



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE

BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —

**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 14th

Parish Festival Tickets Sales (After All Masses)

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive & Coffee/Donuts (After All Masses)

3:45 PM - 6:45 PM ARK - Junior High Ministry - Youth Center

Monday, April 15th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Special Friends Program - Main Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting - Rm 114/115
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 452 Pack 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 Wolves Den Meeting - Rm 117
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Directors' Meeting - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM MQ ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Rm 125
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting - Youth Center

Tuesday, April 16th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
4:30 PM Exposition for Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom" - AFF - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Keeping In Balance Women's Bible Study-AFF-Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop Scout Committee Meeting - Rm 114/115

Wednesday, April 17th

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 Meeting - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing
Small Group & Bible Study - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Women's Ministry Meeting - Main Hall

Thursday, April 18th

Men's ACTS Retreat

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Send-Off - Youth Center
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High WWP Bible Study - Mini Hall
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Communion Rehearsal - Church
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA & Adult Confirmation Sessions - Main Hall

Friday, April 19th

Men's ACTS Retreat

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Romain-Torres - Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry - Bilingual Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, April 20th

Fr. Leo - Preaching - Easter Mission 2024 (At All Masses)

Parish Festival Tickets Sales (After All Masses)

Men's ACTS Retreat

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers - Mary's House
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Torres-Romain - Church
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church

MASS INTENTIONS

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 †Otillia Gregory, †Helen Bauer, Jackson Turner –
Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, April 15th

8:30 AM †Luke Patrick Mulleedy, †Bozena Hurkalo,
†Scordamalgia Family

Tuesday, April 16th

8:30 AM †Robert Austgen, †Vincenta Laurel, Nicole Patterson –
Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, April 17th

6:30 PM †William Rinehart, Zae Bernadette Sanchez, Patrick Ezeli

Thursday, April 18th

8:30 AM †Anna Herrick, Mary Reviere – Birthday Blessings,
George & Mildred Pesl– 71st Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Friday, April 19th

8:30 AM †Erminia Olivarez, †Magdaline Crasto, †Dan Foster

Saturday, April 20th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, April 21st

7:30 AM †Juan Brugueras, †Charles & †Philomena St. George,
†Lawrence Nguyen
9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Robert Burns, Living & Deceased Loved
Ones of Rick & Vera Smart
11:30 AM †Paul Gosselin, †Manuel Galindo, Rodney Gregory
4:30 PM †John Revell, Frank & MaryAnn Provinziano, David Ochoa –
Birthday Blessings

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 14

That we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 23, 2024 - March 29, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,679.10

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$40,419.17

Difference: (-\$740.07)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$513.10

Future Development & Maintenance: \$227.10

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,114.10

**Loan Balance as of April 5, 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

May 5 - Future Development & Maintenance

May 12 - Catholic Communications

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of April 5, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$79,296.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 215

Total Number of Gifts received: 311

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 April 5, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$561,494.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$591,091.54

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,136

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 274

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

Mary Queen, "the Model Parish":

We are setting our goal for Mary Queen as the model parish in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. We want to be at our best in every dimension and ministry of our parish life. We wish to not only strengthen our existing ministries but go beyond! To our hundreds of volunteers who selflessly and tirelessly give of your time, talent, and treasure: you are the backbone of our parish family! There aren't enough words to thank you for keeping our parish lively and active. In gratitude, we are holding a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, May 18th after 5:30 pm Mass. So, if you volunteer in any capacity, please plan on attending.

New Parish Directory:

We have close to 2,600 registered families. Only 600 families were included in the past parish directory. I appeal to every family to get your pictures taken to be included in our new parish directory. Your participation and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN on July 17-21, 2024:

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our parish life, and the Church will gather as one American family in this historic event, which expects almost 100,000 people to attend from across the country. Together, we will ask the Holy Spirit to revive our love of the Eucharist. I am so pleased to announce that there are 16 of us registered from Mary Queen who will attend. If anyone is still interested in attending, please call the parish office to assist you in registering. We are also looking into organizing another Eucharistic Procession in our parish at an appropriate time during this year.

"Bringing Them Back Home":

It has been noted that many parishioners might not have returned after the Covid pandemic. This project that the Parish Pastoral Council has undertaken will invite our parishioners and others who are currently not attending Mass and parish activities to return once again. We say we are one body and one spirit united as a parish family, but when one is absent, we are all affected. So, if you know any person or family not currently attending for various reasons, please help us extend a personal invitation to bring them home.

Introducing Parish Ministries:

Sofia, our Communications Coordinator, is contacting all ministries to record a short video about who they are and what they do in the parish. These videos will not only inform our parishioners about the ministry but will serve as an invitation to all to be part of a ministry. The videos will be available to view on our parish social media accounts and website. My goal is that every family will participate in at least one ministry.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending that he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if any, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

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April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, April 15

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 19

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 21

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18





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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.

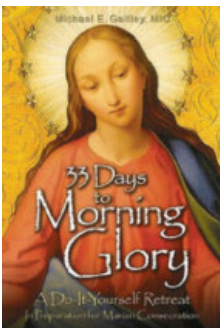
This is the 7th year of TMIY program in our parish, and this year's theme is 'Thy Kingdom Come.'

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?

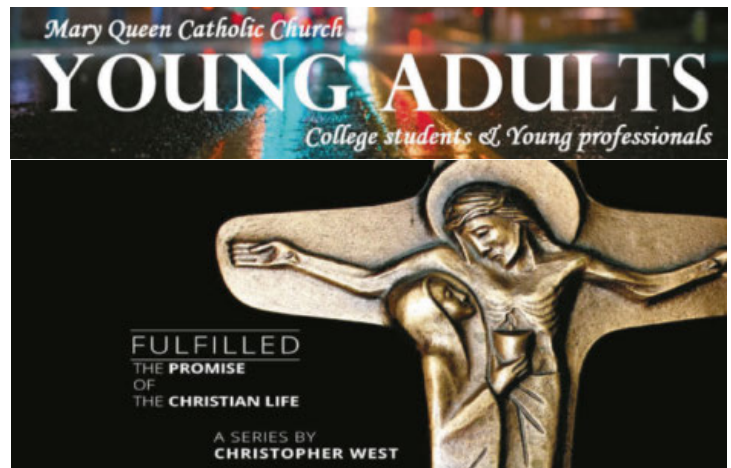
As St. Louis de Montfort said, "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint." If we are striving for sainthood, as we should, asking for the intercession of Mary is the ideal way to approach this eternal goal!

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 and above 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.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS (Adults) of the Catholic Church

James Aikens, Rosy Barrera, Anthony Garcia, Cristina Moore, Dillan Tipp, Christian Jauregui & Chase Haeske



who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Easter Vigil.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING THE NEWLY RECEIVED MEMBERS (Adults) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church



Jasmine Tolhurst, Jay Benavides, Pamela Bilnoski, Jacob Kimbrough, Christina Blackmon, Steven Tolhurst, Kassandra Garza, Jennifer Villanueva, Michael Fletcher, Mica Boettcher, Aaron Brunson & Brent Walker

who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday.
 -With Love & Prayers from 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>.

Welcome, Trey!

Our newest addition to our Faith Formation team, Trey Brock, joins us as our new Youth Director! Please give him a warm welcome when you see him!



First Holy Communion Dates

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



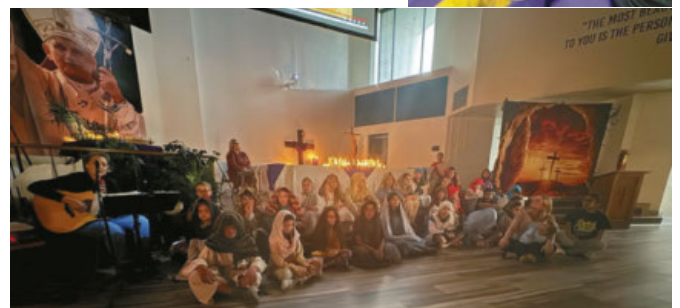
Final two classes of Elementary Faith

Tuesday class dates: April 16th
 Wednesday class dates: April 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

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! Next weekend - 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.

Thank you for your support of our First Annual Mary Queen 5K Fun Run/Walk!

Special thanks from our Creation Care Ministry to:

All volunteers

Father Thomas Vellappallil

Boy Scout Troop 452

Decal Sponsor:

Kevin Bruggamenn with Big City Manufacturing

T-Shirt Sponsors:

Lia Nguyen with Lighthouse Realty

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May is the Month of Mary! As the parish of Mary Queen, we will honor our heavenly mother during the month of May.

All are invited to participate in the Crowning of Mary on Wednesday, May 1st at the 6:30 PM Mass. All who attend are encouraged to bring a flower to honor Mary. Children are invited to process in with Father at the start of Mass and lay a flower at her feet.

We encourage you to take a "Pilgrimage with Mary" using our beautiful stained-glass windows in St. Joseph Chapel. A special display and prayers will be available throughout the month in the chapel to assist you in your pilgrimage to honor Mary. You are welcome to come anytime the chapel is open.

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.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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Saturday, May 18th | 6:30 PM

RSVP by April 28th at bit.ly/MQAppreciation



Please join us in praying for our Mary Queen children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 27th!

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Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council 8494 announces:

2024-2025 College Education Grant Applications

The Knights of Columbus Mary Queen Council 8494 are again pleased to announce that College Education Grant Applications for the school year beginning in the fall of 2024 will be available at the Reception desk in the Parish Office during regular office hours. You may also contact Terry Clark at terryc442@hotmail.com for an application, or you may use the following link for an electronic copy: <https://bit.ly/MQ-KC>.

Education Grants will be awarded to graduation high school students and college students who demonstrate financial need. Guidelines and requirements for the education grant applicants are included on the first page of the application. Application deadline: Fully completed applications and transcripts must be received by May 7th.

Contact Terry Clark at 281-992-0444 with any questions you may have.

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 17, 26, 27, or 28.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Sponsored by Bay Area Deanery of Catholic Women.
 Wednesday, April 17th
 9:30 - 11:45 AM
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RSVP by April 15th for yourself and your friends to Terry Kelley at terrykelley91@hotmail.com or 281-827-4232.



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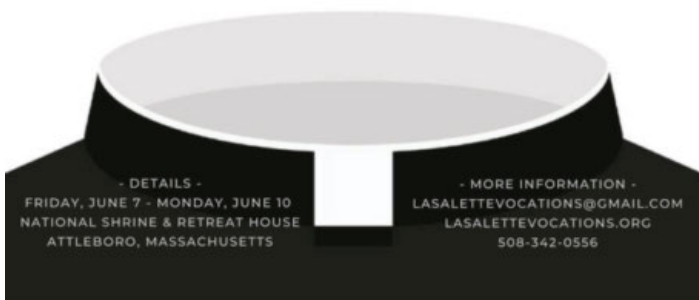
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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

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.

Easter Triduum: Thank You!

I heard a lot of compliments and great feedback for our celebrations during the Easter Triduum. Over 5,000 people attended Easter Sunday Masses, including the Easter Vigil. Fourteen people were brought into the Catholic faith as they were baptized and received the initial Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Thirteen people came into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Divine Mercy Sunday. We have reason to rejoice! Kudos to the Faith Formation Team headed by Eby Kurian, Carol Stuart, Tino Quiocho and Olivia Snyder. The music ministry led by Dylan Ramirez excelled during this sacred season. Our Arts and Environment Team headed by Carmen Laine decorated the church to its perfection as usual. Our Deacons, Chuck, Vince, Derek, Darrell, and Paul played such an impressive role in the smooth flow of our liturgical celebrations. To our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, ushers, acolytes, altar servers and our Safety Team: I am more than grateful to you for your service.

-Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS



Angels

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see. As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"



It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.)

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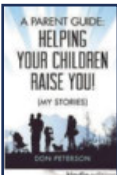


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