

The Lord
is robed
in majesty.

Psalm 93


Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 24, 2024

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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 24th

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Scout Troop 452 - Special Religious Awards/Pope Pius XII/
Ad Altare Dei (Mary's House)
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Mary Queen Youth Band Rehearsal (Church)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Eucharistic Procession

Monday, November 25th

- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial - Schoppa (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Exemplification Ceremony - Knights of Columbus #8494
(Chapel)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting (Room 114/115)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, November 26th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo (Mini Hall)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Bible and the Virgin Mary - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, November 27th

- 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 - 11:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Open Hours (Youth Center)
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 Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House Garage)

Thursday, November 28th

Pastoral Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29th

Pastoral Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 30th

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Annulment Meeting - Weaver (Room 110/Library)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 25th

- 8:30 AM †Oscar & †Cecilia Rivas, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Allen Rinehart
- Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, November 26th

- 8:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †John Cordary, Sr., †Albert
Hitt, Jr.,

Wednesday, November 27th

- 6:30 PM †Nick & †Maria Lozano, †Joseph Swiader,
†Geoffrey Young

Thursday, November 28th

- 8:30 AM †Dorothy Donegan Barrow, Roland Villamin,
Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Irma Stanfield,
Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Vascik &
Cahoon Families

Friday, November 29th

- 8:30 AM †Nestor Cruz, †Gloria Cruz, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of the Jimenez-Guzman Family

Saturday, November 30th

- 5:30 PM †James C. Potter, Jr., †Michael Berlinger,
Bianca Espinoza - Birthday Blessings

Sunday, December 1st

- 7:30 AM †Luke S. Dimicelli, †Wendy & †Larry Hrcir,
Kristy Bako Ransburgh
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Fred Mendoza, †Hao Leba, All Souls In
Purgatory
4:30 PM †Maria Dinh, †Dan King, Kandy Thomas -



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: November 2, 2024 - November 8, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,041.18

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$54,180.00

Difference: (\$15,138.82)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,561.82

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,289.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,461.00

**Loan Balance as of November 15, 2024 was
\$751,011.71**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day for the Poor

December 1- Future Development and Maintenance

December 8 - Retirement Fund for Religious

December 9 - Immaculate Conception

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of November 14, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$194,503.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 372

Total Number of Gifts Received: 957

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 14, 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,

The solemnity of Christ the King is the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar of the year. In the Church, the new year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, which falls on December 1st this year. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as ruler, and Christian values back into lives, into society, and into politics. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed.

As we approach the end of a liturgical year, the Church through the readings reminds us how the world will be on the last day. Here is what the first reading tells us, "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince. It will be a time unsurpassed in distress. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." With the same language the Gospel tells us, "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light... And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory..."

As Bishop Barron explains the scriptural language here "features apocalyptic musings." It is not a weather forecast nor a prophecy, but it means unveiling or revealing a reality. Bishop Barron admits that it sounds strange, but there is a great scriptural belief for us as we are reminded of it. As the scripture tells us, it will be a time of distress and tribulation, many people will wonder how to prepare for it. He further says, "We should not trust in any of the powers of the world to give us security and peace. Such peace will come only with the arrival of the God's Kingdom." We must understand that when the end time comes, no power in the world will be able to withstand it. Then nothing can assure us of any peace and security. We must take refuge in Jesus, who is the king of peace for all nations. This is the theme of our liturgical celebration for Christ the King Sunday. The king of peace invites us to turn to him because he wants us to be at peace. We do not want to wait until the end-time gets a little closer because we do not know when it will happen. Let us live in peace every day.

Jesus is the king of peace. He is gentle and humble of heart, not to sow enmity among us but to bring joy and peace. Jesus is here so that all may be brothers and sisters to one another. Jesus is here to give us hope. Jesus came to bless poverty. Jesus came to bless our pains and aches. He came to make our lives easier and more comfortable. Jesus is here to give meaning and purpose to our crosses, pains, and trials. Jesus is king of the universe, the king of our hearts. As Christians, we should see the blessings and find meaning in our poverty, in our cross and in our pain. If Jesus is king of our hearts every Christian must be a Christian of love and kindness. The solemnity of Christ the King will be an empty day and pass like an ordinary Sunday unless Jesus is first born in our hearts. Is Jesus indeed in our hearts?

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

The Parish Pastoral Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT NICHOLAS

All are invited to join us for a special performance of short skits, a puppet show, and songs with an Advent theme!

Performances will take place during the Advent Family Prayer Gathering.
Sunday, Dec. 1st | 1:30-3:30 PM | Main Hall

This event is open to all!
Registration and purchase of an Advent wreath kit is not necessary to attend.

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



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.



You are cordially invited!

Mary Queen Catholic Community
Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon
Hwy 518 & Stonestrow Street - Friendswood
Dec. 6 & 7, 2024 - 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Luncheon 11 am - 2 pm

Please browse the 60 Exhibitors who will display a lovely variety of high quality handmade crafts/gifts for your visit. Our Luncheon is served in three areas and the Bakery will be well stocked for that family treat.

Bring a friend, register for door prizes and enjoy shopping.

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
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 17

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

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return

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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.





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On Sunday, November 17th during the 9:30 am Mass, we prayerfully witnessed the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion into the Catholic Church of Children & Adults who are in the OCIA process here in Mary Queen.

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.

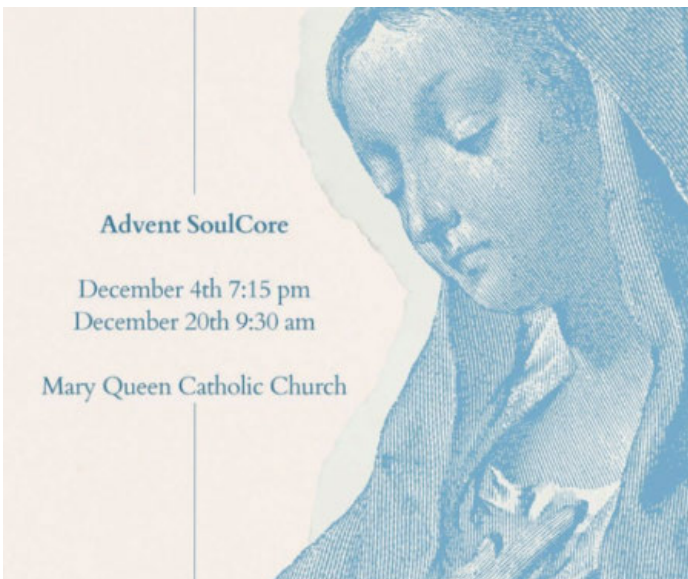



Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow Young Adults parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in an intimate small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices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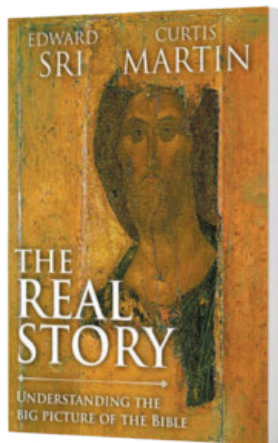
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Nov 24 (No Class) Dec 1 Dec 4 (Sacramental Prep with Parents) Dec 8 Dec 15	Dec 1 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*, meets on Wednesdays (5:30 - 6:30 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



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.



Saturday December 14, 2024

8:00am - Mañanitas/Happy Birthday

8:30am - Rosary

9:00am - Mass

Reception with Mariachis

Following Mass in the Parish Hall

Children's Choir



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.

Advent Penance Services



Mary Queen Catholic Church
St. Bernadette
St. Mary of the Expectation
St. Clare of Assisi
St. Luke
St. Paul Catholic Church
St. Helen Catholic Church

Monday, December 2nd
Tuesday, December 3rd
Wednesday, December 4th
Thursday, December 5th
Wednesday, December 11th
Tuesday, December 17th
Wednesday, December 18th



Junior
High
Youth
Council

The Junior High Youth Council will be collecting donations of the following supplies to make kits for "Cookies for Sants" as a Service Project.

These kits will be distributed to our food pantry families as we near Christmas.

Items Requested:

- Decorative Christmas Plates
- Dry cookie mix (Just add water if you can)
- Cookie Frosting
- Cookie Sprinkles

Money donations are also accepted and are so appreciated.

Youth bring your donations to the next Jr. High lesson on December 1st. Donations may also be dropped off at the reception desk in the Parish Hall.

An Amazon wish list (below) has also been created to make donations even easier.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/817MH0T3JJGY>



SERRA CLUB of BAY AREA Annual FALL & CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Order your fresh Fall &
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User ID: SERRACTX001

Proceeds benefit our Serra Club.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Come and Click

Considering a Religious Vocation?



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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.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers

Mary Queen Women's Ministry is preparing for the 55th annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon to be held on Dec. 6 & 7 from 9:30-4:00 pm. It is one of our fundraisers held each year to provide funding for multiple ministries here at Mary Queen.

We have a great team in place to help coordinate this two day event but each of the coordinators would sincerely appreciate your offering some volunteer time as part of their team.

Karen Lowe – 832-245-6302 – will guide volunteers as waitresses to deliver lunch and drinks in three areas during luncheon hours of 11 am-2 pm.

No waitress experience needed...just a willing smile to greet and serve guests.

Janet Wild – 281-450-1253 - is coordinating volunteers for the Bakery area. Volunteers help with cutting up desserts, selling and serving coffee and cold drinks to our shoppers and exhibitors. A request to all parishioners to donate their favorite recipes (all calories removed) for the two days of the bazaar.

Alice Malek – 281-814-2617 – is coordinating volunteers to welcome shoppers at Mary Queen Bazaar entry doors, hand out a shopping guide, directions to restrooms and guide luncheon guests to areas of seating.

Anita Shorosky is Luncheon Coordinator and has her team from last year busily planning a delicious menu again this year.

This is a great opportunity to call one of the Coordinators to offer your time and talent, make some new friends and support the 55 exhibitors who have prepared high quality hand-made items for your Christmas lists.

To volunteer use the link below:

<https://bit.ly/4fMDVnI>



The Mary Queen Creation Care Ministry is recycling old Christmas lights during the months of November through January. If you have old lights that no longer work please consider recycling them instead of throwing them out in the trash.

Please look for the collection bin in the Parish Hall near the Food Pantry box.

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Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

Contact: Albert Cipolla, Communications Coordinator
email: acipolla@maryqueenchurch.org
phone: 281-482-1391 x334

Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

December 1 - Already Submitted
December 8 - November 20
December 15 - November 22
December 22 - December 2
December 29 - December 6



Sacramental Seal

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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Everyday Stewardship

When I was growing up, my parents told me about Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. He received that title from fans due to the huge effect he had on rock music. When I was a teenager, people called Michael Jackson the King of Pop. The designation was based on the fact that he had so many hits for so many years and because of his power as a live performer. The title of king carries with it a lot of weight and

communicates to people that the one bearing the title is at the pinnacle of something, some people, or some reality. I sometimes even like to say that I am King of the House, but my wife can easily remind me that a true king would have servants and would not have to take out the trash by themselves. Touché!

There are many kings of many things, but only one King of the Universe. If you were the king of a kingdom, all would be your subjects. In the universe, all creation bows down to this king. No other king stands above him. All belongs to Him, although much is given to each of us as gift. He gives out of love and our love for Him should cause us to use those gifts for His glory, for we are more than simple subjects. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are royalty due to the mark of Baptism.

Elvis and Michael are gone. Monarchs from different eras and places have vanished. However, our King is alive and well, calling us to have full membership in His Kingdom. His name is Jesus. His Kingdom is at hand.

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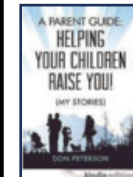
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