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*December 4, 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



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



**Pastor**

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M.S.



**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Sibi Kunninu,  
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**Welcome to Mary Queen!**

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office.

Registration forms may be found in the Parish Office, Welcome Desk (in Church narthex), or on the website:

[www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).

**Mission Statement**

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

**Come Worship With Us!**

Our Parish community worships together at Sunday Mass, Daily Masses, Holy Hour and Morning Prayer.

We pray the rosary after the 8:30 AM daily Masses (except Wednesdays & First Fridays).

**Archives & Room Reservations**

If you need to update your personal information in the parish database, have questions regarding Mass Intentions, need to request a copy of your baptism certificate, etc., please contact Anita Shorosky at [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

All Ministries and Organizations who need to reserve a room and/or schedule events for the calendar need to contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org).

If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-482-1391, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, or Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**2023 Mass Intentions**

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



**December: Month of the Immaculate Conception**

**Sunday, December 4th**

**Missionary Cooperative Plan 2022 - Mission Appeal (At 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 - 12:30 PM Men's ACTS Retreat CRC-Welcome Back Mass-Church
- 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Men's ACTS Retreat Welcome Back Reception - Main Hall - Kitchen
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Boy Scout Class for Religious Emblem-Mini Hall-Rm110
- 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Ark Junior High - Youth Center
- 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM CAST High School - Main Hall - Mini Hall- Youth Center

**Monday, December 5th**

- 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Family Night - Main Hall - Kitchen
- 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's Faith Sharing Small Group- AFF- Rm 110/Library
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - AOL Den Meeting - Rm 114/115
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout - Webelos Meeting - Rm 119
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting - Rm 118
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting - Rm 116
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scout Wolf Den Meeting - Rm 117
- 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, December 6th**

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry - Rm 114/115
- 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM 1st Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal - EFF - Main Hall
- 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Cecilia Ensemble Music Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM "Connected" Make-Up - 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 - 8:00 PM Youth Band Music Rehearsal - Choir Room - Church

**Wednesday, December 7th**

- 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
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity Meeting - Mini Hall
- 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM 1st Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal - EFF - Main 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
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes - Mini Hall - Classrooms
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil Mass - Holy Day of Obligation
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage

**Thursday, December 8th**

**Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation Masses 7:00AM; 8:30AM; 7:00PM**

- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM RCIA - Breaking Open the Word - Rm 119
- 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Reconciliation - EFF - Rm 114/115
- 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, December 9th**

- 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Bay Area Serra Christmas Banquet - Main Hall - Mini Hall - Kitchen

**Saturday, December 10th**

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass-Church
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop - Garage
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration/Reception- Main Hall - Kitchen
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation - Church



**Saturday, December 3rd**

- 8:30 AM †Carol Lorance, Mary Queen Ministries, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone
- 5:30 PM †John Crawford, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family, Dinora Carbajal – Birthday Blessings

**Sunday, December 4th**

- 7:30 AM †Catherine Severino, †Tony Diotalevi, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 AM †Pat Debbrecht, †Jaroslav Zielke, †Gloria Cruz
- 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 4:30 PM †Amanda Gross, Tam Van Nguyen, Deacon Paul Robison – Birthday Blessings

**Monday, December 5th**

- 8:30 AM †Adelle Anders, †Michael & †Carmela Stillisano, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olivarria

**Tuesday, December 6th**

- 8:30 AM †Johann & †Monkia Kirchner, †Woodley & †Della Credeur, Maria Thom Thi Nguyen

**Wednesday, December 7th**

- 7:00 PM †Carolina Martinez, Brady Sokora, Terri Ryan – Birthday Blessings

**Thursday, December 8th**

- 7:00 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 8:30 AM †Robert Susil, †Bernard Piotrowski, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Celine Cordary
- 7:00 PM †Ernest Heeb, †Joe Hartman, †Lucille Gleeson

**Friday, December 9th**

- 8:30 AM †Henry Zielke, †Jerry Gerstmann, †Phil Willenborg

**Saturday, December 10th**

- 5:30 PM †Jayne Zehentner, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Peggy Madison, Living & Deceased Loved ones of the Smart & Briggs Families

**Sunday, December 11th**

- 7:30 AM †Michael Muller, Jr., †Nicolas Lozano, Deacon Darrell Moulton
- 9:30 AM †Archelus Dakay, Sr. †Allen Brandt, †Ron Hopple
- 11:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Edmund Zielke, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Clint & Dottie Carlin
- 4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**2nd Sunday of Advent: December 4**

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

## Offertory: November 12 - November 18, 2022

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$39,243.10

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$41,727.27

**Difference:** (-\$2,484.17)

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$1,214.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$2,131.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$28,874.00

**Loan Balance as of November 21, 2022 was  
\$1,855,367.15.**

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

## Upcoming 2nd Collections

**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 21, 2022

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$181,654.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 400

**Total Number of Gifts received:** 906

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

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

## IGNITE Campaign

### 2022 IGNITE Summary as of November 21, 2022

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$409,410.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$597,336.00

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,287

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 272

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

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign](http://www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign).



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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.



SCAN ME



## Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

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

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

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

## FORMED

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

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

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

## FLOCKNOTE



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

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

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at [www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/](http://www.maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/)

# - SACRAMENTS -



## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office to inquire about preparation for Baptism.



## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the church  
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church  
or by appointment.



## **Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Youth Sacrament Classes are 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

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

# Advent Penance Service

ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

ST. MARY OF THE EXPECTATION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH



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

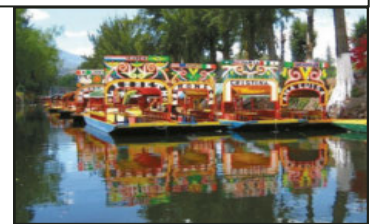
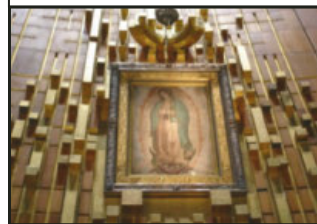
[www.lasalettevocations.org](http://www.lasalettevocations.org)

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

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



# PRAY & REFLECT

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## December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

For six years I lived with a priest from Iraq. His hospitality was amazing. Every single morning, he would greet me with gracious words and a friendly tone. "Father, good morning! It's good to see you, my friend!" He never stopped doing it, even though we lived in the same house for years. It was remarkable, and I never forgot it.

It's not easy to welcome those we live with, is it? Familiarity, grudges, resentments, fatigue, and distractions gunk up our daily interactions. Saint Paul says in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? With mercy, tenderness, joy, and above all, love ... not because we deserve it, but "for the glory of God."

New year challenge: This morning, how did you greet the first three persons you encountered? If you're like me, it was a bit routine, token, and love-less. I invite you this week to increase the love with which you greet people — especially if you see them every day. Instead of saying, "Hey" try "Good morning, beautiful." Instead of "Hi" try "It's really good to see you, how are you?" and so on. Above all, greet them with love. That's how the Lord welcomes us.

— Father John Muir  
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### Reverse Advent Calendar

Celebrate each week in Advent by donating to those in need! Collect the items listed on each day in a box to donate to the Mary Queen Food Pantry.

- December 4 - Dried Beans
- December 5 - Oatmeal
- December 6 - Mac & Cheese
- December 7 - Toothpaste
- December 8 - Cooking Oil
- December 9 - Peanut Butter
- December 10 - Cereal
- December 11 - Laundry Detergent
- December 12 - Canned Soup
- December 13 - Snacks
- December 14 - Canned Vegetables
- December 15 - Dish Soap
- December 16 - Chili
- December 17 - Boxed Potatoes

# Readings of the Week ©LPI

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, December 4

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

### Monday, December 5

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 6

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday, December 7

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

### Friday, December 9

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday, December 11

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1



## ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Blessed Advent to you all!

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance. Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

John enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way!

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Fall 2022 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program in Mary Queen began on Wednesday, September 14th and will meet until December 14th from 5:45am-7:00am in the Main Hall.

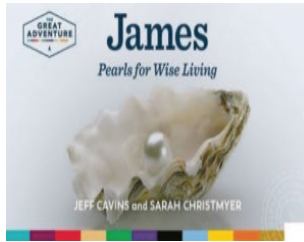
This is the 6th Year of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is 'All Things New.'

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.

**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. This 11-session program will meet until Tuesday, December 13th.



For more information, please contact Ken Bueche at [kbueche1@att.net](mailto:kbueche1@att.net) or call 713.410.8369.



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 Youth & Adults.

What is the difference between a catechumen and a candidate?

Both catechumens and candidates are on a journey, preparing for joining the Catholic Church. The difference between the two is simply put: Baptism. A catechumen has never been baptized. A candidate has been baptized in another Christian community with the pouring of water and the words: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is important to respect and reverence each Christian Baptism and recognize these separate but often similar journeys.



**The RCIA: A Journey of Faith**

During the 6:30 PM Holy Mass on Wednesday, November 16th, Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed again through the Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance 1 more Adult Catechumen and 2 more Youth Catechumens into the Order of Catechumens. During the Rite of Welcome, 3 more Adult Candidates were received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Please pray for them and all the other Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA processes for Adults, Youth & Children.

More pictures can be found on Mary Queen's social media pages.







# AROUND THE PARISH

## First Friday Family Fun!

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN will be hosting a Church Scavenger Hunt and a Crockpot Dinner on Friday, January 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Main Hall of the Parish Center.



Please plan to bring a Crockpot Dinner to share with friends. We look forward to seeing you for this FUN event!

## The nursery has the following 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](mailto:noelia_murphy@yahoo.com).

## Mary Queen Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Tree tags have been set out. 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](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org).

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

# SAVE THE DATE

## Father Sibi's Farewell Celebration

Father Sibi will be leaving Mary Queen in early January to become the Pastor at St. Theresa In Sulphur, LA.

The parish will be hosting a farewell celebration for Fr. Sibi on January 8th after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please save the date. More information to follow.

## Mary Queen Catholic Community Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon



The Mary Queen Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon was a great success!

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated goods, and attended the event. This event would not be possible without your support!

Hats off to the following Volunteer Team Coordinators:  
Anita Shorosky - Bazaar Luncheon  
Karen Lowe - Luncheon Waitresses  
Donna Badgett - Baked Goods  
Martha & David Allen - Vendor Hospitality

## Women's Gift Exchange

Calling ALL women from Mary Queen! Please join us at our annual Christmas gift exchange on December 12th at 7PM in the Mini Hall. This is always a festive evening of fellowship and fun! All guests should bring a wrapped Christmas themed gift (\$20 value) and something to eat or drink for our festive potluck spread of appetizers and desserts. For more information, contact:

Joanna Krancher - [joannakrancher@gmail.com](mailto:joannakrancher@gmail.com)  
Sarah Pike - [sarahbianche@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahbianche@hotmail.com)

## Thanksgiving Blessings

For the Thanksgiving holiday, families in need received groceries for their Thanksgiving meal, dessert, and a few extra items. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to provide Thanksgiving Blessings to a total of 654 individuals!

Thank you to the volunteers for preparing these blessings and all who donated to make this possible!



# 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**  
Secretariat Director of Pastoral Ministries at the Archdiocese.



*What a great gift to yourself and your family this Advent Christmas season!*

**\$10.00 per family**  
Childcare will be provided



**Register here:**

Additional details at [www.archgh.org/familylife](http://www.archgh.org/familylife)



Scan the QR code above or visit

<https://archgh.cventevents.com/TheMangerandTheHay> to register today!

Limited childcare will be available.

**Collection Baskets have returned!**

Exciting news! We have welcomed back the use of collection baskets to all Masses!



Parishioners will still have the option to use the offering boxes throughout the Church, but you will once again be able to give from your seat.

Join us this Saturday, December 10th!

## 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

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### 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>.

### Holy Hour for Life

All are welcome for an overnight Eucharistic Adoration vigil at St. Mary's Seminary on January 19 - 20, 2023, from 8 PM - 8 AM, to unite with the U.S. Bishops and Catholics across the nation on the vigil of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS, will open and close this time of prayer. Pre-registration is required to ensure all-night Adoration coverage and parking at the seminary.

Register at <https://archgh.cventevents.com/HolyHourforLife> no later than January 16, 2023. Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3443 for more information.

### Café Catholica Lite: January 2023

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held on January 19 at Christ the Redeemer (11507 Huffmeister Rd, Houston) from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Our speaker is Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, Vocations Director for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and his talk will be, "Scripture in Art: Mary's Fiat." The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well ([www.archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://www.archgh.org/cafecatholica)).

The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-741-8778.

### Texas Catholic Herald

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#### US Space Force:

Sp3 Lucy Gregory

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

### Communications Guidelines & Deadlines

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

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

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

December 18—Already submitted  
December 25—Already submitted  
January 1—December 8

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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*



**December 3rd through December 9th**

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



A reminder to our parishioners of Mary Queen,  
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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](mailto:dittrich_cindy@yahoo.com).

**Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better**

Mary Queen Fifty-Five or Better gathers on the second Friday of every month from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Newcomers are invited to play games and have fun with fellow parishioners!



For additional information, please contact Vinnie Saccomanno at 281-648-9551 or Peggie Madison at 281-482-2860.

**Mary Queen Seniors (60+)**

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 AM. The meeting is open to all seniors, and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like additional information, please contact Jo Ann Truman at 281-923-3098.



**Sign of the Cross**

**Question:**

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

**Answer:**

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.  
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**How Much Is Enough?**

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.



I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

*I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.*

*I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.*

*I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.*

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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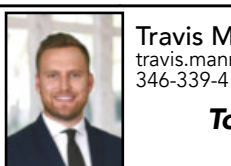
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