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

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
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October 16, 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



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

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



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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.

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 16th

**Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Women's Ministry
Scout Pack #452 Popcorn Sales (After All Masses)**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF - Mini Hall - Classrooms
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Boy Scout Class/Meeting for Religious Emblem - Mini Hall - Rm 110/Library
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Mini Hall

Monday, October 17th

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 120
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 ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
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

Tuesday, October 18th

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"-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 "Connected" - Youth Ministry - Youth Center
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 19th

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
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Harvest Lunch-Main Hall-Kitchen
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 - 6:30 PM Choir Practice for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - Choir Room - Church
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

Thursday, October 20th

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - Choir Room - Church
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Team Meeting/2022 - Main Hall-Kitchen
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 114/115
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions"- Mini Hall - Kitchen

Friday, October 21st

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pastoral Staff Luncheon & Pumpkin Carving - Main Hall - Kitchen
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary/Reception - Main Hall - Chapel

Saturday, October 22nd

Mary Queen Ministry Fair (After All Masses)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Quinceanera Retreat - Youth Center
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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

Monday, October 17th

8:30 AM †Ronald Johnson, †Danny Basso, †Jayne Zehentner

Tuesday, October 18th

8:30 AM †Bill Metz, †Maria Thom Thi Nguyen, Beetar Family

Wednesday, October 19th

6:30 PM †Mary Prince, †Cathy Schutt, Michael Anthony Gately, Lisa Burns – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, October 20th

8:30 AM †Bessie Kucera, †Jeff Wild, Stan Delikat – Birthday Blessings

Friday, October 21st

8:30 AM †Augustyn Zielke, Mary & Bill Boyle, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam

Saturday, October 22nd

5:30 PM †Rosalie Greco, †Carol Lorange, Lucia Boone

Sunday, October 23rd

7:30 AM †Carol Lorange, †Alex Gudeloso, Kathleen Beetar
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Ministries
11:30 AM †Delia Villarreal, †Felipe Salazar, †Binh Dang
4:30 PM †Mary Martin, †Catherine Achife, †Jorge Gomez

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 16

That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: October 1 - October 7, 2022

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$38,832.81

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$54,750.00

Difference: (-\$15,917.19)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,489.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,096.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,215.00

**Loan Balance as of October 10, 2022 was
\$1,923,865.28.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

October 23 - Propagation of the Faith - World
Mission Sunday

November 1 - All Saints

November 6 - Retired Priests

November 13 - Future Development and Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of October 10, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$156,099.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 355

Total Number of Gifts received: 780

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 October 10, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$396,309.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$589,036.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,190

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 270

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.



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at 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

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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

Does God finally answer our persistent prayers to stop
us from bothering Him? The thought that persistent
prayer can be disturbing or upsetting to God does not
ring true with the images of God as compassionate,
understanding, merciful, and loving that our tradition
conveys. Yet, Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always
without becoming weary." Maybe the type of prayer
necessary to endure the trials of discipleship and the
challenges and criticisms of Christian teaching goes
beyond words. We need to tend to the realities of
human life. The persistent prayer of which Jesus speaks
is the prayer of the heart. This contemplative, silent,
loving prayer gives us the vision to see God in all things,
especially in each human soul. Desiring God alone and
not only what we want God to do for us places this love
relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. As
we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life flows. This
alone can provide the strength of endurance to confront
anything contrary to the truth of faith.



You are invited to join us in prayer and participate in the Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary that will be held on Friday, October 21st at 7pm in St. Joseph's Chapel.

After the rosary, we will have a potluck dinner in the Main Hall and play loteria. Bring your favorite entrée or desert to share during the reception.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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)**



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>



Appreciation t-shirt, snacks & refreshments provided for donors

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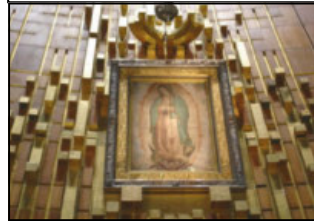
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**Join Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S.
for a 7-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mexico**

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 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**



Finding our Place

(29th Ordinary Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8)

In 1876, the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, not yet 25 years old, were faced with a decision. A proposal was made, to develop the Congregation in two branches: one contemplative and penitential, the other active in the apostolate. The former was to provide spiritual support to the latter.

The idea is similar to what we see in today's reading from Exodus. As Joshua engaged Amalek in battle, Moses prayed from his vantage point on a hill. Thus, any time the soldiers looked up, they drew courage from seeing Moses in prayer.

We look to the Beautiful Lady often and say, "Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you." We know that she prays constantly for us. She told us so herself.

But we are not passive recipients. La Salette Laity, in particular, can assume various roles. The image of Aaron and Hur in the first reading is especially striking in this context. They are not with Joshua on the battlefield. They are not praying as Moses is. Instead, when Moses' arms grow tired, they find a creative way to enable Moses to continue his ministry. They are supporting both him and Joshua.

This story from Exodus is sometimes used to interpret Mary's words about the arm of her Son. She is seen then as acting like Aaron and Hur, holding up the arm of Jesus as he intercedes for us.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the priest at the altar may be likened to Moses on the hill. As he looks out upon the congregation and prays for them, he is not alone, but is supported by the people through their faithful and active participation in a variety of liturgical and other ministries in the Church.

Are you a Moses? The world needs your prayer, your example. The world needs to see you on the hill with your hands held high in prayer, in order to draw strength from your example and be converted, that we may all be the people God desires us to be.

Or maybe you are a Joshua, or an Aaron or Hur, or some other scriptural figure? We can all find our place in the Church and in the La Salette world.

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

Readings  **Week** of the OLPi

Daily Readings

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

Monday, October 17

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday, October 19

Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 20

Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 21

Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 22

Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 23

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



PRAY & REFLECT OLPi

October 16, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.



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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.

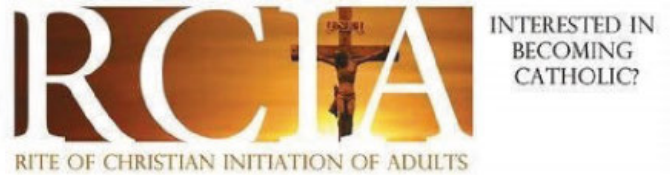
Use QR Code to learn more about the Walking With Purpose Program at Mary Queen.



For more information please contact:

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Operations Coordinator
Robyn Culling at 281-229-4881
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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 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 or call 713.410.8369.



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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 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 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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<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
 281-482-1391



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

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

Tuesday Class Dates:	Wednesday Class Dates:
Oct. 18th, 25th	Oct. 19th, 26th
Nov. 8th, 15th	Nov. 9th, 16th
Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th	Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st

Sunday Classes

All classes meet from 9:30-10:45am

K & RCIA YR 1:

Oct. 23rd, 30th
 Nov. 6th, 13th
 Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th

RCIA YEAR 2:

Oct. 23rd- Family Session from 10:45-11:45am
 Oct. 30th- Families will meet at 11:00am in the Mini Hall. We will attend 11:30am Mass for Rite of Welcome/Acceptance.
 Nov. 6th, 13th (9:30-10:45am class)
 Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th (9:30-10:45am class)

ALL SAINTS DAY Live Wax Museum

Oct. 30th- Following the 11:30am Mass
All 2nd-5th Graders are welcome to participate!

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.
 Contact Carol Stuart cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org for more information and to participate.

Upcoming 1st Reconciliation Class Dates:

Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd

Students and parents meet in the Main Hall from 6:30-8:00pm (meetings begin with a small dinner).
The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Nov. 12th at 9:45am in the Church.

Reminder to First Reconciliation/
 First Holy Communion Parents:
Official (not original) Baptismal Certificate required by Oct. 31st

This official certificate must be dated and signed within the past 6 months. Please do not provide a ceremonial certificate.
 You may either drop it off at the receptionist desk or email as an attachment to arichards@maryqueenchurch.org.

AROUND THE PARISH

First Friday Family Fun!



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. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN will be hosting a FriendsGIVING Potluck Feast and Church Games on Friday, November 4th from 6-8 PM in the Main Hall of the Parish Center. We will provide the turkey and ham. Please bring a side dish and or a dessert to share with friends.



First Friday Family Fun Service Project: Please plan to bring a BLANKET for Veterans. These will be distributed at the VA Hospital the following week for Veterans Day!



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.

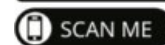
If you have any questions, please contact:

Director - Miguel Camacho, (281) 513-2618, cammi1227@yahoo.com

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Co-Director - Josh Clark Sr., (832) 385-8932, stmichael9707@gmail.com

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



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 wstone65@gmail.com. You may also email William if you have any additional questions.

**Mary Queen Catholic Church
Upcoming Special Masses**

Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, October 31st - 7PM (Vigil Mass)
Tuesday, November 1st - 7AM, 8:30AM, 7PM

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wednesday, November 2nd - 8:30AM, 7PM

All Souls Mass

Mary Queen Catholic Church cordially invites you to join us for our annual All Souls Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7PM.



We remember those departed in our Parish family in 2021-2022, those who have been honored by a family member or loved one with a Memorial Plaque on our Prayer Garden Wall, and all of our faithfully departed. Come and pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithfully departed.

All Souls Memorial Display

Our parish will have an All Souls Memorial Display in the church during the month of November. It will be in the alcove to the left of the main isle. Beginning the weekend of October 23th - 24th, please bring a picture of any deceased family member who you would like to be remembered and place it on the Memorial Table. The picture should be in a frame and no larger than 8x10. Please include your name and phone number on the back of your picture. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or for additional information.

Annual Wreath Sale

Order beautiful fresh evergreen products online only at GiftItForward.com. Proceeds benefit Serra Club of Bay Area. Prices include home delivery by FedEx. Fundraising Code: **SERRACTX001**



World Mission Sunday - Oct. 23-24!



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!

Camera Crewmembers Needed

Volunteers needed to livestream our weekly Masses. We especially need volunteers for funerals during the week. No experience is necessary. We will train you until you feel comfortable. For more information, contact Sofia Medrano, Communications Coordinator.



Come and be still before the Lord during Vocation Awareness Week.

NOVEMBER 8-9, 2022
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6AM- Beginning with Mass
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WILL YOU SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS?
Let us Pray to Jesus for blessings to our MQ 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.

Fall Liturgical Ministry Formation Day Workshop

On October 29th, the Office of Worship will host a second fall ministry day workshop that will be held at Mary Queen Catholic Church. English sessions include Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Preparing the Lector, Hospitality Ministry, and Cantor Ministry. Ministers must choose only one session to attend.

All sessions will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 3:30 PM. Registration is \$40 until Sunday, October 23rd at midnight. Envelopes for check/money order payments must be postmarked no later than October 23rd. Walk-in registration is \$50 and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis if space is available. Lunch is provided by the Office of Worship with paid registration.

For more information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3e6gFSQ>.

Children's Choir

The Mary Queen Children's Choir is starting soon!

Open to Grades 2-5. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45PM beginning Oct. 26th. Sign-ups will go out soon.



Children will sing at the 11:30AM Mass once per month beginning in December. For more information, contact Dylan Ramirez at dramirez@maryqueenchurch.org.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Seafarer Boxes

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 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.

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. The next session will be Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love) on November 4th at 7:00 PM

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

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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. 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 23—Already submitted

October 30—October 17

November 6—October 20

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Mildred Andrykovitch
SuAn Angelo

Pol Bernardo
Clark Best
Tammy Best
Michelle Blakely
Yolanda Blakely
Chris Briggs
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Susan Burden
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Alexis Sirena
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George Sorrell
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Sarah Stadnick
Albrecht Stroehlein
Maria Stroehlein

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Candace Tinney
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Julie Tinney
Jeanette Troncale

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Brittney Vasquez
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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 15th through October 21st

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.

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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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.

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.



Ignatius of Antioch



Question:

Who is Ignatius of Antioch and what example does he offer us in Christian living as we celebrate his feast day on October 17th?

Answer:

As Bishop of Antioch (the modern day city of Antakya, Turkey), Ignatius witnessed to the faith during the reign of Emperor Trajan, who ruled from 98-117. Persecution of Christians broke out in Antioch, and Ignatius was captured and taken to Rome for martyrdom in the arena. On his journey to Rome over land and sea, Ignatius writes seven letters to various churches. These letters give powerful glimpses into the theology and practice of the early church, along with insights into the role of a bishop as pastoral leader. Ignatius is the first to use the term "Catholic Church" to refer to the various Christian communities of the Roman Empire. The best known of his letters is the one he wrote to the Romans. Ignatius addresses influential Christians who might be tempted to intercede on his behalf, thus sparing him from martyrdom. He advises them against it, being resolute in his desire to be the "wheat of God." Eucharistic links are most evident in his words. As Christ willingly offered himself as witness to God's total love, Ignatius, too, desired to be "food for the wild beasts," so that he could become "the pure bread of Christ." Eucharistic living was so crucial to Ignatius that he was willing to die in order to model himself on the Lord who willingly offered all. Reflect on how you can use Ignatius as a model in your own eucharistic life of faith.

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Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it.

Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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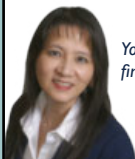
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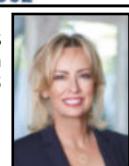
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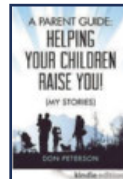
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