

## **End of Mass**



#### Question:

Is it ever ok to leave Mass before it ends?

#### Answer

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an

assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

#### **Parents Just Don't Understand**

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem



impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink. For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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