



March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD

— **JOHN 3:19** —

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are 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 10th

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

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" - Adults - Mini Hall

Monday, March 11th

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Convalidation - Tollhurst - Chapel
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Convalidation - Grothe - Chapel
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
 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

Tuesday, March 12th

6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Youth Lenten Bible Study - Youth Center
 9:30 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
 4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" - AFF - Mary's House
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall

Wednesday, March 13th

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
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
 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 Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM College Students & Young Professionals - Silent Prayer & Meditation - Chapel

Thursday, March 14th

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, March 15th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - La Salette Laity - Church

Saturday, March 16th

Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Quinceaneras & Sweet 16 Retreat - Youth Center
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial - Wellen - Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9th

8:30 AM †Sandy Van Dyke, †Nancy Green, †Pam 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 Queen Parishioners

Monday, March 11th

6:15 AM †Orlando Perez, †Concepcion Arias, †George Valooran
 8:30 AM †Rick Smart, Kyle Post - Birthday Blessings, Anthony Rinehart – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 12th

6:15 AM †Sandy Van Dyke, †Jerry Pizzitola, †Pauline Tamborello
 8:30 AM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Ann Descant, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Doiron & Coniver Families

Wednesday, March 13th

6:15 AM †Robert Narloch, Manuel Garza, Sr., Respect Life
 6:30 PM †Joan Schmidt, Darrell Whitehouse, Blake Pesl

Thursday, March 14th

6:15 AM †Jerry Pizzitola, Darrell Whitehouse, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Heeb & Garst Families
 8:30 AM †Bernard Severino, †Joseph Ray Simmons, Nancy Denison

Friday, March 15th

6:15 AM †Alejandro Bunko, Jr., Rani Kurian, Elsa Noble
 8:30 AM †Bud Curtis Hermann, †Mike Vukelicht, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Saturday, March 16th

8:30 AM †Maria Morales, †Maria Tran Thi Yen, Gloria Kurian – Birthday Blessings
 5:30 PM †Rosalie Greco, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Joseph & Margaret Sama, Kenny & Marian Landry – 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, March 17th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 9:30 AM †Juan Alfredo Marquez, †Matilde Montemayor, Joan Meagher – 90th Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Fr. Moe Linehan, M.S., Dolores Richards, Lito & Ludy Caluya
 4:30 PM †Otilia Gregory, †Frank Descant, †Helen Bauer

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 10

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
 - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: February 17, 2024 - February 23, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$34,662.42

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,959.00

Difference: (-\$6,296.58)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$554.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$249.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,730.00

**Loan Balance as of March 4, 2024 was
\$1,160,040.72.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 17 - Easter Flowers

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 29 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of March 4, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$46,768.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 132

Total Number of Gifts received: 176

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 March 4, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$555,830.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,082

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 273

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign.

**Make the switch from envelopes to
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



RCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our RCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!

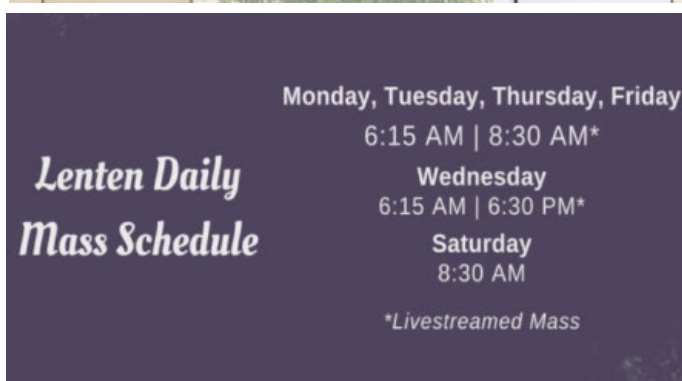


Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.



LIVE THE LITURGY

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine. My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go. But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings are not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it? Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Penance Services


*All services begin at 7 PM.

St. Paul
Tuesday, March 12th

St. Hyacinth
Wednesday, March 13th

St. Clare
Thursday, March 14th

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

Monday, March 18th
7 PM in the Church

EASTER BASKET BLESSING



SATURDAY,
MARCH 30TH
1 PM
ST. JOSEPH
CHAPEL

FIRST ANNUAL
MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5K FUN RUN/ WALK



Scan the QR code
to register
or visit
<https://bit.ly/CCFunRun>

SATURDAY,
APRIL 6TH
RACE START:
8:40 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31st | Following the 9:30 AM Mass
Under the oak trees

Children ages 10 and under are invited to our annual
Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus Council #8494.

Children 4 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call “forgiving light.” But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn’t it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

“Is this really me?” you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow’s feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There’s nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

“And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.” — John 3:19

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March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn’t baseball. It’s what the Bible calls “condemning the world.” We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don’t believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: “We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great.” Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That’s why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him” (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus’ endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



**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.

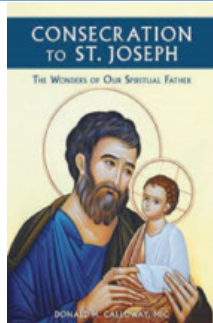
The institutions of our world are under attack, the family is under attack, and even the Church is under attack. We need a defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a thirty-three day study and consecration to Saint Joseph. If you have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



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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent Second Scrutiny - THE MAN BORN BLIND

The key idea in Gospel and the Second Reading is turning from darkness to light, as symbolized in the healing of the man born blind. For example, examination of conscience, especially in the light of God's Word, leads to enlightenment, and thus enables people to do as St. Paul says, "Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness."

The Gospel today tells the story of the healing of the man born blind. The story does not end with his healing, but rather it continues with the arguments about what really happened and who Jesus is, the one who healed him. We call Christ "The Light of the World" and look to him for the truth we need to really understand the world, ourselves and God. We need to confess our blindness and have some humility before God if we are to be enlightened by Jesus, and not to be like the Pharisees in the story who refuse to accept the truth.

Therefore, in the Scrutiny: the Elect have already been enlightened to some degree; Lent is a time when this is intensified for them, and also for us who are already Catholics. We still need to be enlightened, to have our own patterns of sin and blindness revealed to us, and to grow in God's truth. Like the other Scrutinies, there is an important teaching about who Jesus is: "I am the light of the world." It also looks forward to the enlightenment celebrated in Easter and baptism.

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





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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!



Our youth had a great time at the Junior High Rally on Saturday, February 24th at St. Helen Catholic Church!



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
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Upcoming Elementary Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday Classes
 March 19th, 26th

Wednesday Classes
 March 20th, 27th

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

First Holy Communion Dates

Interviews | Thursday, April 11th | Main Hall | 6:30 PM
 Please study the interview questions with your students.

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



Thanks to all who participated in Family Stations of the Cross! It was a beautiful evening!



AROUND THE PARISH

THANK YOU!



Mere words are not enough to express my gratitude for all of you, my dear parishioners of Mary Queen. I was so inspired by seeing the efforts and enthusiasm with which you have come to celebrate my thirty years of priestly life. Many thanks to the Parish Staff who organized the celebration and to all who provided food and drink, and worked hard to prepare a great reception. Thank you for your love and support and the many gifts and cards you have shared during this occasion. Everything is a gift; every moment is a gift; every situation is a gift; every person is a gift. Praise the Lord, for He is the greatest gift of all!

-Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina concerning the Feast of Divine Mercy... "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment" (699)*

To emphasize the importance of these two sacraments of mercy, Our Lord made their reception a necessary condition for obtaining His promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those observing the Feast of Mercy. (742)* I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by deed, the second - by word, the third - by prayer... Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy...



Our Lord spoke these words to St. Faustina (1317)* "...write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of Judgement.

Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy."

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 the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, "Divine Mercy in My Soul"

Save the Date for our Easter Parish Mission!

Save the Date for Mary Queen's Easter Parish Mission by Fr. Leo Patalinghug - National Eucharistic Revival Preacher and Speaker at the National Eucharistic Congress

Fr. Leo will be preaching at all of the weekend Masses on April 20th & 21st. The Easter Parish Mission will be on April 22nd, 23rd & 24th.



For more information, please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA, at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org.

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



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offers a list of approved mental health resources and Christian organizations within our Archdiocese. This list is available for anyone seeking help or more information on this topic.

Find this list and more information at

<https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/office-of-evangelization-and-catechesis/ministry-with-persons-with-disabilities/mental-health-resources/>.



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

As I read this Sunday's Gospel and readings, I was struck by the imagery of light used in the Gospel. St John tells us "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light... but whoever lives the truth comes to the light." This brought to mind the globe of light that the Beautiful Lady appeared in when she visited Maximus and Melanie that Saturday morning so long ago. It was the light that caught their attention. It was the light that enveloped them as the Blessed Mother spoke her message of truth.

The truth was that the people at that time had turned away from the light, away from Christ, that is why she was compelled to come.

And her message of truth remains relevant today. As we continue on our Lenten journey we should remember to live in the light by following the fasting and abstinence guidelines of the Church, by praying more: for ourselves, for others and for the world and by sharing our wealth with those in need.

In the second reading St. Paul reminds us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". Our God is a God of mercy. He loves us and will not give up on us. Even if he has to send his mother to set us straight.



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Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast

Trinity Fellowship, 301 Leisure Lane, Friendswood, TX
Saturday, March 16th

The topic will be "Food Bank" presented by our very own
Coordinator of Food Pantry/Social Concerns Ministry,
Chris Austgen!

For information, contact Carmelo Gomez at 832-236-5198.



**WELCOME TO
OUR FAMILY!**

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

February Baptisms

Rylen James Doherty
Joshua James Fulcher
Alexis Evolett Fulcher
Kinsley Jayde Gutierrez
Oliver Manuel O'Brien
Milo Tomas Sanchez
Reagan Blake Wrinkle

Holy Week
SCHEDULE

March 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

5:30 PM- Saturday Vigil Mass (March 23)
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM
4:30 PM

March 28: Holy Thursday

7:00 PM- Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29: Good Friday

3:00 PM- Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

March 30: Holy Saturday

8:00 PM- Easter Vigil Mass

March 31: Easter Sunday


6:00 AM (Sunrise Mass)
7:30 AM
9:30 AM*
11:30 AM

*An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the
9:30 AM Mass.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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ST. JUDE: THE APOSTLE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

The arm of St. Jude Thaddeus, venerated in Rome from ancient times, is on pilgrimage in the United States.

Fr. Carlos Martins is stopping at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. All are welcome to come experience his transformative presence! For more information, visit:

ap.church/stjude

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7801 Bay Branch Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77382

Monday, March 18, 2024

2:00 PM - Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins.

7:00 PM - Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor.

10:00 PM - Public veneration ends.

REMEMBRANCE DAYS
FOR
THE LITTLE ONES



Remembrance Days for the Little Ones is a series of observances that invite the Christian community to walk in solidarity with families who have suffered the loss of a baby due to miscarriage or infant death. Please join together with us to pour out our prayers, love and support on these families.

March 14: Start of Community Novena to St. Catherine of Sweden

March 22: 7:00– 9:00 PM
Healing Webinar for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

March 23 10 AM–11 AM
Remembrance Day Mass for the Little Ones
St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church
1612 E. Walker St., League City, Texas 77573

For more information please go to:
ilovestellamaris.org/miscarriage-infant-loss



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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.

JOYful Lights, a Women's study group, will be discussing the book Beautiful Eucharist from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Their updated schedule is as follows:

March 26th: Pages 41-73

April 30: Pages 74-106

If you'd like to join the group or have any questions, please contact Sheri Barber at 713-824-8091 or Sandy Sorrell at 281-380-1176.



Lenten Almsgiving

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

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

March 23/24:
Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

"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, Mass announcements, website, or social media

Contact: Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator
email: smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org
phone: 281-482-1391 x334
text: 409-218-8213

Send Mass 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 31—Already submitted
April 7—March 15



Priest & Brothers

Question: What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer: The distinctions, titles, and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be

confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions: The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him. Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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