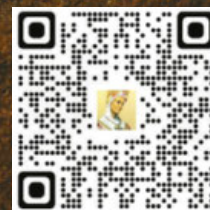



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord



Scan the QR code for a
special welcome message
from our pastor.

EASTER SUNDAY
THE STONE
REMOVED FROM
THE TOMB.

— JOHN 20:1 —

**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 31st

Easter Sunday Masses - 6:00AM (Sunrise Mass) 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt (After 9:30 AM Mass)

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

Monday, April 1st

Easter Monday - Pastoral Offices Closed

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House

Tuesday, April 2nd

9:30 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

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

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

Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Youth Center

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Troop 452 Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House

Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, April 4th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Parish Staff Meeting - Rm 114/115

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Junior High WWP Bible Study - Youth Center

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

First Holy Communion Class - Main Hall

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Youth Center

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bridge Vocations Ministry - Mary's House

Friday, April 5th

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

First Friday Family Fun - EFF - Main Hall

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wedding Rehearsal - Trochesset-Chapman - Church

Saturday, April 6th

7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Creation Care Ministry Fun Run - Church Grounds

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Wedding - Trochesset-Chapman - Church

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena - Chapel

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Reconciliation - Church



Happy Easter

from the Mary Queen Parish Staff
We wish you and your families a joyful Easter season!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 1st

8:30 AM Charles Ganter – Birthday Blessings, Tobie LaBauve – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Avila Family

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:30 AM †Molly Ganter, †Teodosia Poyatos, All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 3rd

6:30 PM Leslie Karam – Birthday Blessings, Lucia Boone, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

Thursday, April 4th

8:30 AM †Norma Benavides, †Desmond O'Keefe, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges

Friday, April 5th

8:30 AM †Isabel Pulumbarit, Chris Meaux – Birthday Blessings, Megan Gray – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 AM †Jack Scamardi, †Msgr. Bennie Patillo, Mary Queen Ministries

5:30 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Manuel Villamin, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Rohan Family

Sunday, April 7th

7:30 AM †Anthony Ngo, †Mark Ngo, †Anton Nguyen

9:30 AM †Peter Dung, Beth Turner, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ron & Carol Willenborg, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Michael & Carmela Stillison-Sama

11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

4:30 PM †Alma Berger, †Debi Reyes, Connie Miranda – Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31

That our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
- Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 9, 2024 - March 15, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,950.46

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,484.08

Difference: (-\$3,533.62)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,967.32

Future Development & Maintenance: \$319.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$6,510.00

**Loan Balance as of March 20, 2024 was
\$1,068,516.12.**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 14 - Future Development & Maintenance

April 28 - Home Missions Collection

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of March 20, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$59,858.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 178

Total Number of Gifts received: 229

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 20, 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.

**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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday, we the Christians around the world, celebrate Easter. In one of his sermons in his cathedral in North Africa, St. Augustine told his people, "We are Easter men and women and Alleluia should be our song." Alleluia is one of the oldest words in the Bible; it means praise God or thank God. Thank God for all the good things He has done for me, for others and for the whole world. Thank you, Lord, for the people we love and for the people who love us. Thank you, Lord, for good health and security, for our parents and good friends, for happiness, and for a good job. Also, we should be able to sing Alleluia when we encounter problems, sickness, and even death. For problems, worries, and all the difficulties of life: thank you Lord. For both the sunshine and the rain, the good things as well as the bad, Alleluia.

We experience the new life of the risen Lord not only as individuals but also as a community. Where there is communal brokenness, there is the possibility of communal resurrection. The violence of some of our cities, the inequality of wealth, opportunity and its consequent sense of injustice, the prevailing prejudices, the discrimination against classes and colors, and finally, the pandemic of Corona virus are among the many examples of our broken world. What worries me most is when nations are at war. It is heart-breaking to see thousands of civilians and innocent people that are brutally killed and many more searching for refuge and living in fear. We have 11 Polish La Salette missionaries working in Ukraine. Recently, their ministry has simply been reaching out to poor Ukrainians, and breaking and sharing bread with them and the refugees in the face of war. One of our La Salette missionaries in Myanmar is still imprisoned amid the civil war. La Salette missionaries in Haiti live in fear, not knowing their future and the people they serve. It may seem like the light is going out in our world once again. Therefore, the central message of Easter is liberation. So let us begin the walk towards building a new life, and renewing our families, our community, and our nation. Our world needs Easter. Our world needs liberation. We need to be untethered, untied from our brokenness, pride, prejudice, jealousy, and hatred so that we can experience the beauty of new life. There must be an Easter every day of our lives. Then we can really be Easter people, people of resurrection and new life and always sing Alleluia. Thank you, God. To all of you: may God bless you and may the joy of Easter bring cheer, prosperity, and happiness to your life!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST ANNUAL
MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5K FUN RUN/ WALK

FINAL WEEK TO REGISTER!

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



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

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.



THE BRIDGE

(21-30 yr old Young Adult Hangout)

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE?

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

DATES:
February 1st
March 7th
April 4th
May 3rd
June 6th

Scan QR Code to sign up for the GroupMe for updates and more events (Sports, Dinners, Games, etc.)



Text 832-260-2691 for more information.

Blood Drive



Mary Queen Catholic Church
Sunday, April 14 - 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood 77546
Main Hall

Schedule an appointment please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mqcc0424>




Appreciation t-shirt, snacks & refreshments provided for donors

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
MDAnderson
Cancer Center
Making Cancer History

Picture ID Required
713-792-7777
MDAnderson.org/BloodBank

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

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March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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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**.

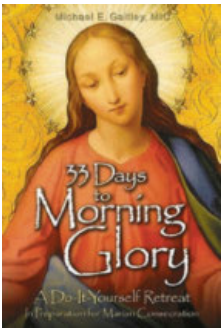
This is the **7th Year** of the TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is **'Thy Kingdom Come.'**

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?

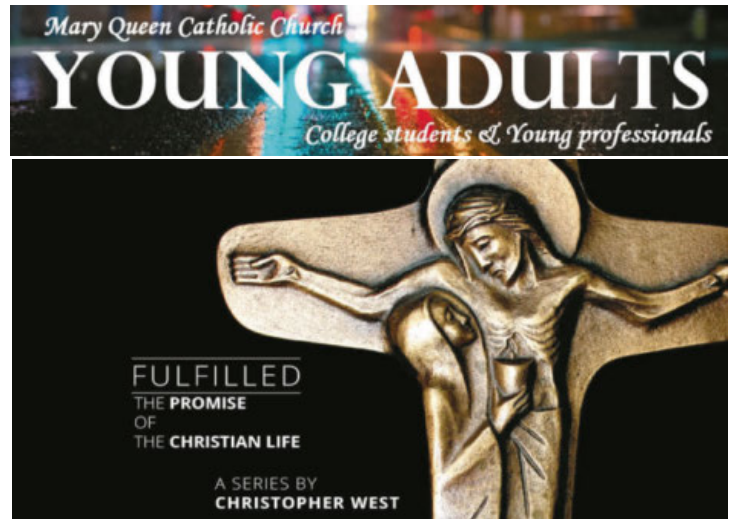
As St. Louis de Montfort said, "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint." If we are striving for sainthood, as we should, asking for the intercession of Mary is the ideal way to approach this eternal goal!

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.



The first words placed in the mouth of Christ in John's Gospel are not: "Follow all these rules or you're going to hell." Rather, Christ probes our hearts with a question: "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38).

Christianity is not primarily a religion of law, as it is so frequently considered. It is first and foremost a religion of longing. The purpose of God's law is to point our longing toward real satisfaction and away from the counterfeits. The "whole life of the good Christian is a holy longing," wrote Saint Augustine. "That is our life, to be trained by longing."

In this life-changing series, Christopher West takes you on an eye-opening tour of the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – beginning with the "ache" of human longing and ending with a vision of the Creed like you've never heard – and in the process demonstrates beyond any shadow of a doubt that Christianity is not the backward list of prohibitions it is so often assumed to be. Rather it's the religion of desire that holds out to us the hope of infinite bliss and fulfillment.

College Students & Young Adults meet 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, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA, to get more information and/or to sign-up for this new series.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



Please especially lift up in your prayers all the Adult Elect who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Saturday, March 30th during the Celebration of Holy Eucharist on Easter Vigil and for all the Adult Candidates who will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11:30 AM.

With Love & Prayers,
 Mary Queen RCIA Team



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AYC Registration is opening soon!

Keep an eye on our bulletin and social media pages for upcoming registration details. For a full list of conference speakers, visit <https://bit.ly/AYCSpeakers>.

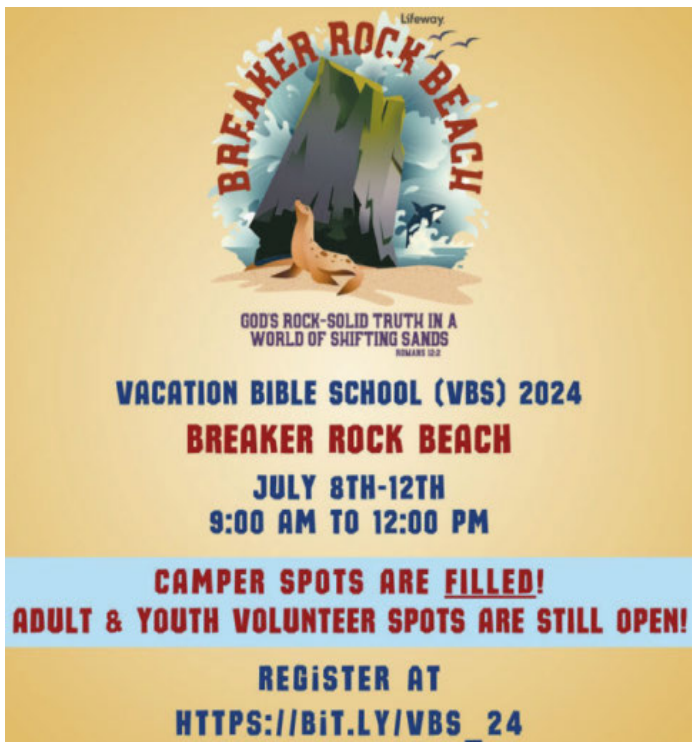


Thanks to our youth for volunteering at our Lenten Fish Fry!

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

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2024

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

JULY 8TH-12TH
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

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



The following is taken from the Diary of St. Faustina, "Divine Mercy in My Soul" (1512)* Today, during Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus, in the midst of His sufferings, as though dying on the cross. He said to me, My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you.

You please me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion.

The Divine MERCY NOVENA and CHAPLET will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel through April 6th at 3 PM, including this weekend- 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"

Patriotic and Military Quilts



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

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

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 Easter Sunday
Written by the National La Salette Laity Board**



Our Gospel today records the story of the Disciples John and Peter going to the tomb and not finding Jesus there. It states that John saw the empty tomb and believed. What must he have thought? Was it real? Did He rise from the dead?! Was what Jesus said really true? What does this mean? What a mixture of thoughts and emotions! Did John doubt at all? The Scripture says that he believed!

The first people who heard about the Apparition at La Salette did not believe the children's story. They spent hours harshly interviewing and threatening Maximum and Melanie for years and their story ALWAYS remained exactly the same. Do we sometimes challenge God in this way?

As time went on, the truth, sincerity, honesty and consistency brought even many serious doubters to soften and come to believe. And the consequences of their behavior were avoided. And the crescendo of thousands of pilgrims who came to La Salette after that prayed and sacrificed despite harsh conditions and no accommodations. Miracles happened to many and a whole change in faith and religious practice took over France and much of Europe. Crops flourished and the churches filled again as Mary had predicted: if people convert, the potatoes will be self-sown in the fields.

So today we celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection and the eternal life He gave us. We celebrate Mary's visit and desire to call us back to reconciliation with Jesus. She reminds us that unless our spiritual life is healthy and strong, our earthly life, economic life, and political life will not flourish. Do we believe? Let us reflect and speak to God of how we might need to change.

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:

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**Mary Queen Knights of Columbus
Thanks You All!**



The Knights of Columbus Mary Queen Council 8494 completed the final night of our Lenten Fish Fries on March 22nd. We had a great Lenten season! Most of all, we appreciate and whole-heartedly thank you, our Mary Queen community of parishioners, for your support and enjoyment of our Lenten meals, and for the support you provide for all our charitable activities. You have made this another great Lenten season relative to the service our Knights and ministry workers provided, and the net proceeds available for our charitable endeavors.

Of course, we always appreciate the help and assistance we receive from our Knights, our wives, and our Mary Queen Ministries. Regarding donations, we would especially like to thank John Gannon and his great staff at JGI Outdoor Advertising for their donations of time, creativity, materials and the billboard at FM 2351 and Blackhawk which was provided for the full six weeks.

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We wish you all a blessed 2024 and look forward to your Lenten support next year.



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The 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17-21, 2024. If anyone from Mary Queen is interested or planning to participate, please call the Mary Queen Parish Office. Fr. Thomas would like to coordinate this as a group event.



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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.

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) Bingo

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM to play Bingo! The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact Ed Gasparini at 832-545-1385.



Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better

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

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



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 21—April 3
April 28—April 8



Easter

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church. After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

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A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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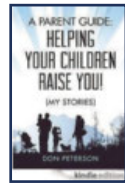
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