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

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
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November 6, 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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." - Lk 20:37-38

**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.



November: Month of the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 6th

Food Pantry - Thanksgiving Collection (After All Masses)
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM Parish Picnic - Church Grounds - Main Hall
 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Boy Scout Class/Meeting for Religious Emblem - Mini Hall - Rm 110/Library
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Mini Hall

Monday, November 7th

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 Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Mini Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting - Mary's House

Tuesday, November 8th

6:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations - Forty Hours For The Lord - Chapel
 Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 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
 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
 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, November 9th

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
 12:30 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
 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church - Choir Room
 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
 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Vocation Ministry Meeting - Mary's House
10:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Forty Hours For The Lord - Chapel

Thursday, November 10th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Meeting - Rm 114/115
 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
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting - Rm 110/Library

Friday, November 11th

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

Saturday, November 12th

Food Pantry - Thanksgiving Collection (After All Masses)
 Knights of Columbus Flag Pins Presentation - After All Masses
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Reconciliation - EFF - Church
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Quataro - Chapel
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



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

Monday, November 7th

8:30 AM †Dixie Metz, †Phil Willenborg, Chigozie & Ngozi Achie & Family

Tuesday, November 8th

8:30 AM †Allen Brandt, †Maria Thom Thi Nguyen, †Anthony Ngo

Wednesday, November 9th

6:30 PM †Dolores Prindiville, Respect Life, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam

Thursday, November 10th

8:30 AM †Iris Hernandez, Al Radous – Birthday Blessings, Gary & Maribel Arribe – Anniversary Blessings

Friday, November 11th

8:30 AM †Norbert Popp, Mason & Miles Libby – Birthday Blessings, Nicolo Gasparini – Birthday Blessings, Lou Porter 100th Birthday Blessings

Saturday, November 12th

5:30 PM †Ed Handwerk, Beth Turner – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Julian & Evelyn Morales

Sunday, November 13th

7:30 AM †Kenneth Tinnin, Michael Neil, Khoa Nguyen
 9:30 AM †Joe & †Martha Bronikowski, Dolores Thomas – Birthday Blessings, Ulysses Valencerina – Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Mark Giamfortone, †Amanda Gross
 4:30 PM †Mary Ngo, †Mary Le, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Robert & Phyllis Rinehart

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 6

That just as God shows mercy on us, we show mercy with each other.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."
 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: October 22 - October 28, 2022

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$32,231.95

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,416.67

Difference: (-\$4,184.72)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$504.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$286.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,085.00

**Loan Balance as of October 31, 2022 was
\$1,864,589.84.**

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

November 13 - Future Development and Maintenance

November 20 - Campaign for Human Development

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day for the Poor

November 27 - Christmas Flowers

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of October 31, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00

Total Amount Paid: \$171,622.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 385

Total Number of Gifts received: 848

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 31, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$402,147.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$592,536.28

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,242

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 271

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, 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

Every believer wonders about what the experience of
heaven will be like. Popular images of people walking
around in white robes, becoming like angels, and
reunions with those who have gone before us all tickle
human imagination. Jesus never got too specific about
what heaven actually looks like. But he assures us that it
exists and that all are alive in God. Clinging to the
traditions of our faith, we persevere through life's
challenges confident that God's promise of eternal life
will come to be. We are told that we shall become like
God and see God as He is. As God has made us, He
also loves us and sustains us. Desiring to be with God
above all other desires gives us the hope that when we
close our eyes in death, we will fall into the arms of the
One who will gently bring us where we need to be.
Knowing ahead of time what we find when we arrive
changes little.

MARY QUEEN PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS



Join us this weekend for food, fun & games!

November 6th, 2022

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



Games: sack races, three-legged races,
tug of war

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets!



GIVE BLOOD

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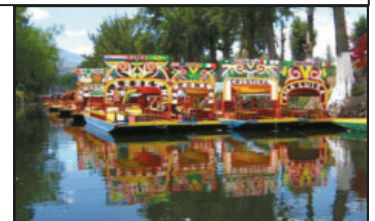
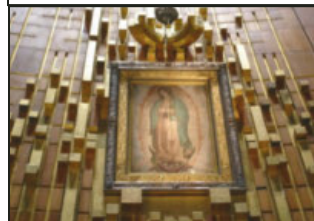
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Join Fr. Jim Kuczynski, M.S. for a 7-Day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mexico

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.

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



Waiting in Sure Hope

(32nd Ordinary Sunday: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38)

The readings for this weekend follow closely on the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). Therefore it seems the proper time to talk about resurrection and the theological virtue of Hope.

In the first reading we hear part of the story of a mother who witnessed the torture and death of her seven sons, before being put to death herself, for refusing to eat pork. The fourth son expressed their motivation: "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him."

Mary's complaint at La Salette about people going to the butcher shops in Lent stands in sharp contrast to the faith for which those brave persons gave their lives. They inspire our admiration. How willing would we be, however, in comparable circumstances, to imitate them? The very thought makes us pray that our faith might never be put to such a test.

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that God "has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace," and "will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one."

In the gospel, Jesus insists on the resurrection. This is reflected in the conclusion of the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

It is easy to imagine that, at La Salette, the Beautiful Lady's tears flowed most abundantly when she spoke of children under the age of seven who would die in the arms of those who held them. She knew from painful experience what their mothers would suffer. But if her people refused to turn back to God, where would they find the hope required to see them through their time of grief?

The crucifix Mary wore was blindingly bright. But let us not forget that the cross, an instrument of death, was first and foremost a cruel means of prolonging and aggravating death through torture and humiliation. And yet it has become our chief source of hope.

Jesus will come, as we say in the Creed, to judge the living and the dead. May we be found waiting in the sure hope of the resurrection.

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

Daily Readings

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

Monday, November 7

Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday, November 10

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 11

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 12

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 13

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-1



November 6, 2022

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

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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.



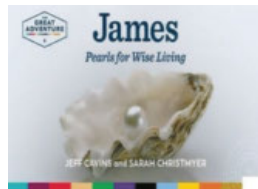
For more information please contact:

Pastoral Coordinator
 Terri Kettle at 713-560-4503

Operations Coordinator
 Robyn Culling at 281-229-4881
 Email: wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com

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. On Sunday, October 30th at the 9:30 am Mass, we prayerfully witnessed 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



SAVE THE DATE!

Trivia Night
Fundraiser for Mary Queen Teen Programs
Saturday, January 21, 2023

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.

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



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)

The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2022.

We will begin at 10:00am.
 Please arrive early.

Wow, what a fantastic weekend!

The All Saints' Children's Live Wax Museum was beautiful. We had 30+ Saints participate, and we are so grateful to our parent(s) for exemplifying how important a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith is to your family!

We continued our wonderful day with trunk or treating. You parents are amazing. We had so many wonderful pounds of donated candy to hand out! Thank you to all who volunteered their trunks, time, talents, and treasures. What amazing memories you are creating here at Mary Queen.

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.

1st Grade Christmas Play

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 13th & Dec. 14th (during the Faith Formation class times)



AROUND THE PARISH

First Friday Family Fun!

FriendsGIVING Potluck and Games

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!



FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN will be kicking off the Christmas holiday season with Cookies, Cocoa, & Christmas Carols on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00-8:00 PM in the

Mary Queen Youth Center. We will sing Christmas carols to the residents of Stone Throw Senior Apartments and end our Christmas caroling at the priest's house!



First Friday Family Fun Service Project: Please plan to bring an unwrapped TOY for a boy or girl for the Mary Queen Giving Tree. These will be distributed to our Gabriel Project families, food pantry clients, Friendswood Blue Santa, and other needy families in our community.



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.



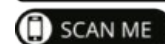
Only 2 spots left for the 2022 Men's ACTS Retreat!

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 11:30AM 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

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.

The Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed 2 Adult Catechumens into the Order of Catechumens through the Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance and 12 Adult Candidates during the Rite of Welcome to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

More pictures can be found on the Mary Queen Facebook and Instagram pages.

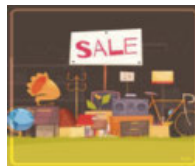


Fall Haul

The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry invites you to participate in the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Annual **FALL HAUL!**

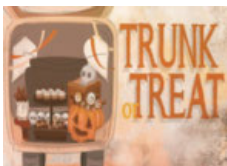
November 12th
8am - 2pm
Centennial Park 2200 - S. Friendswood Dr.

- Document shredding will be available
- Clean-up Items: drop off large items such as tree limbs, old appliances, damaged furniture; unwanted wood, metal and plastic
- Garage Sale Donation items: Furniture, house hold items (no clothing), bikes and toys



Please visit the City of Friendswood website or check the Mary Queen Creation Care bulletin board in the Parish Hall for more information.


Trunk or Treat - A Huge Success



The First Friday Family Fun Ministry hosted Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th, and it was a huge success! Over 25 trunks participated, along with games and a hayride. Lots of children joined in the fun.

Thank you to Stephanie Hermes for planning the event, Matt Hermes for giving the hayrides, and all the parishioners who decorated their trunks and gave out treats to the children. A good time was had by all!

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:30-8:30 PM EST

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this National Vocation Awareness Week,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen.

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 Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti) November 11th 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.

Galveston Seafarers Mass & Benefit Luncheon with Bishop Brendan Cahill

The Galveston Seafarers Mass & Benefit Luncheon with Bishop Brendan Cahill will be on Wednesday, December 7th @ 10:15 am. Tour the Seafarer Center and St. Mary's Basilica! Hosted by the Bay Area Deanery Council of Catholic Women, CDA Court 228 Star of the Sea, & Holy Family Parish Altar Society. The cost is \$23 or \$26 with bus transportation for those 55 or older. See the registration form for bus locations at <https://bit.ly/3zrY8aW> or contact Susie at sbalfour2009@gmail.com by November 28th.



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

US Air Force:

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

US Army:

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

US Marine Corps:

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

US Navy:

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

US Space Force:

Sp3 Lucy Gregory

If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. 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 20—Already submitted
November 27—November 7
December 4—November 17

We Pray For

Kyle Almaguer
Mildred Andrykovitch

Clark Best
Tammy Best
Michelle Blakely
Yolanda Blakely
Dolores Bolanos
Timothy Buzby

Sheldon Champagne
Dawn Copley
Gabrielle Corathers
Manuel Corona
Mark Corona

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David Fattig
Guadalupe Flores
Milagro del Carmen
Sanchez Flores
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Johnny Lobue
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Sarah Stadnick

Candace Tinney
James Tinney
Julie Tinney
Jeanette Troncale

Unborn In The Womb

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



In Memory of
†William Randall Robison, SP/4
November 5th through November 11th

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

~ In Memoriam ~

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

† **Jim Curdie, Husband of Ora Curdie**
† **Ronald Hopple, Husband of Madge Hopple**
† **Dennis McClure, Husband of Cristen McClure**
† **Matilde Montemayor, Mother of Maria Montemayor**

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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(Crochet & Crafts)

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in Rm 114/115



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

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

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.



Latern Basilica



Question:

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer:

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314-335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.

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The God of the Living

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.



Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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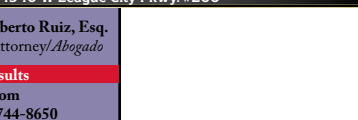
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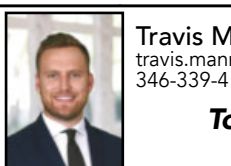
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