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

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
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October 30, 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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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



Pastor

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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 30th

Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Knights of Columbus
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Knights of Columbus #8494 Blood Drive -Main Hall
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM RCIA-Rite of Welcome & Rite of Acceptance-Church
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Boy Scout Class/Meeting for Religious Emblem - Mini Hall - Rm 110/Library
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Private Baptism - Walls - Church
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Mini Hall

Monday, October 31st

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 - 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 - 8:00 PM Solemnity of All Saints Vigil Mass - Holy Day of Obligation - Church

Tuesday, November 1st

7:00AM; 8:30AM; 7:00PM Solemnity of All Saints Mass - Holy Day of Obligation
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP - "Touching The Divine"-AFF- Main Hall-Kitchen
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Chapel
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

Wednesday, November 2nd

8:30AM; 7:00PM The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - All Souls Mass
5:45 AM - 7:00 AM "That Man Is You!" Year 6 - Main Hall - Kitchen
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Meditation Group - Mary's House
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Queen's Bee Quilters - Mini Hall
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Luncheon - Grateful Harvest - Main Hall - Kitchen
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity Meeting - Mini Hall
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation - Church
5:15 PM - 5:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church - Choir Room
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WWP - Teen Girls Bible Study - Youth Center
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage

Thursday, November 3rd

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Reconciliation - EFF - Main Hall
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meeting/2022 - Mary's House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA - "Evangelization Sessions" - Mini Hall - Kitchen

Friday, November 4th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM First Friday Adoration/Benediction - Chapel
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM FriendsGIVING Potluck and Church Games - Friday Family Fun Ministry - EFF

Saturday, November 5th

Food Pantry - Thanksgiving Collection (After All Masses)
 Year 2 Confirmation Retreat - Youth Ministry - Youth Center - Parish Center
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



Saturday, October 29th

5:30 PM †Ed Handwerk, †Hao B Le, †Rosalie Greco

Sunday, October 30th

7:30 AM †Carissa Fehrle, †James & †Patricia Kuykendahl, Regina Ani
9:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Edna Malek, †Cielito Santos
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
4:30 PM †Amanda Gross, †Gloria Molis, †Aurora Membrere

Monday, October 31st

8:30 AM †Vilma Torres, †Harold Doiron, †Hao Leba, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hitt Family
7:00 PM †Charles & †Marian Ganter, Those with Mental Health Issues, Grandparents who are Raising Grandchildren

Tuesday, November 1st

7:00 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
8:30 AM †Ernest Heeb, Micah Delaney – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Mary & Hilman Reviere
7:00 PM †Hao Leba, Food Pantry Clients and Volunteers, All Caregivers

Wednesday, November 2nd

8:30 AM All Souls In Purgatory
7:00 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 3rd

8:30 AM †Bruno & †Rosino Wehner, †Edith Kernan, †Mary Rita & †Bob Zehentner, Sr.

Friday, November 4th

8:30 AM †Maria Gutierrez, Great Grandchildren of Vinnie Saccomanno, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

Saturday, November 5th

8:30 AM †Father Don Thomas, Dan Cummings, Mary Queen Ministries
5:30 PM †Velma Labrie, †Elisea Pulumbarit, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Dave & Rita Hedges

Sunday, November 6th

7:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Trinh Thi Ly, †Catherine Walbe
9:30 AM †Jesus Silverio Arevalo, †Nestor Cruz, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Gary & Maribel Arribe
11:30 AM †Eli Isreal Chavez, †Binh Dang, Ivy LaBauve – Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM No Mass – Parish Picnic

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 30

That we may joyfully share the abundant gifts God has given to us.

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” Luke 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: October 15 - October 21, 2022

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$35,416.67

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$39,153.86

Difference: (-\$3,737.19)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,286.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$241.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$810.00

**Loan Balance as of October 24, 2022 was
\$1,864,589.84.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

November 1 - All Saints

November 6 - Retired Priests

November 13 - Future Development and Maintenance

November 20 - Campaign for Human Development

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of October 24, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$161,444.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 363

Total Number of Gifts received: 818

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 24, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$399,564.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$589,036.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,225

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.



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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, November 13

2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a
Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday,
November 13, 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

God does not set things in motion or create something
and then step back to attend to other matters. When
God creates, God remains connected. God's continued
and constant presence is necessary for everything we
see to exist. Without God, life as we know it would
cease. God's imperishable spirit is in all things! Being
the author of love, God cannot despise or hate Himself.
Therefore, God cannot despise or hate anything or
anyone. How can God be repulsed by the image of
Himself reflected in a human soul? Jesus goes to the
homes of sinners. His very presence there is enough to
change even the most conflicted and self-serving of
hearts. The soul who realizes its utter dependency upon
God is a soul who knows salvation. The beginnings of
salvation's blessings are discovered when we
understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to
act relative to our brothers and sisters. We find what our
selfishness lost.

Final weekend to register!



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GIVE BLOOD

Friendswood Community Drive
at Mary Queen Catholic Church

Sunday, November 13
8:00 am - 1:45 pm
Donor Coach

Donors will receive a free blanket!
Please also join GCRBC + BEAR Houston by making patients' holidays merry & bright!
Donors are welcome to write an uplifting holiday message and/or give a toy donation

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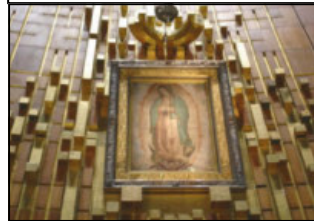


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Join Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S. for a 7-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mexico

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

March 12–18, 2023
\$2,400.00 per person



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

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

MARY QUEEN PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS

November 6th, 2022

12:30-4:00 PM following the 11:30 AM Mass

Join us for food, fun & games!

Games: sack races, three-legged races, tug of war
Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets!

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



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



Encounters

(31st Ordinary Sunday: Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10)

As we read and reflected on this weekend's scripture readings, the word encounter kept surfacing.

This is obvious in the gospel story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. In the second reading, Paul and his companions Silvanus and Timothy wrote, "We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling." In both instances, the Lord took the initiative.

The first reading doesn't mention individuals, but the dynamic is the same. "You have mercy on all,... you love all things that are,... you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord!"

Who are we compared to God? Yet God still desires to have an encounter with us.

In the gospel, Zacchaeus hoped to see the famous Jesus pass by. So he did what he had to do. Put yourself in his sandals. Would you have been curious enough? Would you have been willing to deal with the crowds, especially being so well known in the town?

Jesus also wanted to see Zacchaeus, but for a very different reason. Zacchaeus could never have imagined that Jesus would actually invite himself to stay in his house, the house—as the murmuring crowd pointed out—of a sinner! But Jesus sought him out, because he wanted an encounter. This was no chance event. Jesus' purpose was achieved: "Today salvation has come to this house."

Maximin and Mélanie did not expect to see a Beautiful Lady on that Saturday afternoon in September 1846. She sought them out to sound a warning to her people, to remind them of sin and the necessity of abandoning wickedness, and the need for conversion.

As members of the greater La Salette community, our encounter with the weeping Mother has transformed us, but from time to time we may need to ask: do we still hear the rebuke? Do we still need the warning?

There's no reason to fear these questions. After all, the whole of Mary's message was prefaced by, "Come closer, my children, don't be afraid." No harm, but only good will come of this encounter.

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

Daily Readings

Sunday, October 30

Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday, October 31

Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday, November 2

Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday, November 3

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 4

Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 5

Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 6

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38



PRAY & REFLECT

October 30, 2022

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blessed child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

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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 5:45am-7:00am 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**, the 22-lesson Bible study that focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John.

The Fall semester began on 10/13 and will end on 11/15. The Spring semester will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, through Apr. 18, 2023

(no session on Mar. 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 the QR Code to learn more about the Walking With Purpose Program at Mary Queen.



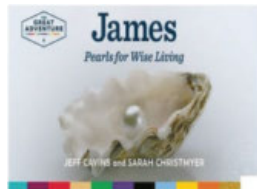
For more information please contact:

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Book of James Bible Study

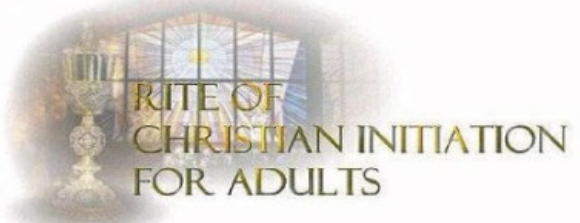
Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department is offering a Jeff Cavins video study on the Book of James on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:30pm in Mary's House. In this 11-session program, presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith.



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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



God works in our lives all the time. God calls all His people into the community. God calls us to come to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Some hear this call and come to our parish, asking more about how to do just that: to come into a relationship with the God we call Father. Some of them are not yet baptized. Others have already become members of the Body of Christ through the waters of baptism.

God has called and now we have the privilege of introducing these people to the one we call Lord: Jesus Christ. We share the good news and uncover God's action in our lives. For some, this leads to a remarkable beginning, a new life. For others, this deepens the relationship they already have with Christ. All of them respond to that call from Christ to abandon what they know and to come and follow him.

That story has happened again here at Mary Queen. We now mark the powerful presence of God-with-us, Emmanuel, by a special communal ritual. This ritual is called the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion. It marks first public declaration of God's call to follow Christ. It also marks first public declaration of their wish to live as Roman Catholic Christians.

Many things have already changed for these people. This Rite marks that change. We now know these men and women as belonging to God and to God's people gathered here in our parish. The unbaptized have a unique relationship, and a special name: catechumens. They are entrusted to this faith community to nurture in this journey of faith. Those already baptized are known to us as candidates. All are signed with the sign of our faith, the sign of the cross. They commit now to begin to follow Christ deliberately as Roman Catholics do and to learn what that means from us, through our prayer, our Scripture and Tradition, our works of charity and justice and our lives as holy/different people.

We who are already baptized are to welcome these catechumens and candidates into our homes, our lives and our ministries, and to show them what it means today to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. So this Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumenate and Rite of Welcoming are both a time of joy and a time of commitment for all of us. May we mark these Rites with the enthusiasm of the Spirit and a renewed commitment to the way of the cross. Please join us for the Sunday, October 30th 9:30 am Mass to prayerfully witness the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion for Adults.



Terri Ryan, Director for Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization
 281- 482-1391 Ext. 317
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:

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:



Nov. 13th

Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th

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

Registration for Brave & Expedition is now open! Sign up today to ensure your spot!

For more information about Expedition registration, visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/expedition.

For more information about Brave registration, visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/brave.



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:**

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:

Nov. 6th, 13th
 Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th

RCIA YEAR 2:

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)

Upcoming 1st Reconciliation Class Dates:

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:

Last chance to get Baptismal Certificates in! 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.

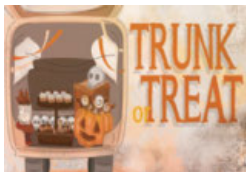
Children's Choir Reminder:

Choir rehearsal will only be on 11/9 & 11/16 for the month of November.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45pm.

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!

Thanksgiving Blessings



Continuing one of our longest running traditions, the Food Pantry will once again provide Thanksgiving Blessings to 200 families.

These preregistered families will receive all the groceries they need for their Thanksgiving meal, dessert, and a few extra items. Pantry volunteers will be standing outside after all Masses on November 5th and 6th and November 12th and 13th to collect donations for this meaningful ministry.

Children's Choir

The Mary Queen Children's Choir rehearsals have begun!

Open to Grades 2-5. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45PM.



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

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**



Only 7 spots left for the 2022 Men's ACTS Retreat!

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.

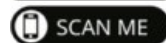
If you have any questions, please contact:

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

Co-Director - Michael McFall, (713) 839-6446, mgmhouston2010@gmail.com

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

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.




A big THANK YOU to all of the Mary Queen Ministries who participated in our Ministry Fair last weekend! From your beautiful banners to your dedication in being at every Mass, your presence truly makes Mary Queen a special and inviting place for our parishioners.

World Mission Sunday - Last Weekend

Thanks for your participation on World Mission Sunday last weekend! Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit!

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**Mary Queen Catholic Community
Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon**



Please mark your calendar!

Mary Queen Christmas Bazaar
December 2 & 3, 2022
9:30am-5:00pm
Tea Room Luncheon- 11am-2pm

Hats off to the following Volunteer Team Coordinators:
Anita Shorosky - Bazaar Luncheon
Karen Lowe - Luncheon Waitresses - 832-245-6302
Donna Badgett - Baked Goods - 281-636-9040
Martha & David Allen - Vendor Hospitality - 713-501-3040
Call one of these ladies to add your name to their Team.

The Women's Ministry will host 55 Exhibitors displaying their Handmade items here in our Parish Hall. A seated luncheon will be served in 3 areas. Many willing hands are needed to make this event a success and we hope that you will join in this Women's Ministry annual fundraiser.

Special thanks to these ladies who joined our Team during the Ministry Fair:
Briana Galvan, Silvia Tovar, Judy Mailhiot, Michaela Nicholson, Elizabeth Woodward, and Veronica Aguilar.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival

Join us for the Third Annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival (AAACFH). The gathering will take place on Sunday, November 20 beginning with Mass at 3 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria parish (10503 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042). His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the Principal Celebrant. The Eucharistic Celebration will be followed by entertainment and our rich cultural display. Please come and share in our fun, food, and fellowship. For more information, please contact: Dr. Che Anu, 832-570-2024 or Chuk Amaliri, 832-244-1950.

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

Exposition of Sacred Relics Treasures of the Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of the Twelve Apostles, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Maria Goretti, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Joan of Arc.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

Presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. Held in the Church on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 PM. See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church - 10114 Highway 6 - Hitchcock, TX 77563 - (409) 925-3579.

Bus Trip to the Nutcracker Market at NRG Center

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 - Meet at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real at 8:30am and return at 4pm. We will arrive around 9:45am and will board the bus to return around 3pm. Men and women 55 years of age or older are welcome and younger disabled men and women with caregiver. The cost is \$27 and covers the bus ride and parking, entrance fee to NRG, and driver's lunch. RSVP by Oct 27th @ 713-254-2815. For more info, contact sbalfour2009@gmail.com. Sponsored by Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women.



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.

November 13—Already submitted
November 20—November 3
November 27—November 7

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Mildred Andrykovitch

Pol Bernardo
Clark Best
Tammy Best
Michelle Blakely
Yolanda Blakely
Dolores Bolanos
Iliana Briones
Timothy Buzby

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Janie Vasquez
Zoë Vontoure

Jeff Weller

Patricia Young

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 29th through November 4th

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.



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.

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(Crochet & Crafts)

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



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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.



Priesthood



Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.



We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today."

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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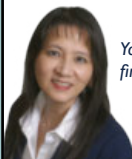
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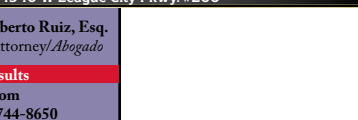
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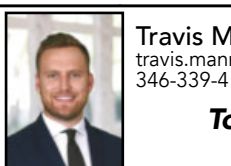
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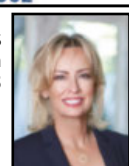
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