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Our Lady of La Salette

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October 9, 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



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?  
Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner  
returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him,  
"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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



**Pastor**

Rev. James H. Kuczynski,  
M.S.



**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Sibi Kunninu,  
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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**2023 Mass Intentions**

We are accepting Mass Intention requests for 2023. You may submit them electronically on our website or you may come to the office to request them. Every family has a limit of 12 requests for the year and only three requests per weekend Mass time for the year will be accepted. Suggested stipend is \$5. If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please call Anita Shorosky at the Mary Queen office.



**October: Month of the Holy Rosary**

**Sunday, October 9th**

**Men's ACTS Retreat Bake Sale (After All Masses)**

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pastoral Council Day of Discernment - Mary's House
- 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lessons 14 - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Mini Hall

**Monday, October 10th**

- 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 - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Meeting - Mini Hall

**Tuesday, October 11th**

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"-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
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Lesson 3 Make-Up - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Book of James Bible Study - AFF - Mary's House
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"-AFF- Main Hall-Kitchen
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

**Wednesday, October 12th**

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" Year 6 - Main Hall - Kitchen
- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
- 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 EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation - Church
- 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WWP - Teen Girls Bible Study - Youth Center
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
- 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church
- 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Vocation Ministry Meeting - Mary's House

**Thursday, October 13th**

- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop - Rm 114/115
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Main Hall
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Serenade Jesus Lessons - (6-12th Graders)
- Youth Ministry - Youth Center
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 114/115
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Team Meeting/2022 - Main Hall-Kitchen
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions"- Mini Hall - Kitchen
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

**Friday, October 14th**

- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better - Mini Hall

**Saturday, October 15th**

**Scout Pack #452 Popcorn Sales (After All Masses)**

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Private Baptism - Tribunal Priest (Fr. Jim) - Church
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Private Baptism - Gorman (Fr. Bob - St. Bernadette)- Church
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



**Saturday, October 8th**

- 5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

**Sunday, October 9th**

- 7:30 AM †Catherine Walbe, Michah Wiggins, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin
- 9:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Roger Souliere, Chris Kennard
- 11:30 AM †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Binh Dang, Phil & Denise Landis – Anniversary Blessings
- 4:30 PM †Amanda Gross, †Matha Sane Nguyen, †Francis Achife

**Monday, October 10th**

- 8:30 AM †Frank Sckeidler, †Bob Zehentner, Sr., Frater Gereon Maxwell Mullenau – Name Day Blessings

**Tuesday, October 11th**

- 8:30 AM †Bernard Piotrowski, †John & †Evelyn Monnat, JoAnn Hlavenka

**Wednesday, October 12th**

- 6:30 PM †Ernest Heeb, †Mike Vukelich, Respect Life

**Thursday, October 13th**

- 8:30 AM †Edwina Hernandez, Brother Roger Clement, M.S. – Birthday Blessings, Robert & Melissa Mullenax – Anniversary Blessings

**Friday, October 14th**

- 8:30 AM †Dolores Prindiville, †Andrew, †Mary, & †Gerry Sama, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Mariella & Ed Gasparini

**Saturday, October 15th**

- 5:30 PM Matthew Briscoe, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

**Sunday, October 16th**

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Jesus Gudeloso, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Smart, Briggs & Cormier Families
- 11:30 AM †Denzil Gomez, †Amanda Gross, Keith Tinnin
- 4:30 PM †Peter Ani, †Robert Hines, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Robert & Phyllis Rinehart

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 9**

That we regularly take time to thank God for all the blessings He bestows on us.

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: September 24 - September 30, 2022

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$33,637.71

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$35,416.67

**Difference:** (-\$1,778.96)

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$329.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$211.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$1,435.00

**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 16 - DSF Sunday (4th Commitment Weekend)**

**October 23 - Propagation of the Faith - World  
Mission Sunday**

**November 1 - All Saints**

**November 6 - Retired Priests**

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2022 DSF Summary as of October 3, 2022**

**Parish Goal:** \$178,500.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$151,334.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 351

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 762

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of October 3, 2022**

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$394,164.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$589,036.28

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,187

**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](http://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  
next weekend!  
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>
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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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/](http://www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/)

# - SACRAMENTS -



## **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.



# Eucharistic Adoration

## **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

## **Respect Life Holy Hour**

Moved to Sunday, October 16

2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a  
Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday,  
October 16, 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.



# Live the Liturgy

Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When  
we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation  
experienced forms a bond between the giver and  
receiver. This can only happen when abundance and  
kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to  
which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more  
profound when we realize all that we are and all we are  
given do not have a human source but are of God.  
Walking around believing that our glass is only half full  
leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied.  
We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of  
whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to  
count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and  
beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they  
take another step or venture off on another journey, they  
bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They  
are most keenly aware that all would cease to be  
without God.

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**GOLF**
  
*-Tournament-*
  

  
**OCTOBER 10th!**

**Golfcrest Country Club, Pearland**  
 If you are interested in playing, contact:  
 Ken Homburg, Tournament Chairman  
 (281) 734-7205 Cell

Applications to enter a team can be found at the greeter desk in the Narthex and the receptionist desk in the Parish offices.

**Blood Drive**

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
**MD Anderson Cancer Center**  
Making Cancer History®


  
**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>

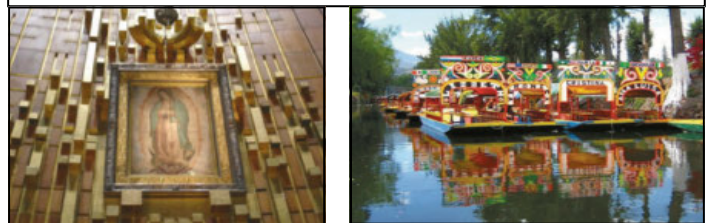

  
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**Join Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S.**  
**for a 7-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mexico**

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

**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](mailto:amcastro1@verizon.net) or visit <https://nativitypilgrimage.com/frjim-friendswood>.

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

**MARY QUEEN**  
**PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS**

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**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!**

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



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



**Gratitude for Healing**

*(28th Ordinary Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19)*

Since we are going to reflect on gratitude, we begin by thanking all of you, our faithful readers, and those among you who occasionally send helpful and encouraging comments.

We will also be discussing healing. In today's first reading, one leper, Naaman, is healed, while in the gospel ten lepers are healed. Expressions of faith and gratitude follow these healings.

Our Lady of La Salette wept over the death of children and the famine that had already begun to ravage Europe. The cause was a sort of leprosy, not of persons but of the staple foods. Mary spoke of spoiled wheat and potatoes, rotting grapes and worm-eaten walnuts. The despair provoked by all this was not unlike that experienced by lepers, even in modern times.

In a prophetic vision of abundance, the Beautiful Lady promised healing for the earth, so to speak, and relief from famine for her people.

Naaman returned to Elisha, saying, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." Note why, when, and how his gratitude is expressed. The why is self-evident. The when: as soon as possible. The how: by offering gifts to Elisha, yes, but at a deeper level by his conversion to the faith of Israel.

Naaman plunged into the Jordan seven times. The action makes us think of baptism; the number reminds us of the sacraments, perpetual memorials of our conversion to God's love.

Pilgrims to La Salette often return home with water from the spring where Mary appeared. Naaman took two mule-loads of earth, to use as a sort of prayer mat, as a permanent reminder of God's mercy.

In the gospel, ten lepers were cleansed. One "realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Jesus then told him: "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Cleansed, healed, saved. Such are the signs, fruits, and even sometimes the cause of conversion. The exact order is of little importance. What matters most is that, once we have first-hand knowledge of God's mercy, we live grateful and faithful lives.

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

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday, October 9**

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

**Monday, October 10**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 11**

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday, October 12**

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday, October 13**

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday, October 14**

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday, October 15**

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday, October 16**

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8



**October 9, 2022**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.



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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 began on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, and will end on 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.

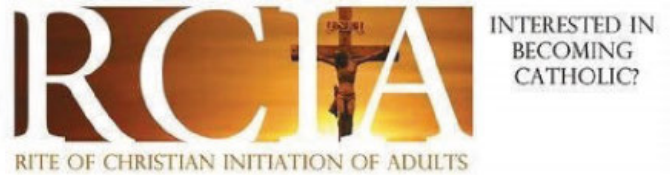
Use QR Code to learn more about the Walking With Purpose Program at Mary Queen.



For more information please contact:

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Terri Kettle at 713-560-4503

**Operations Coordinator**  
Robyn Culling at 281-229-4881  
Email: [wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org) or call 281-482-1391, Ext. 319.

### Book of James Bible Study



Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department is offering a Jeff Cavins video study on the Book of James on Tuesdays, 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](mailto:kbueche1@att.net) or call 713.410.8369.





**Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization**  
 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317  
[tryan@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:tryan@maryqueenchurch.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 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 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.



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*This Bible study is for leading girls to a deeper relationship with Christ. It is for High school aged teens (9th-12th grade)"*

<u>Where:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
St. Charbel Youth Center @ Mary Queen	Wednesdays beginning September 28th	7:00-8:00 PM

**Registration: \$20**  
<https://maryqueencatholicchurch.org/camp-installment-payments>

Contact Terri Ryan:  
[tryan@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:tryan@maryqueenchurch.org)  
 281-482-1391



**Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation**  
 281- 482-1391 Ext. 333  
[cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org)

**Latest Announcements for K-5th Grade Elementary Faith Formation**

**Tuesday and Wednesday Faith Formation Classes:**  
 Please direct your children to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

**Sunday Classes (RCIA YR 1 & 2 and K):**  
 All classes meet from 9:30-10:45am

**Sunday Classes (RCIA Year 2):**  
 All classes meet Sundays at 9:30am

The following dates are exceptions listed below (for **RCIA YEAR 2 ONLY**):

Oct. 23rd- Family Session from 10:45-11:45am  
 Oct. 30th- Rite of Welcome (baptized) and Rite of Acceptance (unbaptized) attend 11:30am Mass (meet in the Mini Hall at 11:00am)

Oct. 30th- Following the 11:30am Mass:  
 ALL SAINTS DAY Live Wax Museum

Our Saint Students will gather in the Narthex at 11:15am. Following Mass, we will have a Live Wax Museum outside of the Church.

Our students will become versed in a saint, dressing up to depict their saint and share their knowledge with parishioners.

Need the calendar of class dates?  
 Visit [maryqueencatholicchurch.org/elementary-faith-formation](http://maryqueencatholicchurch.org/elementary-faith-formation) under the "Documents" section for a copy of the Elementary Faith Formation Calendar.

**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 off at the receptionist desk at Mary Queen or email this as an attachment to: [arichards@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto: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.

# AROUND THE PARISH

## First Friday Family Fun!



### 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](mailto:stephaniehermes10@yahoo.com).



## Mary Queen Ministry Fair

Saturday, October 22nd  
&  
Sunday, October 23rd

Are you looking for a way to share your time and talents with the Lord?

Please join us for the Ministry Fair after all the Masses on the Plaza.

Members from the various Mary Queen Ministries will be present to share their information and invite you to join their Ministry.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to share your unique talents!

## 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](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/2022-mens-acts-retreatant-registration).

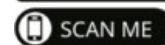
If you have any questions, please contact:

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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](http://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 [wstone65@gmail.com](mailto:wstone65@gmail.com). You may also email William if you have any additional questions.



Today we celebrate our deacons and affirm them in their unique ministry to our church.

We thank them for their “yes” to God’s call to serve and we pray for God’s blessing over them as they continue to minister to the parishioners of Mary Queen!

### Prayer for Deacons

O God, Father of us all

Look with favor upon those whom You have called to the sacred and ancient ministry of the diaconate.

Through the intercession of St. Stephen, grant grace to your deacons

as they minister in charity to the poor, proclaim the Holy Gospel at Mass,

and assist Your priests at the altar.

Keep close to Your heart, Lord, the wives and children of permanent deacons, and grant that the witness of their

husbands and fathers may bring about holiness

and virtue in each family member.

We ask this through Jesus Christ who

is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Thank you, Deacon Chuck Turner, Deacon Vince Eklund, Deacon Derick Soares, Deacon Paul Robison and Deacon Darrell Moulton!

May God Bless you all!

### World Mission Sunday - Next Weekend!



Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church’s missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week’s collection for

the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!



Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during our 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations as we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The 40 Hours will begin with Holy Mass at 6 AM on Tuesday, November 8th and end with Benediction at 10 PM on Wednesday, November 9th.

Will you spend an hour with Jesus?

Let us pray to Jesus for blessings to our Mary Queen Parish and to bring us many more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Bring your family and friends, and someone who needs your invitation to discover their vocation.

### Annual Wreath Sale

Order beautiful fresh evergreen products online only at [GiftItForward.com](http://GiftItForward.com).

Proceeds benefit Serra Club of Bay Area. Prices include home delivery by FedEx.

Fundraising Code: **SERRACTX001**



### 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](mailto: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 at [sbalfour2009@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://leaguecity.com/quilt).

To support the project: If you would like to make or donate a quilt, email [mitzileatherman03@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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:

Sp3 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16—Already submitted

October 23—October 13

October 30—October 17

# We Pray For .....

Kyle Almaguer  
Mildred Andrykovitch  
SuAn Angelo

Pol Bernardo  
Clark Best  
Tammy Best  
Michelle Blakely  
Yolanda Blakely  
Chris Briggs  
Iliana Briones  
David Burden  
Susan Burden  
Bustamente Family  
Jesse Bustamante  
Timothy Buzby

Charles Chavez  
Rachel Chavez  
Corlett Family  
Manuel Corona  
Mark Corona  
Jim Curdie

Gwen D'Antoni  
Brian Demory  
Rochelle Dent

Gilbert Enriquez

David Fattig  
Guadalupe Flores  
Milagro del Carmen  
Sanchez Flores  
Carol Foulker  
Renee Fogle

Alonzo Ponce Garza  
Noah Alonzo Garza  
Sherri Lynn Garza  
Bill Genoa  
Sara Genoa  
Don Goines  
Juan Gonzales, Sr.

Devon Harris  
Mike Halverson  
Joanne Hlavenka  
Colin Huff

Minerva Johnson  
Fay Jones

Bonny Lake  
Larry Larson  
Miles Libby  
Philip Lippold  
Teresa Lippold  
Johnny Lobue  
Randy Lobue  
Sara Lockwood  
Janie Lora  
Sandy Luna

Hope Martin  
Kelly Martinez  
Pablo Martinez  
Patricia Martinez  
Matous Family  
Jean Maxwell  
Steve Melton  
Daniella Mendez  
John Murphree  
James Mullen

Naivar Family  
Mary Catherine Natali  
Fr. Skip Negley, MS  
Miner Nelson  
Tam Nguyen

Kaylynn Faith Patterson  
Mildred Pesl  
Kelsey Phinney  
Bob Pillow  
Betty Pitre  
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Curtis Post

Al Radous  
Joan Radous  
Priya Marie Palani Rajan  
Cathy Randleman  
Rochelle Family  
Daria Romer  
Amber Rouen

Christine Schrader  
Alexis Sirena  
Vince Smith  
George Sorrell  
Special Needs Families  
Sarah Stadnick  
Albrecht Stroehlein  
Maria Stroehlein

Aiden Tellez  
Candace Tinney  
James Tinney  
Julie Tinney  
Jeanette Troncale

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Brittney Vasquez  
Janie Vasquez  
Zoë Vontoure  
Emil Vrana

Daniella Wauters  
Jeff Weller

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 8th through October 14th**

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.

*~ In Memoriam ~*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

**† Teresa Nguyen, Mother of Fr. Hieu Nguyen**

## 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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391.

## 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.



Sponsored by the Parishes of the Bay Area Deanery: St. Bernadette, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Francis Cabrini, St. Helen, St. Hyacinth, St. Luke the Evangelist, St. Mary LaPorte, St. Mary League City, Mary Queen, St. Paul the Apostle.

## 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](mailto:dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com).

## 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 Saccomanno 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.



## Servant Songs



### Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

### Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

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## The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."



Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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