



March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRODUCES
MUCH
FRUIT.

— JOHN 12:24 —

**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 17th

Easter Lily Deliveries - Boy Scouts (After Morning Masses) Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - "Breaking Open the Word"- Adults - Mini Hall
3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST - All Groups - Meet Me at the Pew - Youth Center

Monday, March 18th

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 MQ ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
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 Taize Prayer - Church
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

Tuesday, March 19th

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 Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

Wednesday, March 20th

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
5:45 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 Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Women's Ministry Meeting - Main Hall
8:30 PM - 9:00 PM College Students & Young Professionals - Silent Prayer & Meditation - Chapel

Thursday, March 21st

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High WWP Bible Study - Youth Center
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall

Friday, March 22nd

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Mini Hall
4:30 PM - 6:45 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Holy Week Retreat - Chapel
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Mary Queen Ministries - Church

Saturday, March 23rd

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Holy Week Retreat - Main Hall
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
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Special Friends Easter Egg Hunt - Main Hall
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Holy Week Retreat - Chapel
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 18th

6:15 AM †Sandy Van Dyke, †Phero Tung Nguyen, †Peggy French
8:30 AM †Sandy Van Dyke, †Scott Krueger, Betty Stacy

Tuesday, March 19th

6:15 AM †Joe & †Renee Bruegger, †Dennis De George, †Luke & †Mary Frances Rossi
8:30 AM †Mary Jo Dimicelli, †Maria Ta, Fred & Irma Rodriguez

Wednesday, March 20th

6:15 AM †Marilyn Karam, Stephen Bernadoni, †Chris Coover
6:30 PM †Paul Gosselin, †Joan Neupert Schmidt, Camrynn Williams

Thursday, March 21st

6:15 AM Cathy Hart, John Hodges, Ross Simpson
8:30 AM †John Revell, †Peter Leos, †Paul Gosselin

Friday, March 22nd

6:15 AM †Henri Delahoussaye, †Otilia Gregory, Frances Collins Family
8:30 AM †Ramon Roxas, †Danny del Valle, Beth Drone – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 23rd

8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Daniel Jansky, †Donald Dolan
5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, March 24th

7:30 AM †Norman Donegan, †Beatrice Cornish, Sara Kennepohl & Family
9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, Christopher Zavesky, Lee Pierce – Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Manual Tavares, †Dorothy Donegan Barrow, Elizabeth Clarke
4:30 PM †Otilia Gregory, †Helen Bauer, Tina Chagra – Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 17

That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: February 24, 2024 - March 1, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$41,165.25

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,419.17

Difference: \$746.08

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,366.12

Future Development & Maintenance: \$431.12

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,625.12

**Loan Balance as of March 7, 2024 was
\$1,160,040.72.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Holy Thursday

March 29 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of March 7, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$50,773.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 147

Total Number of Gifts received: 193

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 7, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$556,180.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,087

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!

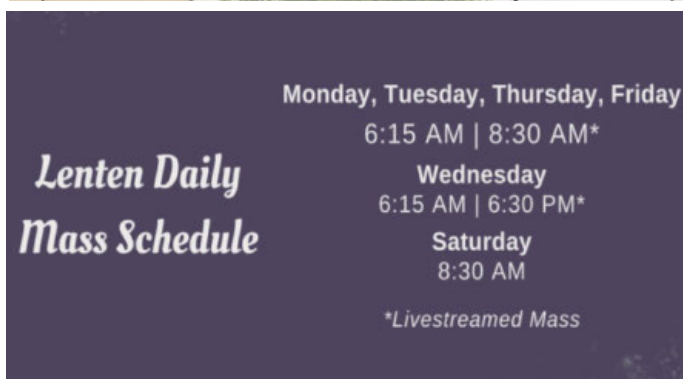


Social Concerns Ministries

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

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God. Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed. Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



TAIZÉ

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

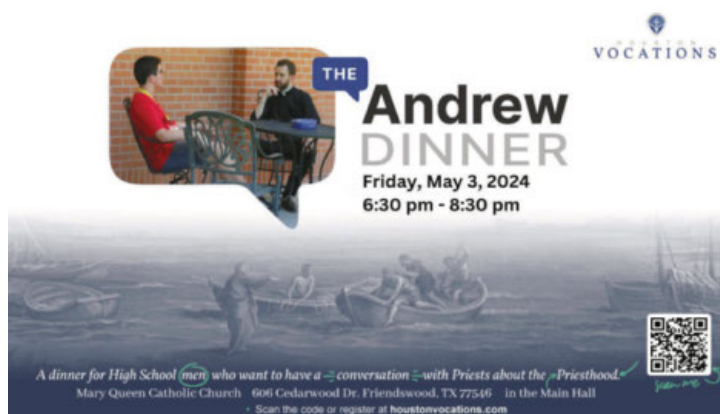


EASTER EGG HUNT

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

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.



THE **Andrew DINNER**

Friday, May 3, 2024
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

A dinner for High School men who want to have a one-on-one conversation with Priests about the priesthood.

Mary Queen Catholic Church 606 Cedarwood Dr. Friendswood, TX 77546 In the Main Hall

Scan the code or register at houstonvocations.com

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

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**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.**

March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, March 18

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 24

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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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.

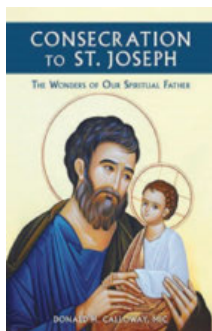


Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

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

Consecration day is on March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, for those who have been preparing for past 33 days by following the book by Father Donald Calloway, Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.

"In human life, Joseph was Jesus' teacher in their daily contact, full of refined affection, glad to deny himself to take better care of Jesus. Isn't that reason enough for us to consider this just man, this holy patriarch, in whom the faith of the Old Covenant comes to full fruition, as a master of interior life? Interior life is nothing but continual and direct conversation with Christ, so as to become one with him. And Joseph can tell us many things about Jesus. Therefore, never neglect devotion to him—Ite ad Ioseph: "Go to Joseph"—as Christian tradition puts it in the words of the Old Testament (Gen 41:55)" - St. Josemaría Escrivá



Please remember all the Elect & their Godparents, RCIA Candidates & their Sponsors, Adult Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors in your prayers as they will all be in the 'RCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat' starting the evening of Friday, March 22 and ending on Saturday, March 23. – RCIA Team.



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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent THE THIRD SCRUTINY – THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

The Third Scrutiny emphasizes Jesus as "the Resurrection and the Life" as we hear the Gospel of the raising to life of Lazarus. Jesus in his obedience to his Father has the authority to give life to whom he will. The raising of Lazarus is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day. It means that the believer has eternal life; and has passed from death to life. It is also – again – an anticipation of what is celebrated at Easter and in Baptism, resurrection and eternal life.

The meaning for John is: Jesus in his obedience to and dependence upon the Father has the authority to give life to whom he will. The incident is a dramatic demonstration of the truth already declared in John 5.21 ("For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.") which is itself the best commentary on the incident. The raising of Lazarus is not a piece of magic, nor even the supreme achievement of a Saint; it is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day (an expression of what theologians call "Eschatology"). It means that the believer has eternal life; that he or she has passed from death to life.

Jesus prays, emphasizing his dependence upon the Father. Jesus can do nothing of himself but does what he sees the Father doing. The last enemy - death - is overthrown.

Note that the name Lazarus means "God helps". The presence of Jesus effects to anticipate 'eschatological' events (i.e. to do with the end of the world), especially to judge and to give life. Also, the movement from death to life is the pattern experienced by all Christians, who have died already to sin and risen again in Christ, but all to be fulfilled on the last day. With Lazarus, the 'last day' is being anticipated for the purpose of the sign, which demonstrates who Jesus really is, "the resurrection and the life".

This Scrutiny celebrated on this day is primarily for the benefit of the Elect, but it reminds all the baptized of the promises God has made through Jesus of eternal life.

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:

You, along with other parents, are invited to watch your
child perform at Bible Infusion!

Come watch a performance of the Last Supper.

Date: March 26 & March 27th

Time: During your child's class time.

First Holy Communion Dates

Thursday, April 4th | Main Hall | 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 11th | Interviews Main Hall | 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 18th | Rehearsal- Church | 6:30 PM

*Thursday, April 18th - Family felt shields are due

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM



The First Friday Family Fun Ministry
invites you to a
Family Dance Party

Friday, April 5th
6:00-8:00 PM
in the Main Hall



AROUND THE PARISH



Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina...(186)* Call upon My Mercy for sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (1397)* ...You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.

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!



We are very excited to share with you all that Fr. Leo Patalinghug is coming to Mary Queen for our 2024 Easter Parish Mission! On April 20th & 21st – Saturday & Sunday – Fr. Leo will be preaching and concelebrating at all the weekend Masses to invite our parishioners to the Easter Parish Mission on April 22nd & 23rd at 7:00 PM, and April 24th, beginning with 6:30 PM Holy Mass.

Fr. Leo is an International Preacher and one of the National Eucharistic Revival Preachers commissioned by the USCCB. He is invited to speak at the National Eucharistic Congress for 2 days in Indianapolis this summer. He is a priest member of a community of consecrated life, Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). His diverse background as an award-winning chef and radio and TV host gives him a unique perspective on ministry and family life.

Fr. Leo is a dynamic and kerygmatic preacher who can enkindle the flame of Eucharistic faith and devotion in children, youth and adults. So, please save the date and invite your family and friends to join us these 3 nights for our exciting parish mission!

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

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.



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



The message of La Salette and today's readings both hinge on the word "if." In the Gospel today Jesus explains to Philip and Andrew that "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." The wheat, in order to fulfill

its true purpose, in order to be what God wants it to be, it must first stop being what it is and let God's plan unfold.

In the message Mary tells Maximum and Melanie that "if they [humankind] are converted, rocks and stones will turn into heaps of wheat, and potatoes will be self-sown in the fields." Wondrous things will happen if we are converted. For followers of Jesus, in order for us to fulfill our true purpose, in order to be what God wants us to be, we must stop being what we are and let God's plan unfold.

'If we are converted' tells us that we have the choice to follow God's merciful plan or not. So, today my prayer for all of us comes from today's psalm, that today and every day we may each choose God's merciful plan and ask, "Create a clean heart in me O, God. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness."

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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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.

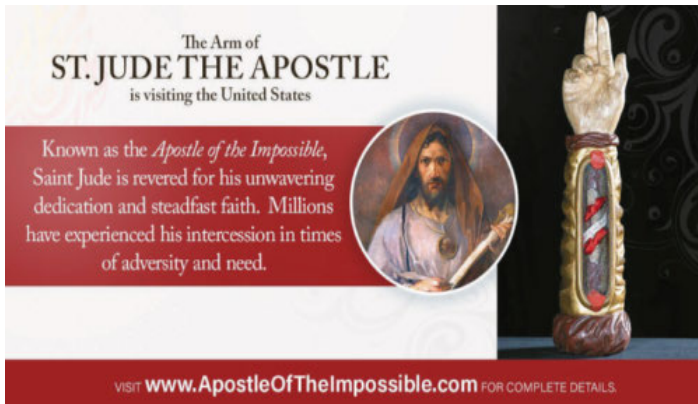
Mary Queen Seniors (60+) Bingo

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
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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US Coast Guard:

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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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Zoe Vontour

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Family
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Beth Yurisc

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

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn **"In Memory of..."** or **"In Honor of..."** a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.

Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.

Lenten Almsgiving

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

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

Holy Thursday Almsgiving

During the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, parishioners will be invited to bring donations for the homeless to the altar. The following items are being requested: Small/travel size Shampoo, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Combs, Tissues, Disposable Razors, Wipes, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Items, Lip Balm, and Hand Towels. If you are unable to attend the Holy Thursday Mass, items will also be collected during Holy Week.

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.

April 7—Already submitted
April 14—March 20



Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos. 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church. As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.” This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

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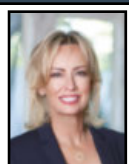
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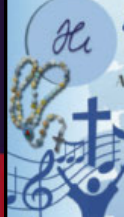
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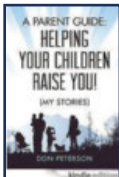


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