



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RECEIVE
THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

**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

APRIL: MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, April 7th

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses)

3:45 PM - 6:45 PM CAST - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Divine Mercy Novena - Holy Hour - Chapel

Monday, April 8th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Convalidation - Manson - Chapel
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Rm 110/Library
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Convalidation - Fernandez-Gomez - Chapel
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting - Mini 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, April 9th

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Program - Mini Hall
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall
4:00 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, April 10th

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's 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
5:00 PM - 7:15 PM CAST - Make-Up Session - Youth Center
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House

Thursday, April 11th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Workshop - Mini Hall
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High WWP Bible Study - Youth Center
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Holy Communion Readiness Interviews - Main Hall
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Mini Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115

Friday, April 12th

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social - Mini Hall
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Laity Supper Club - Main Hall

Saturday, April 13th

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
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Memorial Mass - Ricardo - Chapel
12:00 PM - 10:00 PM Scouts 50th Anniversary Celebration - Main Hall
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Stillisano-Sama
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
4:30 PM †Alma Berger, †Debi Reyes, Connie Miranda – Birthday Blessings

Monday, April 8th

8:30 AM †Rosemary Austgen, Mary DeVillez, Lee Chagra, Jr. – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, April 9th

8:30 AM †Lee Chagra, Sr., †Marissa Ledesma-Laurel, Christopher Matulis – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, April 10th

6:30 PM †Carolina Martinez, Respect Life, Greg Otto – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 11th

8:30 AM Elodia Jimenez, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Agnes Susil

Friday, April 12th

8:30 AM †Ernest Heeb, †Mike Vukelicht, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Tedd & Mary Anastas

Saturday, April 13th

5:30 PM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, Mary Price – Birthday Blessings, Floyd Bartsch – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, April 14th

7:30 AM †Conrado Yap, †Nelson Magnaye, Rodel Perez
9:30 AM †Rita & †Erhard Geist, †Eric Tetreault, †Nestor Cruz
11:30 AM †Otilia Gregory, †Helen Bauer, Jackson Turner – Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 7

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 16, 2024 - March 22, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$44,415.57

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,959.00

Difference: \$3,456.57

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,410.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$207.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$4,835.34

**Loan Balance as of March 27, 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 27, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$72,558.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 206

Total Number of Gifts received: 267

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 27, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$559,145.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,116

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

Looking Back... Looking forward!

Six months ago, I came to you as your new pastor. I want to call it a “Baptism by fire,” since I was away from regular parish ministry work for the past thirteen years while I served as director of the La Salette Mission Center. Additionally, both Fr. Jim and Fr. Trey needed medical attention when I arrived here. So, I want to begin this note by saying “Thank You” to all parishioners for your wonderful hospitality with which you have welcomed me as your new shepherd.

Although I served at Mary Queen as Associate Pastor from 2004 to 2008, it was important to me to know the history, people, and the current situation of the parish. I started by getting to know the parish staff by meeting them individually. I was able to listen to their stories, concerns and needs, and I couldn't emphasize more the importance of teamwork to become successful in their respective areas of responsibility. On the same note, I would like to share the good news of our having hired a full-time Youth Director, who will be on board soon. I am already through my first Christmas and Easter. We are a beautiful and vibrant parish family. I am amazed at the hundreds of volunteers who give life to the parish by their constant commitment in serving God's people selflessly. I must admire the work of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils for their love, support, and guidance in helping me make the best decisions for the common good.

Soon after my return from a home vacation in January, I started the “Listening Sessions.” I am more than pleased with the responses I have received from you. Between February and March, I facilitated 20 sessions, mostly in various homes. I am so inspired to see the great interest you have shown in welcoming me into your homes for these sessions. I have more scheduled for the month of April and hope to wrap them up before May. It is my hope that, with the assistance of the Pastoral Council, we will be able to present you all with a summarized report of what has been shared about the hopes, dreams, and direction we want to take to reach the goal of making Mary Queen the “model parish” for all parishes in our Archdiocese.

We are off to a great start. What begins well ends well. I need your support and prayers. I wish to see each family participate in one of the multiple ministries we have. Let us call our parish community our home!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARY QUEEN
PARISH
FESTIVAL & DANCE**

DANCE:
Saturday,
May 4th
6-10 PM

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

FUN, FOOD & GAMES!

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

**BINGO
11AM - 3PM**

RAFFLE TICKETS \$20

PLANT BOOTH DONATIONS NEEDED!

NO 4:30 PM MASS ON FESTIVAL SUNDAY, MAY 5TH!

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

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!

Donate to our Live and Silent Auctions!
Scan the QR code for a full list of items to donate.

**MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPRING FESTIVAL & DANCE**

BE A FESTIVAL SPONSOR!

GOLD SPONSORS: [List of names]

SILVER SPONSOR: [List of names]

BRONZE SPONSORS: [List of names]

Scan the QR code to download a 2024 Sponsorship Form.

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast
Sunday, April 7th

After morning Masses in the Parish Hall
Join us and support the Mary Queen
Hispanic Ministry!

Egg & sausage burritos
Egg & chorizo burritos
Egg & potato burritos

Tamales
Donuts
Coffee & Lemonade

==== Kid Zone ====

Coloring books table
Cornhole
Games table
Hula hoops

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Blood Drive

Mary Queen Catholic Church

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

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
— John 20:28

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April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, April 8

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 10

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 12

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 14

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48





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'That Man is You!' (TMIY)

The Spring 2024 Semester of the 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen that started on Wednesday, Jan. 24 continues to meet from 6-7 AM in the Main Hall.

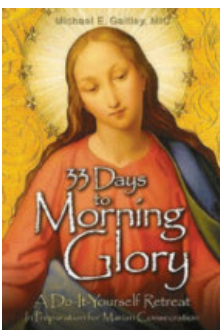
This is the 7th year of TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is 'Thy Kingdom Come.'

Registration is FREE! Please contact Eby Kurian to sign up.



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom - 24 Sessions

Bible Study group for adults meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM at Mary's House.



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?

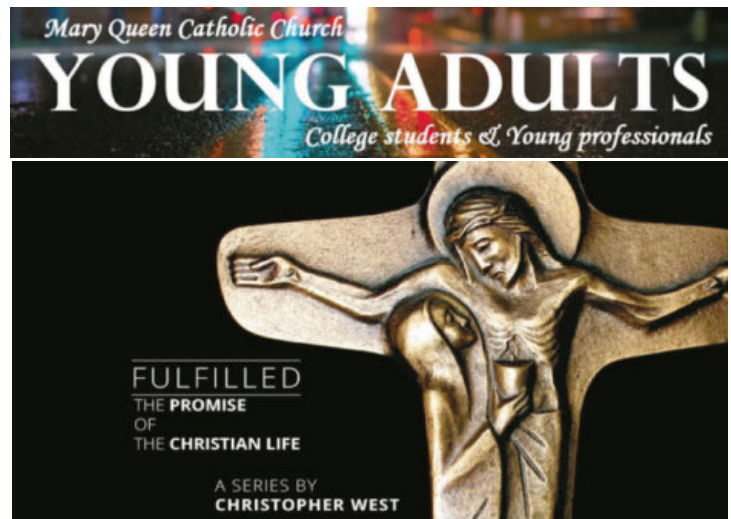
As St. Louis de Montfort said, "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint." If we are striving for sainthood, as we should, asking for the intercession of Mary is the ideal way to approach this eternal goal!

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 now open!

Visit our website at <https://bit.ly/AYC-24> to register and secure your spot today!
 A preliminary schedule can be found at <https://bit.ly/AYC-Sched>.



Our high school youth finished out their Lenten High School Bible Study during Holy Week!

First Holy Communion Dates

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



Final two classes of Elementary Faith

Tuesday class dates: April 9th, 16th
 Wednesday class dates: April 10th, 17th
 Absentee Policy is 4x for the year!

Our 4th and 5th graders acted out the Last Supper at Bible Infusion during Holy Week.

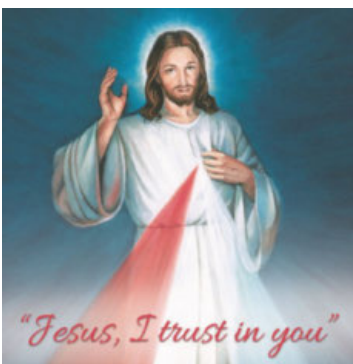
Thanks to all who played a role in helping make this a wonderful event for our Elementary Faith Families!



AROUND THE PARISH



TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – There will be a Holy Hour at 3:00 PM in St. Joseph Chapel which will include Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayers, and Benediction.



Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina (699)*
 ...My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole

ocean of graces upon souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

*Text taken from the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, "Divine Mercy in My Soul"

Thank you for praying for all the Elect & their Godparents, RCIA Candidates & their Sponsors, and 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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2024 Men's ACTS Retreat Registration- FINAL week to register!

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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LA SALETTE LAITY SUPPER CLUB

Friday, April 12th | Main Hall | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Our new Laity group is back again for another meeting! Even if you missed the last meetings, all are welcome! You do not need to be an existing Laity member to attend.

APRIL POTLUCK THEME: SALADS (of any type!)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Listening Sessions with Father Thomas will end this month!

Please contact John Laine in the Parish Office at jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org if you are interested in hosting an evening Listening Session on one of the following dates: April 14, 17, 26, 27, 28, or 29.



Family of the Month



In 1966, George went to work at NASA. Soon they began looking for a place to move to with good schools: Friendswood! Sandy, George, and Shonna (age 2) moved to Friendswood in 1967; Bryan was born in 1968. Both kids were confirmed at Mary Queen and were 12-year students at Mary Queen and Friendswood High School. Shonna was involved with band and Color Guard. She attended A&M where she met her husband Paul. They were married at Mary Queen and as happens in life, Paul's job called and they moved away with

their two children! Bryan was a Mustang football player; he married Leigh Ann they had their marriage blessed at Mary Queen. Their spiritual, social, and family life revolved around our church activities and the life-long friends they made at Mary Queen. In those days, the community of Mary Queen was only about 50 faithful families! The priests zoomed in from Houston for Mass on Sundays. Parishioners met in various places around town until we acquired the "little white house" (look for it in the Holy Spirit window in the Narthex). With these few faithful souls, God began His work!

Soon, a multipurpose building was built. George and other young men were busy growing a church! The building was used for many different things; the men moved hundreds of chairs, hundreds of times as the building was reconfigured for each event! George was active in whatever needed to be done: working Bingo, cooking, serving, ushering, and setting up for events. The Parish Festival started with a lively dance on Saturday night and festival on Sunday. The two days were hard! Sandy ran the Bean Bag booth for many years. The men started working days ahead of the festival borrowing tables and chairs from a KC Hall near Hobby. After work, they would get trailers and go load up tables and chairs, then reverse this after the festival. They had a good time working together!

Sandy was involved in the FIRST of these things: Pictorial Directory, Christmas Bazaar, VBS, CCD, and her favorite, RCIA in its early stages. They hosted RENEW in their home and were involved in most things in some way as worker bees.

In 2008, the bulletin said, "ACTS Retreat coming; theme: 'Be Still and Know That I Am God.'" Thus began the wonderful, JOYFUL movement in our parish: the ACTS community. Sandy met Sheri Barber at the retreat, and they formed a small group which is still going on today! They call themselves THE JOYFUL LIGHTS! The group of ladies gathers to celebrate God and COMMUNITY with study and projects throughout the year.

Sandy has been involved in various ladies' retreat committees as well as ACTS retreats. She has participated in the Women's Ministry, Queen's Bee Quilters, Gabriel Project, Christian Meditation Group, Food Pantry, Ministry of Care, La Salette Laity, and WWP. She is blessed to attend daily Mass and rosary. In 2012, George attended his ACTS retreat (Be Opened) with his good friend Ed Harris. It was a great experience for both of these super men. This ACTS community is a gift from God that has changed Mary Queen.

In September, George and Sandy will celebrate 60 years of marriage! They have had a wonderful life; George has been the great support of Sandy's life and in her many Mary Queen activities. They have been blessed with a super family! George, Shonna & Paul, Ryan, Krystina and Austin, and Bryan and Leigh Ann are their gifts from God. They have lived their lives in the loving embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LADIES BUNCO

Sponsored by Bay Area Deanery of Catholic Women.
Wednesday, April 17th
9:30 - 11:45 AM
St. Mary's, 816 Park Dr., La Porte, TX
\$5 per person
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Noon Mass to follow.

RSVP by April 15th for yourself and your friends to Terry Kelley at terrykelley91@hotmail.com or 281-827-4232.

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Magnify

Who do you say that I am?

April 13, 2024 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77024

Open to all young adults (ages 18-39)

Our agenda will include:

- Keynote in English/Spanish
- Workshop session in English/Spanish
- Communal prayer
- Mass
- Adoration
- Confession
- Social time

Registration
www.archgh.org/magnify

- Early Bird Registration: \$40 (register by March 18)
- Regular Cost: \$50 (register by April 12)
- At the door Registration Cost is: \$60

Dr. John Cavadini
Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame

Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS
Special Guest

"You are the Mission, the Son of the Living God"
Matthew 16:15-16

All young adults are invited to join us for Magnify at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston) on Saturday, April 13th, from 12 - 8 PM. Magnify, formerly known as the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day, will include a keynote speaker, workshops, Mass, and time for social activities. Our English Keynote is Dr. John Cavadini, a professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

This year's theme is "Who do you say that I am?"
(Matthew 16:15-16).

Early Bird registration is \$40 (register by March 18) or \$50 (register by April 12). Registration at the door is \$60.

All details for the day are available online at: www.archgh.org/magnify. This is a bilingual event with offerings available in English and Spanish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

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US Navy:

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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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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.

Join us for our Easter Parish Mission!



We are very excited to welcome Fr. Leo Patalinghug 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”

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Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.



The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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phone: 281-482-1391 x334
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Send Mass announcement requests to **Sofia Medrano** by the Tuesday before the requested Mass date. (Requests will be announced upon the pastor's approval.)

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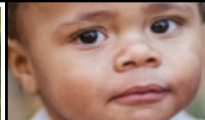
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