



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

— MARK 11:9 —

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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 24th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 4:30PM
Parish Festival Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Scout Troop 452 - Special Religious Awards/Pope Pius XII/Ad Altare Dei - Mary's House
3:45 PM - 6:45 PM Ark - Junior High Sessions - Youth Center

Monday, March 25th

Holy Week

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Giving Tree Planning - Mini Hall
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thanksgiving Blessings Planning - Mini Hall
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

Tuesday, March 26th

Holy Week

6:15 AM - 7:30 AM Youth Lenten Bible Study - Youth Center
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Program - Mini Hall
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
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Joyful Lights Study Group - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" - AFF - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall

Wednesday, March 27th

Holy Week

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 - 12:00 PM Christian Meditation Group - Mary's House
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
6:00 PM - 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
Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, March 28th

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

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Pastoral Council Sub Committee Meeting-Rm 110/Library
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday - Pastoral Offices Closed

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 3:00PM

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

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Good Friday Divine Mercy Devotions - Chapel

Saturday, March 30th

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00PM

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Easter Basket Blessings - Chapel
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 25th

6:15 AM †Harvey Jeffrey, †Sandy Van Dyke, †Phero Tung Nguyen
8:30 AM Mary Donegan, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Stewart Family, Beth Drone- Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 26th

6:15 AM Beckett Kim, Elise Kim, Steve Ridout – Birthday Blessings
8:30 AM †Richard Benavides, †Daniel Jansky, †Lydia Ledesma

Wednesday, March 27th

6:15 AM †Brian Bui, †Allan Theall, †Charles & †Philomena St. George
6:30 PM †Joshua Thomas, Tere Rodriguez, Vera Smart – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30th

8:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Easter Sunday - March 31st

6:00 AM †Betty Jean Wellen, †Robert Kistler, Marleen Whittet
7:30 AM †Oscar Clarin, †Joseph Swiader, †Ann Descant
9:30 AM †Mary Jo Dimicelli, †Casimer & †Goldie Witucki, †Gene Hess
11:30 AM †John Revell, †Catherine Walbe, Lucia Boone

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 24

That we have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 2, 2024 - March 8, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$62,096.91

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$56,446.75

Difference: \$5,650.16

MP-Debt Reduction: \$16,525.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$7,632.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$3,039.00

**Loan Balance as of March 18, 2024 was
\$1,148,516.12.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 28 - Holy Thursday

March 29 - Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of March 18, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$59,583.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 177

Total Number of Gifts received: 224

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 18, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$557,704.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,105

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.

A special Second Collection will be taken this weekend
for aid to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

All proceeds from this collection will go directly to
humanitarian aid efforts for Ukraine. Thank you for
your generosity!



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!

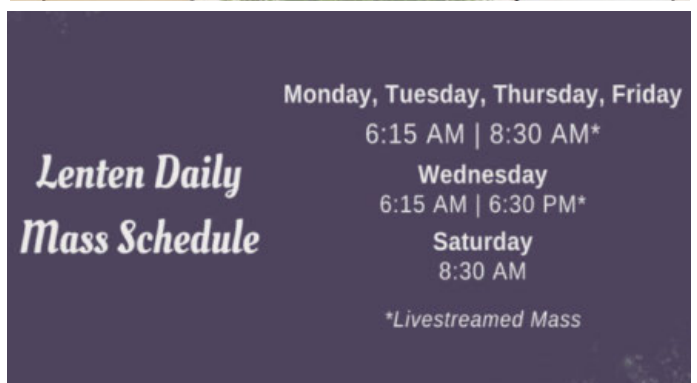


Social Concerns Ministries

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

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship. When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late. During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 BASKET BLESSING



SATURDAY,
MARCH 30TH
1 PM
ST. JOSEPH
CHAPEL

MARY QUEEN PARISH FESTIVAL & DANCE

DANCE:
Saturday,
May 4th
6-10 PM

FESTIVAL:
Sunday,
May 5th
11AM-4PM

**FUN, FOOD
& GAMES!**

**LIVE &
SILENT
AUCTIONS**

**BINGO
11AM - 3PM**

**RAFFLE
TICKETS
\$20**

**PLANT BOOTH
DONATIONS
NEEDED!**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Visit our website at
<https://bit.ly/MQParishFest>
for more information.



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 Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him."
— John 12:16

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

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
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 25

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 26

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 27

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 28

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 29

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, March 30

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7





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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**.

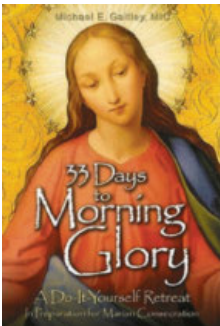
This is the **7th Year** of the TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is **'Thy Kingdom Come.'**

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.



From Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the bestselling book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, comes an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration. Featuring the teachings of four giants of Marian spirituality—St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St. John Paul II—Fr. Gaitley shows how simple it is to put Marian devotion into practice.

People's lives today are often busy and challenging. This Adult Faith Formation Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion.

Why should we consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary?

As St. Louis de Montfort said, "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint." If we are striving for sainthood, as we should, asking for the intercession of Mary is the ideal way to approach this eternal goal!

It deepens our relationship with her, which in turn brings us closer to her son Jesus. We know that Jesus can't resist the requests of his mother, we see her pure influence in the Bible on many occasions such as the wedding at Cana. We know that our spiritual mother Mary loves us, as she loves her son, and will advocate for our intentions.

Six weekly morning & evening sessions begin on Friday, April 26th from 9:30-10:30 AM. The Consecration Day is on May 31st – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bring your own copy of the book or order a copy of the book here: <https://catholic.market/programs/hearts-afire/33-days-to-morning-glory/>

For more information or if you are interested in signing up for the morning or evening sessions, please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA.



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.



Thank you for praying for all the Elect & their Godparents, RCIA Candidates & their Sponsors, Adult Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors as they all experienced a Holy Spirit Filled 'RCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat' on Friday, March 22nd & Saturday, March 23rd. All glory to God!





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HIGH SCHOOL

Lenten Study

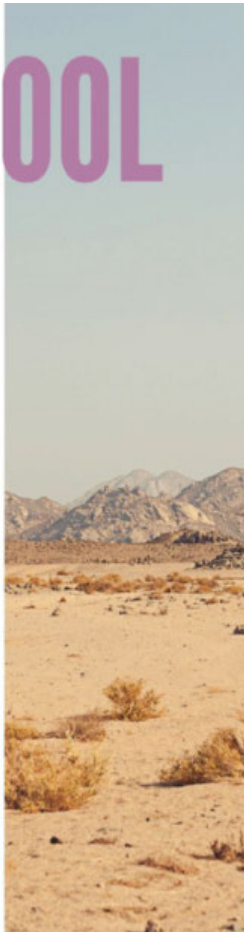
JOIN US

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 did an incredible job putting on the live Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8th!



More photos from that evening can be found on our social media pages.



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

Tuesday Classes
 March 26th

Wednesday Classes
 March 27th

4th & 5th Grade Parents, Grandparents & Friends

All are invited to watch your child reenact the Last Supper at Bible Infusion.

Event: Bible Infusion-Last Supper Play

Date: Tuesday, March 26th OR Wednesday, 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



AROUND THE PARISH



The nursery will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, so that the staff may enjoy the holiday with their families.



Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina (1578)*... The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is— trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls who trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts. (1076)* How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me!

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"

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.

For more information and 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

Scholarship opportunities!

Women's Ministry Scholarship

Open to High School seniors and college undergraduate & graduate students

Applications due April 8th at 5 PM

Fill out an application at <https://bit.ly/WMSch24>

Suzie Blake Christian Leadership Award

Open to High School seniors

Applications due April 8th at 5 PM

The Mary Queen Women's Ministry is seeking nominations for deserving high school seniors who show good leadership traits at home, in church, in the community, and at school. A student with this character will receive a \$500 scholarship. If you know a graduating senior who has these qualities, please write a letter of recommendation describing this student for the Suzie Blake Outstanding Leadership Award. Letters of recommendation must be dropped off at the Mary Queen reception desk by the deadline above. Please address the letters: "Women's Ministry, Suzie Blake Outstanding Leadership Award." Contact Yvette Camarillo at ycamarillo@fisd12.net with any questions.

Hispanic Ministry Scholarships

Three \$1,000 scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who are Mary Queen parishioners.

Applications due April 21st at 5 PM

Fill out an application at https://bit.ly/MQ_HM

If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Fox at mqhispanicministry@gmail.com.

Check these out at our Welcome Desk!

Did you know?

Our Welcome Ministry offers hearing aids for our parishioners to use at Mass! These tie directly into our sound system for clearer sound and are free to check out.



If your family would like to bring up the gifts at the time of the Offertory, a sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Desk.

La Salette reflection for Palm Sunday
Written by the National La Salette Laity Board



Excited students were busy maneuvering their safety scissors, adding fringe to their green construction-paper boughs, ready to reenact Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. The scene offers a reflection on Jesus' arrival on a donkey and being welcomed with palm branches - two distinctive acts with biblical context, as told in the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 and the triumphant entry in Matthew 1:8.

Next, we announce the Passion of Our Lord. We are reminded of this final period before His death, yet we hold our palms as a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life. With palms in hand and the guidance of today's readings, we look forward. The readings offer a glimpse at peace in the shadow of coming chaos.

How does Jesus provide peace to you when life offers chaos? Our Lady of La Salette encourages balance in her message of reconciliation, as she speaks of restoring prayer and modifying actions.

Paper palms...fresh fronds. Childhood reenactments...bible verses. Daily circumstances...larger concerns. Palm Sunday in anticipation of Good Friday. God is with us in all these events. With palm branches in hand, we can focus our hearts and minds on God, shifting our attention to peace, joy, and hope amid the chaos and despair.

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 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.

**WORSHIP WITH US THIS
HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday marks the start of the holiest week in the liturgical year. As we enter the final days of Lent, we invite you to prepare for Easter by attending our Masses or special parish events. We welcome our parishioners and visitors alike to worship with us this Holy Week!


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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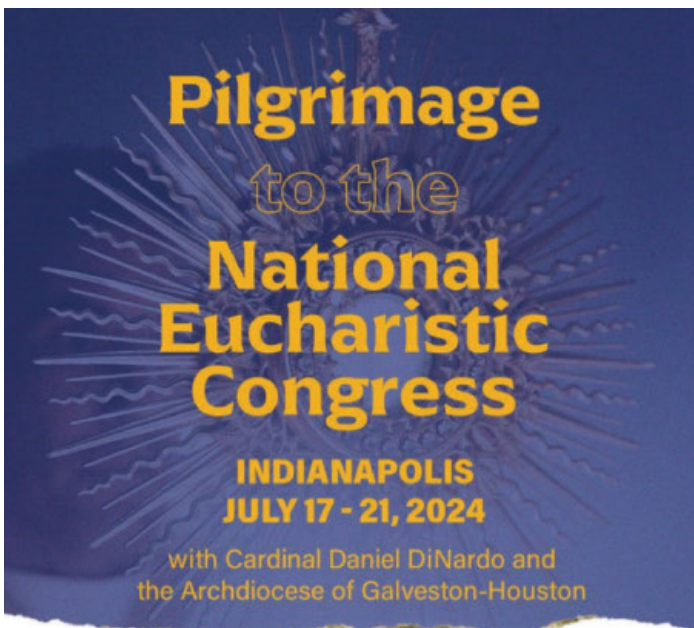
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US Coast Guard:

Cadet 4/c Manon Murphy

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



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st in observance of the Easter Holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Holy Thursday Almsgiving

During the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, parishioners will be invited to bring donations for the homeless. 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. Donations can be left at the Food Pantry box in the church Narthex. 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 14—Already submitted
April 21—April 3



Palm Sunday

Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy “outside” the church, we symbolically reenact Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus.

These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers. The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn’t end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday service.

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Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.



It’s okay for us to be excited for Easter. We’ve waited so long, after all. In my opinion it’s one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It’s going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let’s not “skip” Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don’t rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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