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Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette

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November 20, 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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

**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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Maintenance, ext. 316
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Maintenance Coordinator, ext. 316



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 20th

Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses) - Pastoral Council
Scout Pack #452 Popcorn Sales (After All Masses)

- 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Food Pantry-Thanksgiving Blessings Storage & Giveaway - Mini Hall
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Mini Hall
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms - Church

Monday, November 21st

Giving Tree Project

- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Exemplification - Chapel- Mini Hall
- 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 ACTS Core Team Meeting - Rm 110/Library
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, November 22nd

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors - Mini Hall
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Retreat Send Off - 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

Wednesday, November 23rd

- 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
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity Meeting - Mini Hall
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation - Church
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Ministry Pie Sharing - Main Hall - Kitchen
- 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage

Thursday, November 24th

Pastoral Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Observance

Friday, November 25th

Pastoral Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Observance

Saturday, November 26th

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Saturday, November 19th

- 5:30 PM †Michael & †Carmela Stillisano, Lucia Boone,
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 20th

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 9:30 AM †Jerry Gleeson, All Souls In Purgatory, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin
- 11:30 AM †Tom Woods, †Nicholas Lozano, Willy Pulumbarit
- 4:30 PM †Mary Mai, †Diosdado Rabang, All Souls In Purgatory

Monday, November 21st

- 8:30 AM †Richard & †Ruth Hodges, Matt Winters,
†Msgr. Seth Hermoso

Tuesday, November 22nd

- 8:30 AM †Lucille Gleeson, †Kate Ezeli, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Tedd & Mary Anastas

Wednesday, November 23rd

- 6:30 PM †Hao B. Le, †Miguel Roxas, †Amanda Gross

Thursday, November 24th

- 8:30 AM Vascik & Cahoon Families, Hess & Witucki Families,
Hao B. Le

Friday, November 25th

- 8:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †Ruth Torok, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Saturday, November 26th

- 5:30 PM †Daniel Jansky, †John Cordary, Sr.,
†Mollie Caroline Walker

Sunday, November 27th

- 7:30 AM †Mary Rita Zehentner, †Harriett Cloyd, †Glynn Lunney
- 9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 11:30 AM †Godofredo Mendoza, †Binh Dang,
†John Lawrence Lord, Jr.
- 4:30 PM †Kenneth Tinnin, Michael Neil, Khoa Nguyen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe: November 20**

That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."
Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

The November 5 - November 11 financial report was not available due to early deadlines.

Loan Balance as of November 7, 2022 was
\$1,864,589.94.

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

Upcoming 2nd Collections

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day for the Poor
November 27 - Christmas Flowers
December 4 - Missionary Cooperative Plan 2022
December 8 - Immaculate Conception
December 11 - Retirement Fund for Religious
December 18 - Future Development and Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2022 DSF Summary as of November 7, 2022

Parish Goal: \$178,500.00
Total Amount Paid: \$173,362.00
Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 389
Total Number of Gifts received: 863
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 November 7, 2022

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00
Total Amount Paid: \$402,367.00
Total Amount Pledged: \$592,536.28
Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,245
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 going on now! For more information or to register your child, contact Carol Stuart in the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Confirmation

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



Sacrament of Matrimony

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



Sacrament of Holy Orders

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



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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



RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults

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



Eucharistic Adoration

24 Hour Adoration

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

First Friday Adoration

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

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



Respect Life Holy Hour

Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, December 11, 2022
2:00 PM - St. Joseph Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Respect All Life, **Sunday, December 11, 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

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' power? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.

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Advent Penance Service

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

ST. HYACINTH CATHOLIC CHURCH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH



The Missionaries of La Salette present a

Come AND Click

An Online Discernment Event

Monday,
December 5
7:30 - 8:30 pm EST
via Zoom

HOSTED BY
FR. SKIP NEGLEY, M.S.
AND
FR. JOE EVERTON, M.S.

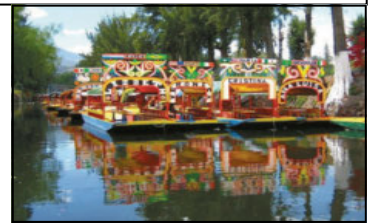
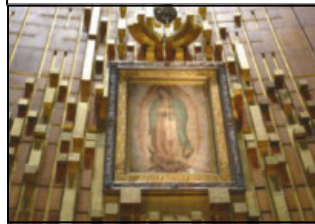
IF YOU ARE A CATHOLIC MAN
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-45,
CONSIDERING A VOCATION WITH THE
MISSIONARIES OF LA SALETTE,
PLEASE CONTACT
LASALETTEVOICATIONS@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER

www.lasalettevocations.org

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 – Tlaxpetlac

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**



The Choice

(Christ the King: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43)

Most Catholic Churches do not have a statue or other image of Jesus seated on a throne as King of the Universe. All, however, have a crucifix prominently displayed, showing Christ at the supreme moment of his love for us.

The crucifix worn by Mary at La Salette is, as we have often stated, central to her apparition. It is also unique. People who see it for the first time invariably ask what the hammer and pincers mean. (It's interesting to ask them first what they think it means.)

The simplest answer is that the children described these as part of the Beautiful Lady's dress, not attached to the cross but under its arms. Apart from that, there is no official interpretation. The most common explanation, however, is that the hammer represents sin, driving the nails into Jesus' hands and feet, and the pincers symbolize repentance, removing the nails. In other words, they indicate a choice.

Today's gospel, too, shows us Christ crucified. Put yourself at the scene. Hear the cries, "Save yourself!" Note that he is one of three criminals being crucified that day. The other two are on his right and left.

One of those joins in the hostility of the crowd. "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." He shows no compassion for a fellow sufferer. The other rebukes him, and then expresses amazing faith and hope as he says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." These are the only kind words addressed to Jesus on the cross.

There is, if you will, a parallel between the La Salette crucifix and the two criminals. One, like the hammer, causes pain; the other, like the pincers, undoes it. Again we see the choice for or against Christ, presented in an especially poignant manner.

Jesus responds with a promise: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (At La Salette, the equivalent is the prophetic vision of abundance, accompanied by living hope.)

If the people there mocking him only knew what we know, as St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:8, "They would not have crucified the Lord of glory." They might have understood that he chose not to save himself because he was saving us.

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

**This week's La Salette Reflection for November 20th
will be the final reflection by Wayne Vanasse and
Fr. René Butler, M.S.**

**They have chosen to take a step back from this
ministry at this time.**

Daily Readings

Sunday, November 20

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 21

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 24

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 25

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26

Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 27

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-4



PRAY & REFLECT

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.



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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.



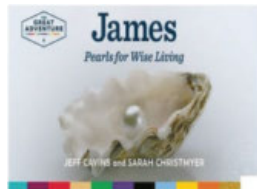
For more information please contact:

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

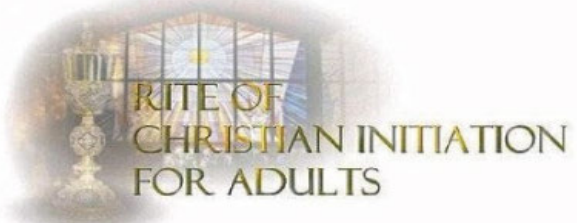
Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department is offering a Jeff Cavins video study on the Book of James on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:30pm in Mary's House. In this 11-session program, presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of 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 Wednesday, November 16th at the 6:30 pm 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
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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:

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:



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Trivia Night
Fundraiser for Mary Queen Teen Programs

Saturday, January 21, 2023



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:

Nov. 15th

Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th

Jan. 10th, 24th, 31st

No classes on:

Nov. 22nd & 29th

Dec. 27th

Jan. 3rd & 17th

Wednesday Class Dates:

Nov. 16th

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st

Jan. 11th, 25th

No classes on:

Nov. 23rd & 30th

Dec. 28th

Jan. 4th & 18th

Sunday Classes

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

K & RCIA YR 1 & 2:

Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th

Jan. 8th, 22nd

No classes on:

Nov. 20th, 27th

Dec. 25th

Jan. 1st, 15th



1st Grade Christmas Play



1st Grade Parents,
 Please join us to see your child perform in our Christmas Play!

Time: During your child's Faith Formation class time

Location: Youth Center

Dates: December 13th OR 14th

*Please bring cookies to share with our performers



AROUND THE PARISH

First Friday Family Fun!



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.

The nursery will be closed Sunday, November 27th so that the staff may enjoy the holidays with their families.

Open Staff Positions:

Nursery Assistant
Adult Help Wanted



If you love working with children ages 1-3 years of age, this could be your opportunity to do so. The Nursery has a part-time opening for 1 or 2 Sundays a month during the 9:30 & 11:30AM Masses and for special occasions.

The candidate must be 18 years of age or older and be CMG Certified or willing to obtain certification after being hired. For more information, or to apply, please contact Noelia Murphy, Nursery Coordinator, at noelia_murphy@yahoo.com.

Mary Queen Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Tree tags will go out on Nov. 21st. The gifts for children will be given to our Gabriel Project families, Food Pantry clients, Friendswood Blue Santa, and other needy families. Gifts for the homeless will be given to Our Daily Bread Day Shelter for the homeless in Galveston. The gifts for senior citizens will be delivered to nursing home residents in Friendswood. The gift cards for the educationally homeless teens will be given to Communities In Schools.

Please follow the instructions listed on the gift tag. You do NOT need to have a tag to donate a gift. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Austgen at 281-482-1391 or chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org.

Gifts need to be returned no later than Sunday, Dec. 11th.

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

Come enjoy over 50 vendors displaying their handcrafted specialty items: quilts, paintings, stained glass, jewelry, gourmet dips, salsa, popcorn, ceramics, and children's toys.

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

We are looking for volunteers! If you would like to help with the Waitresses, Baked Goods, or Hospitality teams, please sign up here to let us know that you are interested: <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/105067>

Or, call one of the Volunteer Team Coordinators to add your name to their team.

VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Intercessory Saint for November
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



"I wish to be wholly silent, wholly adoring,
so that I may enter into Him more deeply
and be so filled with Him
that I can give Him through prayer to those poor souls
who are unaware of the gift of God."

~St. Elizabeth of the Trinity~
Cloistered Carmelite nun 1880-1906

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration

Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:00am - Mañanitas/Happy Birthday
8:30am - Rosary
9:00am - Mass
Reception with mariachis
following Mass in the Parish Hall



The Manger & the Hay

The Advent Mini-Retréat through the eyes of the Holy Family

Please join us at Mary Queen Catholic Church located in Friendswood, TX on Saturday, **December 17, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**, for this beautiful community event. We will have two keynote speakers, food, refreshments, and Mass.

Deacon Ly Nguyen
Author and host of Joe's
Masterclass, a video series
on St. Joseph's spirituality.



Jim Barrette
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of Pastoral Ministries
at the Archdiocese.

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this Advent Christmas season!

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AFTER THE 6:30PM MASS
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share in the Main Hall
before Mass

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.

Thirteenth "In Memoria" Sacred Music Concert

Sunday, November 20th at 3 p.m.

at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart-Downtown
(1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002)

The concert will feature the Archdiocesan Choir as well as Music ministers and guest singers from throughout the Archdiocese all under the direction of Dr. Rick Lopez. Our concert this year will include a short prayer service in memory of Archbishop Fiorenza, followed by the "Requiem" by iconic British composer John Rutter.

As always, we will remember the priests and religious sisters and brothers who have served the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and have died over this past year.

The Office of Worship is grateful for the generous financial support of the Scanlan Foundation and its President Mr. Larry Massey Jr. Tickets are \$25 each, discounts for seniors and students. For sponsorship information and to purchase your tickets, visit <https://www.archgh.org/INMEMORIA>.

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.

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US Marine Corps:

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

US Space Force:

Spc3 Lucy Gregory

If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service. **Thank you and God Bless America!**

Communications Guidelines & Deadlines

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

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

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

December 4—Already submitted
December 11—November 21
December 18—November 28

We Pray For

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Kyle Almaguer

Clark Best
Tammy Best
Dolores Bolanos
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For all those who are Health Care Workers, First Responders, Social Service Workers,
those who continue to work to serve the community and all who are suffering and recovering from the Covid-19 virus.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



In Memory of
†John F. Cordary, Sr.
November 19th through November 25th

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



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.



Happy Thanksgiving

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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.



Assumption

Question:

The Assumption isn't in the Bible. What proof do we have that it really happened?

Answer:

Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have venerated the relics of the saints. We can see this in the catacombs of Rome, in the crypts of churches, and in the reliquaries that contain tiny fragments of bone. Throughout Church history, there have been no relics of Mary nor any legitimate claims to her bones. Even the tomb of Mary, visited as a site of pilgrimage, stood empty. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Roman emperor asked the bishop of Jerusalem to bring Mary's relics to the council. The bishop reported that there were no relics of Mary. Upon finding her empty tomb, the Apostles had concluded that her body was taken up into heaven. Soon afterward, the Church began celebrating this miraculous event.

The Assumption is an article of faith. Within the context of salvation, its meaning and logic is clear. Being born without original sin, Mary did not suffer its consequences. She is already participating in what we, too, will experience one day — the resurrection and glorification of our bodies as they reunite with our souls.

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Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pop into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.



We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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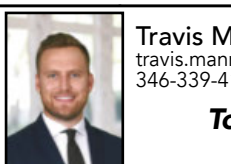
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