

Advent

PREPARING THE WAY



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

**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**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

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, December 1st

Coffee & Donuts - Pastoral Council - After Morning Masses

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Advent Wreath Making & Blessing - AFF (Main Hall)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 8 - 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)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. High Faith Formation Teaching About the Mass (Youth Center)

Monday, December 2nd

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Mary Queen Advent Penance Service (Church)**

Tuesday, December 3rd

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Women's Ministry Fall Potluck Luncheon (Main Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM First Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal (Main Hall)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:40 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM First Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Bible and the Virgin Mary - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, December 4th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You Year 8 Theme 'The Light of Men' (Main Hall)
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Leadership Retreat (Main Hall & Youth Center)
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)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM First Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal (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)
5:40 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM First Grade Christmas Play Rehearsal (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM College & Young Professionals Faith Sharing Small Group & Bible Study (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House Garage)
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Parish Festival Committee Meeting (Main Hall)
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM SoulCore Sessions (Mini Hall)

Thursday, December 5th

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Class - EFF (Youth Center)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Sacramental Prep Sessions - YM (Mary's House)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)

Friday, December 6th

Women's Ministry Christmas Bazaar

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Friday Family Night - EFF (Youth Center)

Saturday, December 7th

Women's Ministry Christmas Bazaar

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)
5:00 PM - 11:30 PM Social Services Ministry - Giving Tree (Bride's Room)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM High School Movie Night (Youth Center)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 –
Birthday Blessings

Monday, December 2nd

8:30 AM †Robert Bailey, †Emma Lanese, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:30 AM †Richard Elwell, All Souls In Purgatory, Dinora
Carbajal – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 PM †Catherine Severino, †Jaroslaw Zielke, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa
Olavarria

Thursday, December 5th

8:30 AM †Michael & †Carmela Stillisano, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of John & Celine
Cordary, Sarah Wilson

Friday, December 6th

8:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Francis Xavier Mooney, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of the Doiron & Coniver
Families

Saturday, December 7th

8:30 AM †Miriam Nam Ken, Mary Queen Ministries,
Ricardo Enriquez – Birthday Blessings
5:30 PM †Carolina Martinez, †Ambrosio Martinez, Lucia
Boone

Sunday, December 8th

7:30 AM †Dan King, Megan Guynes, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of Terry & Debbie Clark

9:30 AM †Robert Susil, †Ronald Hopple, †Hao Leba

11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

4:30 PM †Henryk Zielke, †Leocaio DeJesus Arevalo,
Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth
Drone

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: November 9, 2024 - November 15, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,180.50

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$42,849.00

Difference: (\$6,668.50)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$2,738.32

Future Development & Maintenance: \$4,268.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$9,771.00

**Loan Balance as of November 19, 2024 was
\$751,011.71**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

December 8 - Retirement Fund for Religious

December 9 - Immaculate Conception

December 15 - Christmas Flowers

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of November 19, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$197,697.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 379

Total Number of Gifts Received: 995

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 19, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$608,126.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,429

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 276

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,

Do you ever watch people at the airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They often seem so excited, eagerly waiting for the first appearance of the familiar face, ready with broad smiles of greeting to embrace the returning traveler whether it is a friend or a relative. It is an alert, active waiting – keeping an eye on the time. There is more excitement as the time of arrival gets closer and closer. In today's gospel Jesus says, "Be on your guard, stay awake."

An essential part of the ministry of priests is to care for people in hospitals. The critical care waiting room is the room where family and friends wait while doctors care for their loved ones. For those who are waiting, the entire universe is focused on the doctor's next report. All eyes continually glance at the door. Perhaps, there are several patients whose family and friends are waiting in that room. These complete strangers feel bound in their shared hope for their loved ones. If one family receives good news, there is hope and joy for all. If another family hears sad news, everyone in the room feels their grief. In that critical care waiting room, the world changes. Vanity and pretense vanish. It is a place of hope. It is a place of anticipation. It is a place of expectation. It is a place of advent.

The church launches a new liturgical year with the season of Advent- four weeks of preparation for the celebration of a birth that changed the course of human history, that is symbolized by the advent wreath we blessed this weekend. In Advent, the time of watching and waiting, reminds us that our entire lives must be a watching for ways that we can grow more spiritual, and closer to Christ. Advent is the season of hope. The promises of the prophet will be fulfilled. The Messiah will come to return the world to God's original plan. Our thirst for the Messiah will be quenched by the celebration of his birth and life within our lives. We wait with expectation and excitement. We watch for his coming. We prepare to celebrate.

In these days, when news of wars, ecological catastrophes, and political fragmentation swirl about us constantly, how we long for God to "rend the heavens and come down!" If only God would intervene decisively in the messes, we humans have made, instantly raising up a new world sparkling with love and righteousness. This poignant longing remains even when we know very well that God is unlikely to act in this way. A glance at the cross reminds us that even God's Beloved was not rescued from the horror of pain and injustice. As Advent begins, we are invited to reflect long and hard on what it really means for God to enter our world and make it new.

Have a Blessed Advent!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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.

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 coordinate the waitresses.
Janet Wild - 281-450-1253 - Preparing of the desserts.
Alice Malek - 281-814-2617 - Welcome committee.
Anita Shorosky is the Luncheon Coordinator.

To volunteer use the link below or scan the QR code:

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



Giving Tree Tags are available in the church narthex. Once again you can choose from 4 categories.

Senior Citizen: These gifts are distributed to the senior citizens in local nursing homes.

Homeless: These gifts are given to Our Daily Bread day shelter for the homeless of Galveston.

At Risk Students: These gifts are distributed through our local Communities in Schools.

Children: These gifts are distributed to MQ Food Pantry and Gabriel Project Families.

The Giving Tree gifts will be distributed earlier than usual so please be mindful of the due date for the gifts. All gifts need to be delivered to the church by **Sunday, December 8th.**

Thank you for your generosity and compassion.



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.

Remembering Advent

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I overgift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My spiritual Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door and the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)

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December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 2

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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.



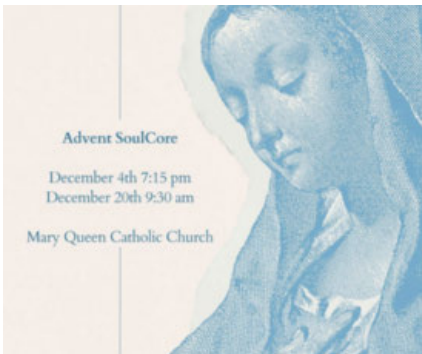


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Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed during 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 17th through the **Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance 1 Child and 11 Adult Catechumens** into the **Order of Catechumens** and during the **Rite of Welcome 15 Adult Candidates** to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

More pictures can be found in Mary Queen's social media platforms.



Journey through Advent with Fr. John Burns

Calling all Young Adults whether you are navigating life post-high school, attending college or trade school, or establishing yourself as an early career professional to join us for a new series during this Season of Advent – 'Adore'

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is about - JESUS.

In Adore, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax. Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week - vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel - that you can relate to your own life.

Promo: <https://youtu.be/dp3c2MpODEI?si=nJr3cx-u1blGsRFv>

Wednesday evenings on December 11 & 18 after 6:30 PM Holy Mass in Mary's House (behind Mary Queen parking lot)

All young adults of ages 18 & above are invited to attend our faith sharing small group session from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

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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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.

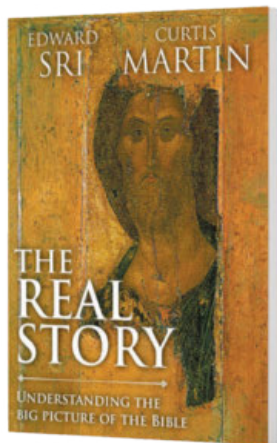
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA

Dec 1
Dec 4 - Sacramental
Prep with Parents
Dec 8
Dec 15
Christmas Break

Jr. high (has received First Communion)

Dec 1
Dec 11 - Council Mtg.
Dec 15
Dec 20 - Social
Christmas Break



High School and OCIA

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

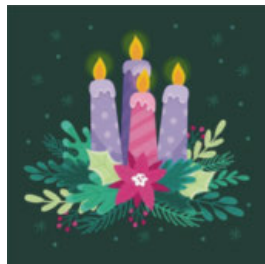
Youth Bible Study, *The Real Story*, meets on Wednesdays (5:30 - 6:30 PM).

Movie Night: Dec. 7th @ 7:00 PM

Email Trey Brock if you are interested in attending Bible Study or Movie Night.



Junior High Faith Formation



Our meeting **tonight (12/1)** will be a **Teaching of the Mass with Fr. Trey** and a celebration of the first day of **Advent**. Please meet in the St. Joseph's Chapel at 5:45 PM following the 4:30 PM Youth Mass.

Prayer Challenge Reminder

Anyone who can memorize and recite the Lord's Prayer or Hail Mary in another language such as Aramaic, Latin or Spanish - will receive a prize. This will take place at our 12/1 meeting tonight.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

December 3
(Play Rehearsal)
December 10
(Nativity Play)
Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

December 4
(Play Rehearsal)
December 11
(Nativity Play)
Christmas Break

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

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.



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



Junior
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Youth
Council

The Junior High Youth Council will be collecting donations of the following supplies to make kits for "Cookies for Santa" 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.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Join us for the third annual Festival of Lessons & Carols on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The Festival will be presented by the Cor Jesu Choir, under the direction of Dr. Crista Miller, Director of Music and Organist at the Co-Cathedral. The Festival of Lessons & Carols is an opportunity to celebrate, through song and prayer, the approaching Christmas season. Mixing carols with Scripture, the Festival is a wonderful way to prepare to welcome Jesus Christ into our midst. A complete brass quintet, percussion and organ will accompany the choir throughout the evening. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available around the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome to attend!

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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.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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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.



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Advent Wreath

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent Wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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Everyday Stewardship

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.



Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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