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Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 8, 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, December 8th

Crew 452—Poinsettia Fundraiser (After Morning Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 9 - YM - (Youth Center)
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Mary Queen Youth Band Rehearsal (Church)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Rite of Acceptance & Welcome Rehearsal (Mini Hall)
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM Post Confirmation Session - YM - (Mary's House)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM "The Deep" Dinner - YM (Mary's House)

Monday, December 9th

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Mary's House)
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Classes - YM (Youth Center)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Board Meeting (Mini Hall)
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 - 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 - Den Meetings (Classrooms)
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Court of Honor (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, December 10th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
9:30 PM - 12:00 PM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo (Mini Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM First Grade Nativity Play (Main Hall)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Small Group Leader Enrichment Training (Main Hall)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Committee Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Bible and the Virgin Mary - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, December 11th

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)
9:00 PM - 11:00 AM Giving Tree Planning Committee Mtg (Room 110/Library)
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 - 7:00 PM First Grade Nativity Play (Main Hall)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Jr. High Youth Council Meeting (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)
5:40 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Women's Ministry Christmas Gift Exchange (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)

Thursday, December 12th

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Giving Tree Volunteer Training (Room 114/115)
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

Friday, December 13th

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mary's House)
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Bay Area Serra Club Christmas Dinner (Main Hall)
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Children's Procession Rehearsal (Church)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Friday Family Night - EFF (Youth Center)

Saturday, December 14th

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Troop 452 Crew Meetings (Youth Center)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 9th

8:30 AM †Orlando Perez, Decuir Family, Rhonda Landry

Tuesday, December 10th

8:30 AM Enrique Pumarejo, Layla Karam – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Chatron Family

Wednesday, December 11th

6:30 PM †Edmund Zielke, †Carrie Sutton, Respect Life

Thursday, December 12th

8:30 AM †Marie Kucera, †Juan Carlos Pujalt, †Geoffrey Young

Friday, December 13th

8:30 AM †Mike Vukelicht, †Ben Malek, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ted & Mary Anastas

Saturday, December 14th

5:30 PM †Joe Russo, Tinney Grandchildren, Leigh Self – Birthday Blessings, Miriam Eby – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, December 15th

7:30 AM †Peter Chich Bui, †Hector Tobon, †Jeanie Paynter
9:30 AM †Alan Norris, †Hao Leba, Arellano Enriquez Family
11:30 AM †Charles & †Philomena St. George, Steve Young, Merina Nobel, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Heeb & Garst Families
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: November 16, 2024 - November 22, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$43,185.23

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,866.00

Difference: \$1,319.23

MP-Debt Reduction: \$743.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$414.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,051.00

**Loan Balance as of November 27, 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 27, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$204,057.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 381

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,008

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 27, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$609,102.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,441

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,

By granting a special dispensation for the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo wrote:

“As you know, this year December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, occurs on the Second Sunday of Advent. Therefore, the liturgical celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th.

In the past, it was understood that when this situation occurred the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was not a Holy Day of Obligation due to its proximity to the obligation of Sunday. A recent clarification, however, from the Holy See stated that the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass for Solemnity always remains in force.

As we are quickly approaching the end of the liturgical year, I am aware that many parishes and families already have in place the schedules for Advent and Christmas, and that this will cause confusion due to the short notice of this change. Thus, taking this into account, I have decided to grant a dispensation from this obligation in the Archdiocese this year.

Therefore, in accord with canon 87 §1, I hereby grant a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on December 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, to all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. [Please note that in the future the obligation to participate at Mass for this Solemnity will be maintained beginning in 2025.]”

What does the feast of Immaculate Conception say? It says that from the first moment of conception, when Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother St. Anne, she was completely free from original sin. The feast of Immaculate Conception means that Mary was prevented from any stain of sin from the first moment of her conception. Why was Mary delivered from original sin? It is because the Father wanted to have a perfect and pure instrument, a stainless container to contain the body of Christ for nine months. Mary was immaculately conceived not because of her but because of Jesus.

Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception? Mary is a human being like all of us. Mary is not a goddess. We do not worship or adore Mary. We do not adore Mary because adoration belongs to God. We do not kneel before Mary to worship her. But we are grateful, and we are proud of a beautiful sinless woman like Mary because she is one of us. Mary was chosen sinless and stainless. Her obedience made her more beautiful before God. We who are sinful, who have so many bruises, so many scars of sins can still be made beautiful if we follow the obedience of Mary to the will of the Father.

As we admire our Blessed Lady, God’s most favored one, filled with grace, on the feast of her conception, let us thank God for His love and mercy which embraces us right from the moment of our own conception. Though it is not a holiday of obligation, I encourage you to attend Mass on December 9th, Monday morning. Happy Feast Day to all.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ 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

abc13 **Share Your HOLIDAYS**
Benefiting the Galveston County **FOOD BANK**

Mary Queen is a point of distribution for the 2024 Share Your Holidays. We will be distributing pre-packed boxes provided by the Galveston County Food Bank to pre-registered families. Our designated time is Wednesday, December 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in our parking lot. If you are available at this time, this is a simple way to Love God by Serving Others. To sign up to volunteer use the link below or simply scan the QR code.

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



Giving TREE

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.

First Friday Family Christmas Party
(Second Friday in December)

CAROLING, COOKIES & COCOA

All are welcome to join us. Come and join this festive family activity as we sing and deliver some presents to others along the way! All while enjoying some cocoa. Pizza will also be served.

Friday, December 13th
in the Youth Center from 6 - 8 PM

NOTE DATE CHANGE TO THE SECOND FRIDAY

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.


He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine. Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path

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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.

December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, December 8

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

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 14

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

Next Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



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Fr. Thomas came and gave a special blessing to all the Catechumens and Candidates as they began the Second Stage in the OCIA Process called 'Catechumenate' Stage. He also blessed the Catholic Holy Bibles & Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) that we gifted them from Mary Queen.



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 join us for our Nativity Play this Tuesday (12/10) or Wednesday (12/11) during or regular class times of 4:00 or 5:45. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcomed to watch the performance in our Main Hall.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

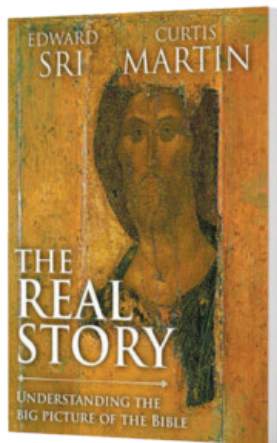
High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Dec 8 Dec 15 Christmas Break Jan 5 Jan 12	Dec 11 - Council Mtg. Dec 15 - Lesson 6 Dec 21 - Christmas Party Christmas Break

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday, December 14 & 15 - All Masses

Bring the Baby Jesus from your nativity set with you to Mass for a special blessing from Father!

Bambinelli Sunday is a Catholic tradition that takes place on the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. It involves children and families bringing their Baby Jesus figures, or Bambinelli, from their Nativity scenes to be blessed. The tradition was started by Pope John Paul II to help families remember the birth of Jesus. Please remember to bring your Baby Jesus to Mass with you for the blessing.



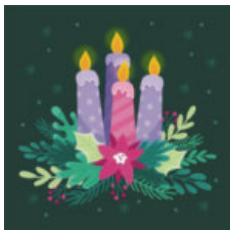
High School and OCIA

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).

There are 3 opportunities to volunteer this week. Please email Trey Brock if interested in serving!

Junior High Faith Formation



The Junior High Youth Council will be assembling the cookies for Santa kits on Wednesday, December 11th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Youth Center. Join us as we enjoy hot cocoa, watch a Christmas movie and then deliver the kits to the Food Pantry.

Our next lesson will be on December 15th at 5:45 PM. We will be talking about the Holy Family and Christmas.

Junior High Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 21st from 6 - 9 PM in the Youth Center.

More details to come.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

December 10
(Nativity Play)
Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

December 11
(Nativity Play)
Christmas Break

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

AROUND THE PARISH

Advent Penance Services



St. Luke
St. Paul Catholic Church
St. Helen Catholic Church

Wednesday, December 11th
Tuesday, December 17th
Wednesday, December 18th

Eucharistic Procession

On Sunday evening, November 24th, Mary Queen celebrated *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* with a candle light Eucharistic Procession.





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.



Junior
High
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.

Please bring your donations prior to December 11th. Donations may also be dropped off at the reception desk in the Parish Hall or the Youth Center.

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

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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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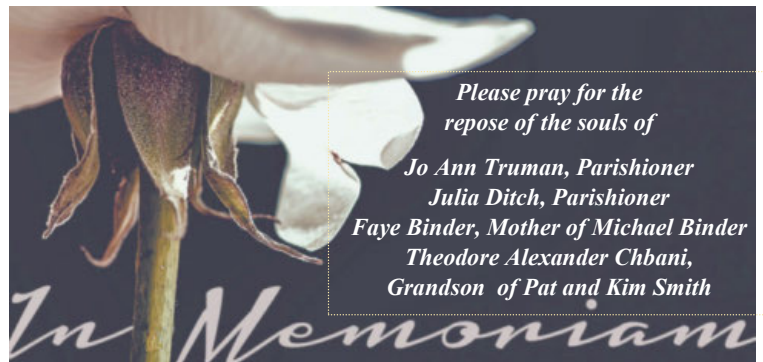
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We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn **“In Memory of...”** or **“In Honor of...”** a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist 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.

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For more information please contact Aurora Garza at mqhispanicministry@gmail.com

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

December 22 - Already Submitted
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Las Posadas

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell

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Everyday Stewardship

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.



You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

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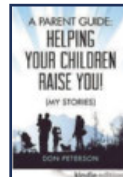
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