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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org www.lasalette.org

October 2, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

First Saturdays

8:30 a.m.

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Daily Rosary

after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

(except First Friday)

Reconciliation

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 p.m. Tuesday—5:45 p.m. Wednesday



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.



Pastor Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S.



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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.

Registration forms may be found in the Parish Office, Welcome Desk (in Church narthex), or on the 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.

Come Worship With Us!

Our Parish community worships together at Sunday Mass, Daily Masses, Holy Hour and Morning Prayer.

We pray the rosary after the 8:30 AM daily Masses (except Wednesdays & First Fridays).

Archives & Room Reservations

If you need to update your personal information in the parish database, have questions regarding Mass Intentions, need to request a copy of your baptism certificate, etc., please contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

All Ministries and Organizations who need to reserve a room and/or schedule events for the calendar need to contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-482-1391, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, or Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.





October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Sunday, October 2nd	
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Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Hispanic Ministry		
6:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Hispanic Ministry Taco Breakfast - Main Hall - Kitchen	
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	EFF - Mini Hall - Classrooms	
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lessons 12-13 - Youth Ministry - Youth Center	
Monday, October 3rd		
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Special Friends Meeting/Program - Main Hall	
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Men's Faith Sharing Small Group-AFF-Rm 110/Library	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 119	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting - Rm 116	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting - Rm 117	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Men's ACTS Coordinators Meeting - Mary's House	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Mini Hall	
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel	
Tuesday, October 4th		
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115	
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	WWP - "Touching The Divine" Women's Bible Study-	
	AFF - Main Hall - Kitchen	
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms	
4:30 PM	Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Chapel	
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room-	
	Church	
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms	
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Lesson 1 & 2 Make-Up - Youth Ministry -Youth Center	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Book of James Bible Study - AFF - Mary's House -	
	Maximin & Melanie Rooms	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	WWP - "Touching The Divine" Women's Bible Study-	
	AFF - Main Hall - Kitchen	
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church	
Wednesday, October 5th		
5:45 AM - 7:00 AM	"That Man Is You!" Year 6 - Theme: 'All Things New'-	
	Main Hall - Kitchen	
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall	
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Picnic on the Church Grounds Planning Meeting -	
	Rm 110/Library	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Face of the Reconciler Book Study - Rm 110/Library	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	La Salette Laity Meeting - Mini Hall	

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

Thursday, October 6th 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Friday, October 7th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 8th 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Woodworkers Workshop - Garage

EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms

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Parish Festival Meeting - Mary's House

Woodworkers Workshop - Garage

Reconciliation - EFF - Main Hall

Youth Ministry - Youth Center

WWP - Teen Girls Bible Study - Youth Center

Serenade Jesus Lessons - (6-12th Graders)

First Friday Adoration/Benediction - Chapel

Fun Ministry - EFF - Main Hall - Kitchen

Pumpkin Painting Contest - Pizza/Friday Family

Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

Men's ACTS Team Meeting/2022 - Main Hall-Kitchen

RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Mini Hall - Kitchen

Reconciliation - Church

Feast of St. Francis Celebration - Church Grounds Reconciliation - Church

Saturday, October 1st

8:30 AM **†**Catherine Walbe, Frater Gereon Maxwell Mullenax, Mary Queen Ministries

5:30 PM †Dave Bahr & †Louis Fricano, †Generosa & †Ireneo Abella, Sr., †Mary Bonano

Sunday, October 2nd

7:30 AM †Msgr. Seth Hermoso, Miles Libby, Chigozie & Ngozi Achife & Family

†Elizabeth Cahoon, †Remigio Tolentino, †Amanda Gross 9:30 AM 11:30 AM **†**Frank & **†**Carlotta Garza, **†**Giorgian ZeKay,

†Thomas & **†**Jean Maloney

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, October 3rd

†Maria Gutierrez, †Catherine Ezeli, Living & Deceased 8:30 AM Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

Tuesday, October 4th

†Luz Martinez Garcia, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of 8:30 AM the Chatron Family, For the Strengthening of Family Life

Wednesday, October 5th

†Ann Balcer, †Celia G. Lucero, Living & Deceased Loved 6:30 PM Ones of Celine Cordary

Thursday, October 6th

8:30 AM †Marian Grygier, †Allen Brandt, Ceil & Richard Greer – 50th Anniversary Blessings

Friday, October 7th

8:30 AM †Joseph & †Margaret Soma, †Genevieve Witkowski, Brother Roger Clement - 62nd Year of Religious Life

Saturday, October 8th

All Our Mary Queen Parishioners 5:30 PM

Sunday, October 9th

7:30 AM **†**Catherine Walbe, Michah Wiggins, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin

†Dan Foster, †Roger Souliere, Chris Kennard 9:30 AM

11:30 AM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Binh Dang, Phil & Denise Landis – Anniversary Blessings

4:30 PM †Amanda Gross, †Matha Sane Nguyen, †Francis Achife



Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.

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TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

Offertory: September 17 - September 23, 2022 This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,304.80 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$35,416.67

Difference: \$888.13

MP-Debt Reduction: \$799.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$331.00
Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,170.00

Loan Balance as of September 16, 2022 was \$1,923,865.28.

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

October 9 - Future Development and Maintenance
October 16 - DSF Sunday (4th Commitment Weekend)

October 23 - Propagation of the Faith - World Mission Sunday

Diocesan Services Fund 2022 DSF Summary as of September 26, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$144,720.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 347

Total Number of Gifts received: 743

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 September 26, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$392,177.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$589,036.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,175

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 269

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.



Give through our app!
Text MARYQUEENAPP to 77977
to download it today!

Not good with apps but still want to give online? Visit our website or scan the QR code.



DSF Commitment Weekend is October 15th & 16th! Envelopes can be found in the Narthex.



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
- 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 www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/





Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office to inquire about preparation for Baptism.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the church Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church or by appointment.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

Youth Sacrament Classes are beginning soon! For more information or to register your child, contact Carol Stuart in the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes are beginning soon! For more information or to register your child, contact Terri Ryan at the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Engaged couples or couples interested in validating their marriage through the Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance for preparation.



Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Religious Order of priests serving Mary Queen are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. To learn more about their order or our Vocations Ministry, visit our website.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, contact Eby Kurian at the Parish Office.



24 Hour Adoration

4:30 PM on Tuesday to 5:45 PM on Wednesday St. Joseph Chapel

First Friday Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Joseph Chapel

Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to spend quiet time with Jesus and in prayer.



Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, October 9 2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday**, **October 9**, **at 2:00 PM** in St. Joseph's Chapel. Please come and join us in prayer for all human life from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5). ©LPi





MARY QUEEN PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS

November 6th, 2022 12:30 - 4:00 PM following the 11:30 AM Mass Join us for food, fun & games! Games: sack races, three-legged races, tug of war Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets!

> Soft drink donations needed-Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, bottled water (can be dropped off in the Parish Hall)









Sunday, October 30, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Main Hall

Mary Queen Catholic Church 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood 77546



Schedule an appointment please visit https://tinyurl.com/mqcc1022



Appreciation t-shirt, snacks & refreshments provided for donors

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Join Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S. for a 7-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mexico

Teotihuacan – Puebla – Coyoacan – Xochimilco – Mexico City, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Tulpetlac

> March 12—18, 2023 \$2,400.00 per person









Includes: First-Class Hotels – Double Occupancy, 2 Meals a day, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, Airport Taxes. For more information, please contact the tour coordinator, Adela Castro (281) 798-5186 / amcastro1@verizon.net or visit https://nativitypilgrimage.com/frjim-friendswood.

A \$300 deposit holds your place and you can make payments as you can.

La Salette Reflections Fr. Rene Butler, M.S., and Wayne Vanasse



Increase our Faith

(27th Ordinary Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1: 6-14; Luke 17:5-10)

When the apostles asked Jesus, "Increase our faith," they were implying two things: first, that they already had it; and second, that it was his responsibility to improve it.

Why would they expect him to do that? Surely they themselves were accountable. Jesus' reply seems almost to say that their faith, if genuine, was perfectly adequate.

Still, there are some basic practices that can increase. or even restore, faith. At La Salette, Mary reminds us of simple morning and night prayers, keeping holy the Lord's day, observing the discipline of Lent.

She says, "If they are converted,"—which might include, for example, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on a monthly basis. Our Weeping Mother suggests, as Jesus did with the mustard seed, that if our faith is genuine, we would see wonders: rocks turned into heaps of wheat, and potatoes self-sown in the fields. Conversion can always be deeper. Faith can always be stronger. Though the Lord looks kindly on our efforts, they are never good enough without his help.

In the second reading, St. Paul says much the same to Timothy when he writes, "Guard this rich trust [God's gift] with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in its very first paragraph, describes this gift: "God..., in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life."

In the first reading, when Habakkuk seems to be on the verge of despair, the Lord promises him, "The just one, because of his faith, shall live." Constancy, therefore, is essential to growth in our life of faith.

So, too, is humility. We see this in the second part of the gospel, a parable about servants.

In this passage, Jesus is telling us that we are called to do more; it is not enough for us to just be. "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.""

Jesus is not criticizing our efforts, but inviting us to be always willing to serve. When God asks for more, let us give more. Like Mary, let us give our all!

Wayne Vanasse and Fr. René Butler, M.S.



Daily Readings

Sunday, October 2

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-1

Monday, October 3

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 5

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 7

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 8

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 9

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



PRAY & REFLECT

October 2, 2022 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

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Fall 2022 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen started on Wednesday, September 14th and meets from 5:45 am - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.

This is the 6th Year of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is 'All Things New.'

Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new." The profundity of the Scriptures sets the stage for a renewal of mind and heart – a new creation story, a new Adam, a new Eve, a new covenant and even a new kingdom! Encounter God the Father. Meet your spiritual father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ and allow mercy to consume your miseries. Seize the day!

Join us for food, fellowship and faith! 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.



Welcome to Walking with Purpose, a Woman's Program. This season we will offer *Touching The Divine*. This 22-lesson Bible study focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

The Fall semester will begin on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, through November 15, 2022.

The Spring semester will begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, through April 18, 2023 (no session on March 14, 2023, due to Spring Break).

We will offer two sessions for you to choose from for each semester which will meet weekly in the Main Hall at Mary Queen at 10:30am and 7:00pm.

Use QR Code to learn more about the Walking With Purpose Program at Mary Queen.

For more information please contact:

Pastoral Coordinator
Terri Kettle at 713-560-4503

Operations CoordinatorRobyn Culling at 281-229-4881

Email: wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com





The RCIA: A Journey of Faith

Since Jesus invited His first followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way... we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love. Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration and community – five basic elements that are present in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community. The purpose of the RCIA is literally "the making of Christians", for as Tertullian in the 4th century wrote "Christians are made, not born."

Join us on the journey....

You are cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending open informational sessions on Thursdays, starting with dinner at 6:30 PM and a presentation followed by small group discussions from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Mini Hall.

This invitation is extended to:

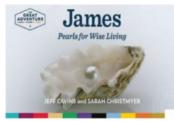
- anyone who has never been baptized and/or has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith

We welcome all inquiries and look forward to accompanying you soon. Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & RCIA at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

or call 281-482-1391, Ext. 319.

Book of James Bible Study

Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department will be offering a Jeff Cavins video study on the Book of James starting Tuesday, September 20th from



7:00 - 8:30 pm in Mary's House. In this 11-session program, presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel, the book of James will help you discover wisdom you can apply to the present.

The Book of James study will be offered in person. For more information, please contact Ken Bueche at kbueche1@att.net or call 713.410.8369.



Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent **Catechesis & Evangelization** 281-482-1391 Ext. 317 trvan@marvqueenchurch.org

Welcome Back to all registered High School teens to CAST faith formation night. All CAST meetings are from 5:45pm-7:15pm. Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Nov 13th Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th



Welcome Back to all registered Jr High youth to Ark Sundays. All Ark meetings are from 3:00pm-4:15pm. Below are the upcoming meeting dates:



Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, (23rd TBD)

Nov 13th

Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th

Open Hours for High School Teens at the St. Charbel Youth Center are Thursdays from 4pm-7pm.



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Blaze Masterpiece

St. Charbel Mary Queen September 28th

PM

https://maryqueencatholicchurch.org/campinstallment-payments

> Contact Terri Ryan: tryan@maryqueenchurch.org 281-482-1391



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation 281-482-1391 Ext. 333 cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org

K-5th Grade Elementary Faith Formation Year is beginning!

Please walk your child into class for a meet and greet with the teacher, then attend our parent meeting on the first date of class listed below. (You have already registered and received notification from us. This is a reminder that our first classes will begin at the listed times below.)

Thursday 1st Reconciliation Class Times:

10/6/22

2nd Grade (typically) Student & Parent Meetings 6:30-8:00pm

*A light dinner will be served

Reminder to First Reconciliation/ **First Holy Communion Parents**

Official (not original) Baptismal Certificate required by 10/31/22

We require a copy of the official Baptism Certificate for your child to receive sacraments at Mary Queen Catholic Church.

This official certificate must be dated and signed within the past 6 months. Please do not provide a ceremonial certificate.

If the official baptismal certificate is in a language other than English, please provide the certificate along with a translation on a separate paper.

You may either drop if off at the receptionist desk at Mary Queen or email this as an attachment to: arichards@maryqueenchurch.org

Negligence to provide this certificate by the end of October 2022 will result in your child being unable to participate in Sacraments this year.

LIMITED MARY QUEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP OUT ONCE OR EVERY TIME!









the calendar year (any time) 1st Reconciliation Team

Help set up and clean up our food for 1st Reconciliation!

10/6, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3 October 30th after 11:30AM Mass Thursdays 5:45-6:45PM



Pumpkins, Painting, & Pizza

The FIRST Friday Family Fun Ministry will be hosting our 1st event on Friday, October 7th from 6:00-8:00pm with a Pumpkin Painting Contest & Pizza. All families are welcome to come and bring the whole family! We will provide all the paint and painting supplies for you to turn



your family's pumpkin into a work of art. All you will need to bring with you is a pumpkin for your family to paint (carving sized pumpkins will work best). We will have prizes for the best painted pumpkins! We will also serve pizza and drinks.

Save The Date! HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT



From 2 PM-4 PM on Sunday, October 30th, Mary Queen will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for all children of the parish. We are looking for trunks from families, ministries, etc. If you are interested in volunteering your trunk, please let us know.

In addition to the trunks, we will host several spooktacular games and a hayride. To volunteer your trunk and/or if you have questions, please contact Stephanie Hermes by telephone at (281) 610-6267 or email at stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Council Nominations

Mary Queen parishioners are invited to nominate members to the Pastoral Council. A pastoral council is a consultative body in parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that



serves to advise the parish priest about pastoral issues. The council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect, and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest as appropriate.

The nominee must be a registered, confirmed member in full communion with the Catholic Church and 18 years of age or older. Pastoral Council members serve a 3 year term and are elected through a discernment process. Nominees must be present for the Day of Discernment, 1:00 – 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 9th. The nominees must also commit to monthly Council meetings (third Thursday of the month) and extracurricular responsibilities. Parishioners may self-nominate to serve on the Pastoral Council.

To submit a nomination, visit our website at https://maryqueencatholicchurch.org/pastoral-council to download a form. Please email the completed nomination form to Stephanie Hermes from the Pastoral Council at stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com. There are also nomination forms available in the narthex at the welcome desk.

2022 Men's ACTS Retreat Registration is open!

This 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat is scheduled for December 1st– 4th, 2022, with a theme of "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" Matthew 3:11.



The goal of this retreat is to deepen relationships with Jesus Christ, renew ourselves spiritually, give new meaning to our prayer life and Sunday liturgy and build lasting friendships with members of

our parish. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday with a meal of fellowship in the Main Hall at Mary Queen Church following the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Round-trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from Mary Queen Church. The Retreat will be held at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX. Registration forms can be picked up in the

Parish Center or found on the parish website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/2022-mens-acts-retreatant-registration.

If you have any questions, please contact: Director - Miguel Camacho, (281) 513-2618, cammi1227@yahoo.com





mgmhouston2010@gmail.com
Co-Director - Josh Clark Sr., (832) 385-8932,

Dcn. Chuck Turner - Spiritual Companion, (832) 618-4647, deaconchuck@maryqueenchurch.org



stmichael9707@gmail.com

Our ACTS community is an integral part of the Mary Queen family in helping our fellow parishioners attain a deeper relationship with the Lord through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The ACTS Core Team supports this mission by serving as the decision making body of the ACTS community and is

made up of a dedicated group of volunteers who give of their time and talents to support our retreats, directors, teams and retreatants so that we may all follow the ACTS mission.

ACTS does not exist without a Core team of volunteers willing to serve to keep the ministry alive and flourishing. Our Mary Queen ACTS Core Team has several Core positions currently open and we are looking for current members of the ACTS community to step into these roles to help us continue to fulfill our commitment to service. To serve on Core, a member should:

- 1. Be a practicing Catholic and a registered parishioner of Mary Queen
- 2. Have attended an ACTS retreat and served on at least one ACTS retreat team
- 3. Demonstrate servant leadership

The Core team meets once a month on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The time requirement to serve as part of Core is limited. We are accepting discernment forms for the following Core positions: Co-Facilitator (woman), Retreat Support Coordinators (man and woman- This position must be filled by a former retreat director), Financial Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Retreat Supply Coordinators (man and woman).

Descriptions of the duties of the open Core positions and discernment forms can be found at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/acts. If you are interested in deepening your service to our Mary Queen ACTS community

and would like to apply for one of the above Core positions, please complete the discernment form and return to William Stone at wlstone65@gmail.com. You may also email William if you have any additional questions.

Guidelines for 2023 Scheduled Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2023 will be accepted starting on Monday, October 3rd at 9 AM. You may submit your scheduled Mass Intention form electronically or in-person.

The Electronic Mass Intention Form may be found on the website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org (home page, left side). The form will be available on our website at the beginning of October. Please do not submit your electronic request until 9 AM on October 3rd. You may also drop off your scheduled Mass Intention form with payment at the Reception Desk in the Parish Hall, starting on October 3rd. Forms may be found on our website at the above address, or you may request one from the Parish receptionist during business hours. All Mass Intentions requests that are submitted to the receptionist must be on the Mass Intention form and clearly legible.

When filling out your scheduled Mass Intention form either through our website or one to be turned into the office, please include the preferred date and an alternate date for each request. If you do not list an alternate date and your preferred date is unavailable, an alternate date will be selected for the Mass Intention. Please make a copy of your requested 2023 scheduled Mass Intentions, as you will only be contacted if one of your dates(s) is not available. Calls or emails will not be made confirming your selection of Scheduled Masses, if there is no conflict. If you drop off your Mass Intention form with the receptionist, checks should be made out to Mary Queen Catholic Church. Cash is also accepted. The suggested Mass Intention stipend is \$5 per Mass for either a scheduled or unscheduled Mass Intention.

Each family has a limit of 12 Scheduled Mass Intentions per year. Any scheduled Mass Intentions that you request throughout the year, will be counted towards these 12. If you request 12 scheduled Mass Intentions on October 3rd for 2023, you have met your limit for 2023. We will not be able to schedule anymore Mass Intentions for you during 2023. In addition, each family will only be able to schedule up to three Mass Intentions for any given Saturday/Sunday Mass for the year. For example, you may only schedule three Mass Intentions for the Sunday, 4:30 Mass for 2023. The remainder of your scheduled Mass Intentions should be for another Mass, either on a Saturday/Sunday or a weekday.

If you have used up all 12 of your Scheduled Mass Intentions during 2022, we have several options for a Mass Intention. You may request an unscheduled Mass Intention, which is not published in the bulletin or said aloud during Mass. This must be done in person, in the office, during business hours. Only cash is accepted for an unscheduled Mass Intention. Another option is to request a Mass through the La Salette Missionary Association. These Masses are offered by the Missionaries of La Salette around the world. Information and cards are available at the receptionist desk during business hours.



Mary Queen welcomes our newest Child of God into the Catholic Faith

September Baptisms

Brooks David Brezina Savanah Grace Erenwert Emerson Claire Gomez Dane Collier Laird Ellen Jo Laird Hudson Stephen Reinert

Annual Wreath Sale

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Seafarer Boxes

In coordination with Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women, we will be collecting items for the Seafarer's coming into the Port of Galveston. We package and wrap the boxes and deliver them to the port. This may be the only gift sailors get while working at sea this Christmas.

This year we are asking for only a few items as we are coordinating our efforts with area Deanery Churches. Items needed are: Hairbrush/Combs, Disposable Razors, Chapstick, Nail Clippers, Ink Pens and Deck of Cards/Card Games. Full sized boxed Puzzles are also requested for the ship.

Any of these items are appreciated and may be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the Parish Center and the Church Narthex now through Sunday, October 16th. For additional information, please contact Lisa Sokora at ksokora@comcast.net or 281-814-4597. We do not need shoeboxes this year.

All Women are Invited to Join Bay Area Deanery of Catholic Women (BADCCW) - making 100 CHRISTMAS BOXES for SEAFARERS. Wed. Oct 19, 2022 @ St. Bernadette, 15500 El Camino Real, Houston, in the Marius Room of the PLC. 9:30 am- social, 10 am- preparing boxes begins. We hope you can join us even if not donating. Please contact Susie (sbalfour2009@gmail.com) if you are able to donate. Items still needed: men's socks, whistle, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, dental floss, band aids, combo body wash, shampoo, conditioner, gold bond power/cream, earbuds, USB flash drive/thumb drive to save family photos.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade

105th Anniversary of the Fatima Message

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face?



In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

What: Pray The Holy Rosary & be part of an annual nationwide Rosary Rally

Where: In front of the Veterans Memorial (next to City Hall) 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas (bring a chair if needed)

When: Saturday, October 15, 2022, 11:50 am to 12:30 pm

For more information, call or text: Stephanie Rinaldis-Monroig at 570-809-3557.

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima campaign, visit www.ANF.org.

The Season of Pope Francis A 5-part speaker series on Pope Francis' writings

The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette and La Salette Retreat and Conference Center invite you to participate in a brand new online and FREE PROGRAM entitled, "The Season of Pope Francis."

It is intended to help you better understand Pope Francis' vision of today's Church.

The new FREE ONLINE program will consist of five sessions.

Each session will present one of the four Apostolic

Exhortations and one Encyclical written by Pope Francis.

To register, please go to:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/the-season-of-pope-francis

Bay Area Veterans Quilt Project

The City of League City is partnering with quilters Sheryl Hayslip-Bahena—from Teo's Treasures Quilt Shop in Dickinson—and Mitzi Leatherman, who are spearheading a project to bring awareness to wounded veterans, the lasting effects of PTSD, and to the family members of veterans who have lost their lives to PTSD or to an injury while serving our country.

The two ladies are on a mission to collect 500 handmade quilts to distribute on November 11, 2022 to veterans and to their surviving family members. The quilts will be distributed at a luncheon and ceremony on Veterans Day at Hometown Heroes Park in League City.

To receive a quilt: If you're a veteran or surviving family member of a veteran and would like to request a quilt, go to leaguecity.com/quilt.

To support the project: If you would like to make or donate a quilt, email mitzileatherman03@gmail.com or call Teo's Treasures Quilt Shop at 281-532-6248. Quilts do NOT need to have a patriotic theme or color palette.



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

US Air Force:

A1C Jake Ainsworth, SSgt Chris Aubuchon, Capt James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, A1C Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, Capt James Gregory, A1C Jasper Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, Capt Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Maj. Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, 2d Lt Harrison Spexarth, C3C Jackson Spexarth, Col Brandon Sokora, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, SGT Zachary Cripps, MAJ Michael Moad, CPT Brandon Nesrsta, LTC Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SPC Kaitlyn Strassner, Sgt Emmanuel Thomas MAJ Brian Y'Barbo

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, CPL Michael Gray, Lt Col Andrew Kelemen, Maj Norman Renfro

US Navy:

PO1 Chase Bourque, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith, CDR Mike Svatek, LTJG Kelli Svatek

US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

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!**

Communications Guidelines & Deadlines

For bulletin, website, social media, or eNews requests, please contact Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator, at smedrano@maryqueenchurch.org or call 281-482-1391.

Pulpit announcement requests should be sent via email to Sofia Medrano by the Tuesday before the requested mass date. Requests will be announced upon the pastor's approval.

Please send bulletin submissions by noon. Submission dates listed below. Submit Word, Publisher or PDF files only.

October 9—Already submitted

October 16—October 6

October 23—October 13

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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



October 1st through October 7th

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(s) or friend(s) who are in need of special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List.

You may do so by contacting Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.

Mary's Chain of Love Ministry

(Crochet & Crafts)

Come Pray & Crochet With Us!

Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM in Rm 114/115



We specialize in prayer shawls and lap blankets for those in need of comfort, hats and scarves for the homeless, hats for cancer patients (for children and for adults), baby layettes, and much more. If you have a need for something else, let us know - we can do almost anything!

Want to learn to crochet? We will

teach you. Don't have time for a lot of meetings? We will give you a project. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Dittrich at 832-282-6346 or at dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com.

Why Deacons?

Come for a unique look at the Diaconate as Deacons and their wives break open this question.



Join us at St. Clare of Assisi on **Thursday**, **November 10th from 7:00-9:00 PM** at the Family Life Center - Wives are welcomed.

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Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better gathers on the second Friday of every month from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
Newcomers are invited to play games and have fun with fellow parishioners!



For additional information, please contact Vinnie Saccomanmo at

281-648-9551 or Peggie Madison at 281-482-2860.

Mary Queen Seniors (60+)

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM. The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact Jo Ann Truman at 281-923-3098.



Violent Conflicts



Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken



sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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