

Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

• THE HOLY FAMILY •

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 29, 2024

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**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

Office Hours
Monday - 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.

2025 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2025.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29th

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Mary Queen Youth Band Rehearsal (Church)
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. High Faith Formation - YM (Youth Center)

Monday, December 30th

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)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, December 31st

Pastoral Offices Closed - New Year's Day Observance

4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
(Chapel)

Wednesday, January 1st

Pastoral Offices Closed - New Year's Day

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, January 2nd

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions
AFF - (Main Hall)

Friday, January 3rd

Saturday, January 4th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28th

5:30 PM †Roger Stanfield, †Roy Gautreaux, Sr. & †Roy
Gautreaux, Jr., Melanie Bell – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, December 29th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Lynn Snider Lane, †William Stone,
Phanxicosavie Tan Pham
11:30 AM †Concepcion Siruno, †Hector Tobon, Linda
Garcia
4:30 PM †Carmela Romano, †Umberto Romano, †Maria
Concetta Trama

Monday, December 30th

8:30 AM †Luz Garza, †Joseph Swiader, †Sam Longoria

Tuesday, December 31st

8:30 AM †John Francis Fitzsimmons, Jr., †Robert
Wakefield, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of
the Mullen & Stimson Families
4:30 PM †Monico Garcio, Stephanie Bossert, Linda Garcia

Wednesday, January 1st

8:30 AM †Edward Giering, Albert Cipolla, Nicholas Simon
10:30 AM †Robert Burns, Linda Garcia, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of the Pesi Family, Deacon Derick
Soares – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, January 2nd

8:30 AM †Connel Masterson, Claudia Sadka, Joan Radous

Friday, January 3rd

8:30 AM †Liam Payne, Bob Burns, Living & Deceased
Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Saturday, January 4th

8:30 AM Maria Khan Cao & †Guise Vinh Nguyen, Mary
Queen Ministries, Claudia Pumarejo
5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, January 5th

7:30 AM †Julia Ditch, Catherine Walbe, Roy & Tracy
Glanville – Anniversary Blessings
9:30 AM †Graciano Pina, Jr., †John Garst, †Robert Sama
11:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky
Adam, JoAnn Larson – Birthday Blessings, Becky
Adam -Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM †Cecilia Kornegay, Living & Deceased Loved
Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olivarria, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez
Family



Thank You

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THE
APPRECIATION YOU HAVE SHOWN US DURING
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. WE ARE GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO
MARY QUEEN.

FR. THOMAS VELLAPPALLIL, M.S.
FR. TREY CRESPO, M.S.
FR. JIM KUCZYNSKI, M.S.

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: December 7, 2024 - December 13, 2024

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$54,818.39

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$54,606.00

Difference: \$212.39

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,991.84

Future Development & Maintenance: \$353.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$3,466.00

**Loan Balance as of December 17, 2024 was
\$738,436.26**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

January 1, 2025 - Solemnity of Mary

January 12 - Future Development & Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of December 13, 2024

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$206,756.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 386

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,043

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 December 13, 2024

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$611,176.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,453

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,

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Some might feel that this feast sets too high an ideal for families if I highlight the virtues of the Holy Family. Even though we call them the Holy Family that does not mean they never had problems to face, as every family must. Just as each follower of Jesus has a cross to carry, so also the holy family had to experience the cross in their shared life. To mention just a few examples, we can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. Joseph was even planning to divorce Mary privately before being assured that it was the work of God. Nine months later, the birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found. Today's Gospel from St Matthew shows how the little family had to flee as refugees to Egypt because the child Jesus' life was in danger from king Herod. What sustained the family of Nazareth through all these trials and crosses? What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and trust. Whenever families are happy, it is where love and respect are highly prized among them. We pray for an outpouring of those qualities in our families today. A major threat to family life nowadays is that we do not spend enough time together. We are so busy working, socializing, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other.

In today's world, caring for others is challenging since often family members are in different cities, states, even countries, and continents. We also have blended families, families of "choice" of those near and dear to us, even laying our life down for one's friends who have become family. God chose a family for Jesus with Mary and her betrothed Joseph, who was not his biological father, yet a loving parent in every sense. Thus, they are the Holy Family.

That we are living in heart breaking, despairing times is an understatement, with wars and conflicts erupting across the globe and horrific loss of many family members. Climate change threatens our common home. Refugees, migrations, and politics accelerate the disruption of families. For those in solidarity, reference to compassion fatigue is now common. Yet a larger sense of family can help us orient our healing and deepen our convictions for peace. We are all interconnected in our vulnerability and strength. Thus, may God hear our prayers for peace in our hearts, peace in our world and teach us how to live in the tragic gap between what is and what could be with faith and hope.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Eucharistic Adoration

Due to the
New Years Holidays
Eucharist Adoration will
not be held on
December 31 & January 1

*The Mary Queen Pastoral Offices will be closed for the New Year on the following days.
December 31 & January 1*




Respect Life Holy Hour

Sunday, January 12, 2025
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.



Visitation of Relics of
Blessed
Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus and central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America

January 6, 2025
Mary Queen Catholic Church, Friendswood

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Veneration - St. Joseph Chapel
6:00 pm - Mass - Mary Queen Church
7:00 pm - St. Joseph Chapel
Ceremony of Charity, Unity & Fraternity for new & potential members of the Knights of Columbus
8:00 pm - Refreshments in Mini-Hall

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs **Chicken** **Sausage**

Sunday January 12th

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary **"after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..."** (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, December 29

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Did you get a chance to pick up the book “33 Days to Eucharistic Glory” by Matthew Kelly after one of the Christmas Masses in Mary Queen? Are you interested in digging deeper into the beautiful Divine Glory of the Eucharist? We have two opportunities for you!

1. Read the book on your own and watch Fr. Jonathan Meyer reflection videos each day - [33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Invite ~ Fr. Jonathan Meyer - YouTube](#)
2. Join us for a Parish-wide Eucharistic Consecration preparation small group sessions once in a week for four consecutive weeks beginning on the week of January 6th. This will be an opportunity to join with fellow Mary Queen parishioners to review your progress, share life-changing experiences, reflect on the weekly study guide questions and encourage one another to continue the journey toward consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist.

If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please see the schedule below for the weekly sessions:

- Monday Evenings: Couples - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday Afternoons: Women’s - 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Wednesday Mornings: Men’s - 6:00 – 7:00 AM
- Wednesday Evenings: Young Adults - 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Thursday Mornings: Men & Women – 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- Friday Mornings: Men & Women – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

If you have questions or interested in joining one of the Small Groups, please contact: Eby Kurian – ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

The National Eucharistic Congress was a powerful moment of encounter for the Church in the US as we rediscovered the heart of our faith – the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at Mary Queen along with the Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims, we are continuing to tap into that spirit of encounter by inviting our parishioners to join us for a **Parish-wide Eucharistic Consecration on the Feast of Presentation of the Lord during all the weekend Masses on February 1 & 2 culminating with the ‘Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World’ – prayerfully gathered by Blessed Carlos Acutis.**



As the inaugural event for the ‘Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope’ and in thanksgiving for the vocation of the priesthood, Mary Queen Parish is excited to host the Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

Originally assembled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, this extensive collection of photos and historical records of ancient and modern Eucharistic miracles will be on display February 1 & 2 in the St. Charbel Youth Center for a self-guided tour. All verified and approved by the Catholic Church, this is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into your faith and witness the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The exhibit will be open on Saturday, February 1 from 9:30 am – 7:30 pm and on Sunday, February 2 from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm.



We hope Mary Queen parishioners have been enjoying the Advent Issue of **The Word Among Us** offered by the Adult Faith Formation Department. This booklet includes information on the following and more:

- Daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy.
- Free Mass Supplement.
- Daily meditations based on the Mass.
- Practical featured articles on Advent and the saints.



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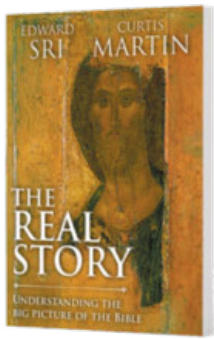
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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Christmas Break Jan 5 Jan 12 Jan 19	Christmas Break Jan 12 Jan 26

Closing Out the Year

We close out the 2024 year of EFF with quite a bit of activity. Some pictures from our last classes, the First Grade Nativity play, Christmas caroling and the Keep Christ in Christmas contest. Thanks for another successfully year.



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).

Trivia Night Fundraiser - January 25 (6:30 - 9:30 PM)

Junior High Faith Formation



Jr High will be offering Open Hours on Monday 12/30 and Thursday 1/2 from Noon to 3. Come hang out, play games, and socialize with your Mary Queen friends over Christmas break!

AROUND THE PARISH



ENJOY A VARIETY OF TRIVIA QUESTIONS!

JANUARY 25TH

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

\$240

8-person table

\$30

individual tickets



REGISTER TODAY!

Must be 21+ to attend

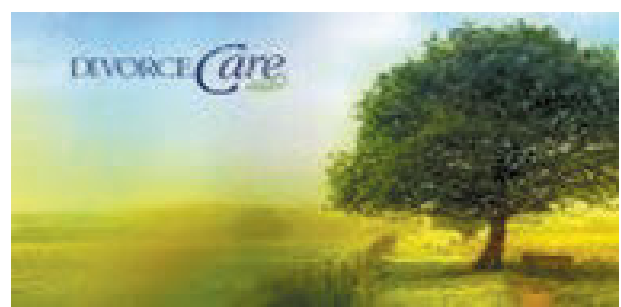
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contact Joanna Krancher

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DINNER . TEAM COMPETITIONS . PRIZES . PHOTO BOOTH & MUCH MORE!



Divorce Care is a Mary Queen Parish supported ministry. The program is a Bible based weekly support group and seminar series. The program will help you learn how to deal with the pain and anguish of divorce and how to rebuild your life. The cost is just \$25.00 per person (includes workbook).

Please contact the Facilitator to register or to learn more about the program.

Stephen Harrison: 713-252-3253, sachenv@aol.com

Sessions are Monday evenings 6:50 PM to 8:30 PM

Divorce Care Meets at: 2918 Plymouth Colony Drive
Webster, Texas 77598

Mary Queen Seniors (60+) Bingo

January meeting dates:
January 14 & 28
9:30 AM-12 PM

If you would like additional information, please contact Ed



La Salette Laity



We are a La Salette parish staffed by the La Salette Missionaries. What does that mean? What's the story of the Apparition of

Our Lady of La Salette? Does it apply to me, my family, my parish? January 2025 is the perfect time to find the answers to those questions. You are invited to join one of the already formed La Salette Laity groups or you can form your own group. One group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM starting on February 5. The La Salette Laity Supper Club meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 6:30 PM starting with a pot-luck style dinner followed by book study & conversation. The Supper Club will meet starting on Friday January 10th.

If those times do not work for you, you can start your own group! All materials are provided. For more information or if you have questions please contact Chris Austgen at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391

Women's Ministry Day of Prayer

Save the date for the Women's Ministry Lenten Day of Prayer Saturday, March 1, 2025 9:30 - 2:30 in the Main Hall

Come spend time with other women to DRAW NEAR AND RESTORE connecting with God and each other. Our facilitator will be Karen May - author, speaker and spiritual director with Amazing Graces.



The Pancakes with Santa event was held Sunday, December 15th and a good time was had by all. Presents were placed in the classrooms for the parents to do some secret shopping while their children were enjoying games and activities in the Main Hall.



Mary Queen celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 14th sponsored by the Hispanic Ministry. After a Rosary and Mass, a reception was held in the Main Hall.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Come and Click

Considering a Religious Vocation?



what? It's a one hour online discernment event, hosted by the Missionaries of La Salette

why? discernment Q & A and discussion about God's will in your life

for who? Catholic men between the ages of 18 - 45

when? Join us for one or more...

- Thursday, August 8, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, September 12, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, October 10, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, November 14, 7pm ET

contact: lasalettevocations@gmail.com for more information or for the Zoom link

Nullity Case Sponsor Training

A 36 hour course for Nullity Case Sponsors will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM on the following Saturdays in 2025.

January 11th & 25th
February 1st & 22nd
March 1st & 22nd

To attend these training sessions you need to have Fr. Thomas' approval. Please contact him for approval to attend.

For further information visit the Archdiocese's Tribunal website at:

www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/metropolitan-tribunal

and click the Case Sponsor Training link or call 713-807-9286

WARNING! STAY ALERT!

"Can you do me a favor?" "Do you have an open schedule?"

If you have received this message via text or email from Fr. Thomas or another member of the Pastoral staff, disregard it immediately! Fr. Thomas will NEVER email or text you to ask for money, gift cards, etc. Always check the sender's email address- if it does not end in @maryqueenchurch.org, it is a spam message.

Report the message and block the sender. Please do not fall victim to this scam! Stay alert.

Texas Catholic Herald

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Thank you and God Bless America!

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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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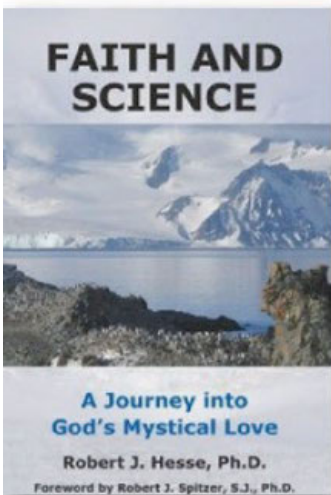
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Jesus' Grandparents

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

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Everyday Stewardship

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.



How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

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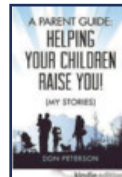
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