

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY WORDS

WILL NOT
PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —


Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 17, 2024

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



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Our Lady of La Salette**

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM (*Livestreamed)

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:30 PM Wednesday

Daily Rosary

After 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

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 or visit our 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.

2024 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2024.

If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17th

Collecting Thanksgiving Boxes - Social Services (All Week)

Crew 452—Poinsettia Fundraiser (After Morning Masses)

Ministry Fair (After Morning Masses)

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming (Church)
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 7 - YM (Youth Center)
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Mary Queen Youth Band Rehearsal (Church)
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session - YM (Mary's House)

Monday, November 18th

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM OLG Planning Committee Meeting (Room 110/Library)
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/OCIA Make Up Classes (Youth Center)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fraternal Benefit - Family Long-Term Care Planning (Mini Hall)
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 119)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 110/Library)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, November 19th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Discovering Our Dignity Women's Bible Study (Main Hall)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" Women's Bible Study (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Bible and the Virgin Mary - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, November 20th

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You Year 8 Theme 'The Light of Men' (Main Hall)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christian Meditation Group (Mary's House)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Giving Tree Planning Committee Meeting (Library)
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Open Hours (Youth Center)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Pie Sharing (Main Hall)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Bible Study (Youth Center)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College Students & Young Professionals Faith Sharing Small Groups & Bible Study (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House Garage)
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Pastoral Finance Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Thursday, November 21st

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Jesus & The Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival - AFF (Mini Hall)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass (Chapel)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Evangelization Sessions - AFF (Mini Hall)
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass Meal (Main Hall)

Friday, 22nd

- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM SoulCore Session - AFF (Main Hall)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)

Saturday, November 23rd

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Boxes Giveaway (Kitchen & Hallway)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Crew Meetings (Youth Center)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, November 17th

- 7:30 AM †Rose Marie Lanese, †Steve Schifani, Karen Hatchik
9:30 AM †Amadeo Montemayor, Arellano-Enriquez Family, Gilbert Enriquez – Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Annette Bell, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family, Marylyn Bullard
4:30 PM †Tony Diotalevi, †Daniel & †Yadira Zemen, Owen Turner – Birthday Blessings

Monday, November 18th

8:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Geneva Glanville, †Edmund Mazur

Tuesday, November 19th

8:30 AM †Steve DeGuia, †Wendy & †Larry Hrcir, Ponciano Roxas

Wednesday, November 20th

6:30 PM †Danny Yarberry, †Paul Gosselin, Kevin & Barbara Radous – 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Thursday, November 21st

8:30 AM †Bob & †Pat Mulgrew, Willy Pulumbarit, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Gisbert Family

Friday, November 22nd

8:30 AM †Manuel Torres, †Fr. Crisostomo Thagbitang, Maria Tran Thi Men

Saturday, November 23rd

5:30 PM Lucia Boone, Nicholas & Abigail Purdum, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Avila Family

Sunday, November 24th

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Stanley Lim, †Damaso Cerros, John Tam Pham
11:30 AM †Charles & †Philomena St. George, Ludy Caluya – 80th Birthday Blessings, Lynn Escondo – Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM †Charles Kratzer, Jake Ainsworth, J.W. Baty



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: October 26, 2024 - November 1, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,336.22

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$44,083.00

Difference: (\$7,746.78)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$4,078.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$524.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$4,076.00

**Loan Balance as of November 8, 2024 was
\$763,483.47**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

November 17 - Campaign for Human Development

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day for the Poor

December 1- Future Development and Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of November 8, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$193,878.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 372

Total Number of Gifts Received: 946

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 8, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$604,186.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,407

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 275

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.

**Make the switch from envelopes to
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



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 <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



RCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our RCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

My Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving: Food, Family and Football...

Thanksgiving Day is a day for people in the US to give thanks for what we have. Families and friends get together for a meal, which traditionally includes a roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, gravy and pumpkin pie. In some of our cities and towns, there are parades during thanksgiving weekend. In most areas, these festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching and so allow me to share with you some of my reflections on the significance of this day.

What could it possibly mean to thank God? What are we grateful for? Ephesians 5:20 says, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". We thank God not because everything is good, but God can use it for our good. This is done with trusting that God has got our best interest at heart and wants to use even hard times to make us better. We embrace the message of Romans 8:28, "that God will work all things, good and bad, into something beautiful for those that love Him." This is the level of living that God has called us to. Trusting Him, blessing Him and thanking Him in dark and beautiful times. God is ever faithful, keeping His promises, loving us when we are not deserving. We thank Him in everything and for everything. In everything, because Jesus is interceding for us and for everything, because God can take our mess and turn it into something good, a blessing. Thus, thanksgiving must become thanks living. Gratitude pleases God. A thankful spirit also blesses others, leading to happier relationships.

When are we thankful? When are we to thank God? Give thanks to God in all circumstances, for this is God's will for your life in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5:18)" God wants us to give thanks in everything we go through. This is hard. Pressures, struggles, difficulties, disappointments and with faith we press through the challenging pathway. Thanksgiving helps our perspective causing us to count our blessings and realize how much we have and enjoy, and what responsibilities we have toward our blessings. To thank the Lord for all we have is to remember the rich and rare blessing that we enjoy, the things money cannot buy. The more we pause to appreciate and show caring and compassion, the more order and coherence we experience internally.

This season is meant to remind us to be thankful. We, as Catholics, know who it is that we are thankful to. Our God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth, creator of everything in them. And to Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. It is God we are thankful to. Happy Thanksgiving y'all!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thanksgiving Pie Sharing Wednesday November 20th

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Join the Women's Ministry for our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sharing event!

Join fellow parishioners in tasting delicious pies. Bring a homemade or store bought pie to share.

No Pie? No Problem! Bring an appetite and a friend!

We will gather in the Main Hall after 6:30pm Mass to enjoy each other's company and plenty of delicious pie!



Mary Queen Catholic Church would like you to

Join us for a candle light Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, November 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass will be at 4:30 PM
followed by a Eucharistic Procession
from Mary Queen through Friendswood to
Stevenson Park and returning to Mary Queen.

We will end with Benediction and Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament in front of the Church.



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

Thanks to your generosity all of the boxes have been handed out. Now all you need to do is purchase the requested items place them in the box and return them back to Mary Queen no later than **November 17th**.

Remember you are more than welcome to decorate them, add a card, a thanksgiving prayer but you don't have to.

If you have any questions please contact Chris at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER GATHERING

Sunday, Dec. 1st | 1:30-3:30 PM | Main Hall | \$30

Our Adult Faith Formation department will once again kick off the Advent season with our Advent Family Wreath Making & Blessing!

Join us on the First Sunday of Advent and enjoy making your own Advent wreath and receive other resources for your family to use during this time of preparation.



Register here:



Visit bit.ly/AdventFamGathering or scan the QR code to register and purchase the Advent Wreath Kit for \$30, which includes an Advent wreath with 4 candles.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-710-8876.

Knights of Columbus #8494
Memorial Mass



Please join us on Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 PM in St. Joseph Chapel for our annual Memorial Mass.

The End of the World

“It’s not the end of the world.”

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it’s the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really does seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He’s talking about The End of the World. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he’s also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.

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Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, December 8, 2024
2:00 PM - St. Joseph's Chapel

The Respect Life Ministry invites all to join to pray for all human life from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.



November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes “in the clouds.” Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to “gather his elect from the four winds.” He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. “Summer is near,” he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 17

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday, November 18

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 19

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20

Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21

Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 22

Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23

Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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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 Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming are both a time of joy and a time of commitment for all of us. May we mark these Rites with the enthusiasm of the Spirit and a renewed commitment to the way of the cross. Please join us on Sunday, November 17th 9:30 am for the Holy Mass to prayerfully witness the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion for Adults.

Please contact Eby Kurian if you are interested in becoming Catholic



Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow Young Adults parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in an intimate small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

This powerful series bore great fruit and we want to offer it again for the benefit of those who missed it as well as the new and reverted Catholics who will be attracted to our parish Mary Queen throughout this Year of Mission.

All young adults of ages 18 & above are invited to attend our Faith Sharing Small Group Sessions from 7:15 - 8:30 PM in Mary's House (located in the back of the Mary Queen parking lot) on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 PM Holy Mass.

Please contact Eby Kurian to get more information and/or to sign-up for this new series.



That Man is You! (TMIY)

Fall 2024 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program at Mary Queen started **Wednesday, September 18th**.

We meet Wednesday mornings from **5:45 am - 7:00 am** in the **Main Hall**.

This is the **8th Year** of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is **'The Light of Men'**

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!



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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

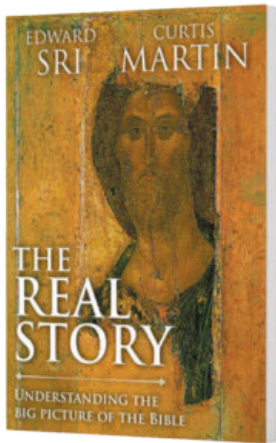
High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Nov 17	Dec 1
Nov 24 (No Class)	Dec 15
Dec 1	Christmas Break
Dec 8	
Dec 15	
Christmas Break	

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY CLASS DATES	WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES
Thanksgiving Break December 3 (Play Rehearsal) December 10 (Nativity Play) Christmas Break	Thanksgiving Break December 4 (Play Rehearsal) December 11 (Nativity Play) Christmas Break

***PLEASE DIRECT YOUR CHILDREN TO THE
MINI HALL FOR THE START OF CLASS.**

High School and OCIA



High schoolers and OCIA students meet every week from 3:00 - 4:20 PM.

Youth Bible Study, *The Real Story*, starts on Nov. 13th (4:30 - 5:30 PM).

Email Trey Brock if you are interested in attending.

First Grade Nativity Play

Please have your child present for both rehearsal and the play. Your 1st Grade child will participate during their regularly scheduled class time.



December 3rd or 4th – First Grade Rehearsal

*December 10th or 11th – First Grade Nativity Play

*All parents, grandparents and friends are welcomed to watch the performance in our Main Hall.

If you have a first-grade actor and could bring some cookies to celebrate that would be appreciated.

Junior High Faith Formation



Prayer Challenge

Anyone who can memorize a new prayer and recite it next time we meet on 12/1 will get a prize.

Anyone who can memorize and recite the Lord's Prayer or Hail Mary in another language such as Aramaic, Latin or Spanish - they will receive a prize.

AROUND THE PARISH

SERRA CLUB of BAY AREA Annual FALL & CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Order your fresh Fall &
Evergreen products **ONLINE
ONLY** at GiftItForward.com



Do you have a child that would like to sing in the Children's Choir for Christmas? We will be rehearsing for our Children's Christmas Mass on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 PM in the choir room in the church. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Jose Arredondo at jarredondo@maryqueenchurch.org.



The Giving Tree gifts for children this year will be distributed at a new event, Pancakes with Santa. This event is for pre-registered children of Food Pantry clients and Gabriel Project moms. Pancakes With Santa will take place in our Parish Hall on Sunday, December 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The success of this event depends on many volunteers. We need help with arts and crafts, games, registration, hall monitors, runners, crew leaders for groups of children, etc. These volunteers need to be 14 and older. If the volunteer is 18 and above, they will need to be CMG trained. This is a one hour online course offered by the Archdiocese. You can access the training <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/office-of-child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment-training-for-adults/>

We will need volunteers for this event so watch for announcements in the bulletin for opportunities to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62EA6FACF8-52043726-giving#/>

We appreciate all your help in making this event very special for these children.

Indian La Salette Priests

On Tuesday November 5th, the Indian La Salette priests serving in the United States were treated to a luncheon hosted by the Mary Queen Marthas after celebrating the 8:30 morning Mass.





You are cordially invited!

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Dec. 6 & 7, 2024 - 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Luncheon 11 am - 2 pm

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Saturday December 14, 2024
8:00am – Mañanitas/Happy Birthday
8:30am – Rosary
9:00am – Mass
Reception with Mariachis
Following Mass in the Parish Hall



Family Planning for Long-Term Care Complimentary Presentation

The Knights of Columbus at Mary Queen and St. Bernadette Catholic churches are offering a free presentation regarding Long Term Care planning. If you would like to learn more about quality Long-Term Care services, what they cost, and how to plan for them, then you should attend this presentation.

Refreshments will be provided, and space is limited. Below is a description of the event and how to RSVP to reserve your spot.

Event Description:

Long-Term Care is any personal assistance you need to maintain your quality of life as you get older. Chances are, you'll need Long-Term Care at some point. In fact, 7 out of 10 people turning age 65 will need Long-Term Care in their lives.¹

Nearly half of all Long-Term Care services are provided in the home, and the cost of this care is significant. Without having a plan, your family may not be able to provide or afford the care you need and deserve. Furthermore, the cost of this care may drain the retirement income and savings that you and your spouse depend on.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear expert speakers from the Houston area.

¹ U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. LongTerm-Care.gov, Feb. 2020

Event Details:

Date Monday, November 18, 2024
Time 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Location Mini Hall, Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546

How to RSVP Contact Chris Coforio at 713-352-1603 or chris.coforio@kofc.org

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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.

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The Galveston-Houston Archdiocesan Choir will present Verdi Requiem at the Annual "In Memoria" Concert on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston. As always, we will remember the priests and religious sisters and brothers who served in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and passed away during the past year. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person with discounts available for seniors and students.

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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



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 or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



Mary and the Saints

Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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Everyday Stewardship

Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?



Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if “unblemished”) lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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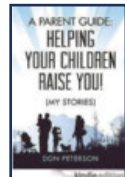
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