



Mary Queen  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*January 12, 2025*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GHOST  
DESCENDED LIKE  
**A DOVE.**

— LUKE 3:21 —

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



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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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 12th

- 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser & Coffee & Donuts**  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour (Chapel)  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 13 (Youth Center)  
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)  
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Jr. High Faith Formation Lesson 7 - YM (Youth Center)

## Monday, January 13th

- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM First Reconciliation Interviews (Main Hall/Classrooms)  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Classes (Youth Center)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's ACTS Faith Sharing Group (Bride's Room)  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Couples Session AFF (Mary's House)  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 - Den Meetings (Rooms 113, 116, 117 & 118)  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Meetings (Youth Center)

## Tuesday, January 14th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)  
10:30 - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Women's Session - AFF (Mary's House)  
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)  
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Committee Meeting (Youth Center)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Bible and the Virgin Mary - AFF (Mary's House)

## Wednesday, January 15th

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Men's Session AFF (Main Hall)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christian Meditation Group (Room 110/Library)  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Queen Bee's Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)  
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Women's Ministry Bay Area Baby Shower (Main Hall)  
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)  
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's ACTS Faith Sharing (Bride's Room)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Young Adults/ College Students Session - AFF (Mary's House)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House Garage)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Meeting (Main Hall)

## Thursday, January 16th

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Men & Women Session - AFF (Mary's House)  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main Hall)

## Friday, January 17th

- 10:00 AM—11:30 AM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Young Adults/ College Students Session - AFF (Mary's House)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's ACTS Faith Sharing Group (Room 110/Library)

## Saturday, January 18th

- 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 Pinewood Derby (Main Hall)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, January 11th

- 5:30 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Graciano & Maria Pina, Sr., †Daniel Jansky

## Sunday, January 12th

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
9:30 AM †Maria Trevino, †Maria Strohlein, †Jean Brandt  
11:30 AM †Guadalupe & †Rosa Barrientos, William MacKenzie, Amanda Ainsworth  
4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Jim Cates, †Betty Stacy

## Monday, January 13th

- 8:30 AM †Charles & †Tracey Plunkett, †Florencio Patrimonio, Sr., †Mike Vukelich

## Tuesday, January 14th

- 8:30 AM †Jose Segovia, Deacon Vince Eklund – 8th Anniversary of Ordination, Deacon Derrick Soares – 8th Anniversary of Ordination

## Wednesday, January 15th

- 6:30 PM †Byron Clark, †Michael J. Dilick, †Jan Hurkallo

## Thursday, January 16th

- 8:30 AM †Venancia Mercado-Malilay, †Potenciana Mercado, †Goldie Witucki

## Friday, January 17th

- 8:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Judith Brinkley, Lisa Liverman

## Saturday, January 18th

- 5:30 PM †Robert Pina, †Tony Diotalevi, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family

## Sunday, January 19th

- 7:30 AM †George Sorrell, Frank Coleman, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of George & Mildred Pesl  
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
11:30 AM †Mary Shed, †Genevieve Baur, Lucia Boone  
4:30 PM †Nancy Tolbert, †Harry Tardy, †Ross Simpson



PRAY FOR  
VOCATIONS

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: December 21, 2024 - December 27, 2024

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$40,579.94

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$57,915.00

**Difference:** (\$17,335.06)

**Christmas Offering Received:** \$41,378.65

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$ 1,565.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$1,844.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$1,601.00

**Loan Balance as of January 6, 2025 was  
\$693,436.26**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**January 12** - Future Development & Maintenance

**January 26** - Bishops' Fund for Latin America

**February 2** - DSF Sunday (1st Commitment Weekend)

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2024 DSF Summary as of January 6, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$195,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$212,481.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 395

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 1,086

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 6, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$616,661.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$590,383.32

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 2,475

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org).

## LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast ends the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Easter Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world."

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism, the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



### **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](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**Ribs**

**Chicken**

**Sausage**

**Sunday January 12th**

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Bay Area Deanery Catholic Council of Women January gathering -Wednesday, January 15, 9:30-noon at Mary Queen, 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood. - Light Breakfast, Baby shower, brief Meeting, Speaker and Raffle. Speaker- John Hinojosa, Executive Director of Loving Choice Pregnancy Center. Baby Items collected for Deanery Gabriel Projects and Loving Choice (diapers, wipes, toiletries and 6-9 or larger baby clothes).

For additional information call 713-412-8559 .

**Galveston County FOOD BANK**

houston foodbank Partner

## Volunteer Opportunity

Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry partnering again with the Galveston County Food Bank. We have scheduled a volunteer opportunity on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9 AM til Noon at the Food Bank (624 4th Ave N Texas City TX 77590).

This opportunity is for ages 11 and up. Minors 11-15 need to be accompanied by an adult. Minors 16-17 do not need to be accompanied by an adult, but do need a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Spots are limited so reserve your spot now at the link below. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Chris Austgen at [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391.

[https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/registrations/2VF9H1NMFD/claim\\_spot](https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/registrations/2VF9H1NMFD/claim_spot)



**Trivia Night FUNDRAISER**

Supporting Mary Queen Youth Ministry

TABLE THEME: TV SHOWS

ENJOY A VARIETY OF TRIVIA QUESTIONS!

**JANUARY 25TH**

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**TO BECOME A SPONSOR,**  
contact Joanna Krancher  
713.691.1162  
joannakrancher@gmail.com

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
Must be 21+ to attend

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

## Beneath The Surface

**Mini Reflection:** It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

## Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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January 12, 2025

## The Baptism of the Lord

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir  
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## DAILY READINGS

### Sunday, January 12

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Monday, January 13

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday, January 14

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 15

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 16

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

### Friday, January 17

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 18

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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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.

Would you like to volunteer with the exhibition?

In order to provide this exhibition, we are in need of volunteers to assist during set-up, exhibition hours, and clean-up. Volunteering hours include:

Set-up: Friday, January 31

Exhibition Hours :

Saturday, February 1 | 9:30 am to 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 2 | 8:30 am to 6:30 pm

Clean-up: Sunday, February 2 & Monday, February 3



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!

Read the book on your own and watch Fr. Jonathan Meyer reflection videos for each day- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Invite ~ Fr. Jonathan Meyer - YouTube

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 below the schedule for the weekly sessions:

Monday Evenings on January 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Couples Group - 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Mary's House.

Tuesday Afternoons on January 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Women's Group - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at Mary's House.

Wednesday Mornings on January 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Men's Group - 6:00 am – 7:00 am in Main Hall.

Wednesday Evenings on January 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Young Adults Group - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Mary's House.

Thursday Mornings on January 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Group for both Men & Women – 9:30 am – 11:00 am at Mary's House.

Friday Mornings on January 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Group for both Men & Women – 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Mary's House.

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



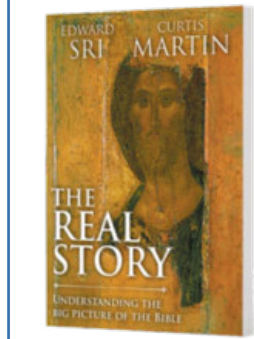


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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Jan 12	Jan 12
Jan 19	Jan 26
Jan 26	Feb 9
	Feb 23



### 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 returns for class on Sunday, January 12 for the Circle of Grace lesson at 5:45pm.

The next Jr High Council meeting is Wednesday, January 15th from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Youth Center.



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## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION Class Dates

### TUESDAY CLASS DATES

JAN 14	JAN 21 NO CLASS	FEB 4	FEB 11 NO CLASS
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### WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

JAN 15	JAN 22 NO CLASS	FEB 5	FEB 12 NO CLASS
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Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

**Interviews**  
Monday, January 13th

Please show up and be ready for the time you signed up. Interview questions and answers are in your blue folder.

# AROUND THE PARISH

## 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.



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  
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## 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

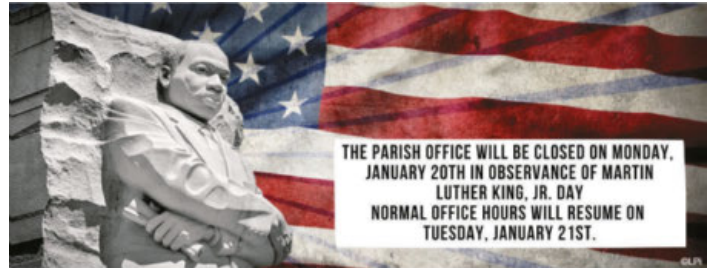
Come spend time with other women to DRAW NEAR AND RESTORE connecting with God and each other. Our facilitator will be Karen May - author, speaker and spiritual director with Amazing Graces.



## 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 on Friday, February 14th.

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](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391



## Mary Queen Seniors (60+) Bingo

January meeting dates:

January 14 & 28

9:30 AM-12 PM



## Christmas 2024



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**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](http://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/metropolitan-tribunal)

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

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### US Coast Guard:

Cadet 3/c Manon Murphy

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](mailto: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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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](mailto: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.

## End Of Year Gifts

It is December and the Christmas holidays are almost here. Many of you may be prayerfully considering an end-of-the-year gift at this time. If you are one that is thinking about giving here are a few options you may consider.

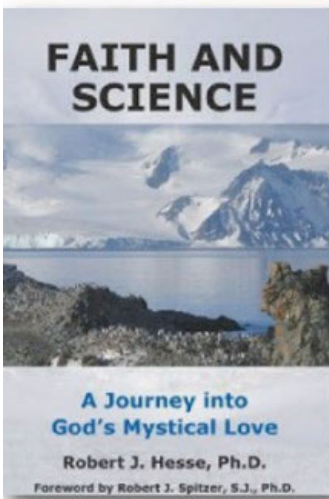
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# Men's Retreat



### WHEN:

**Saturday,  
February 1, 2025  
8:30a—4:30p**

### WHERE:

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Robert J. Hesse, Ph.D., an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Thomas, is a permanent Catholic deacon in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He is co-founder, chairman, president, and CEO of Contemplative Network, dedicated to teaching interdenominational Christian contemplative prayer, scientific research, and interfaith dialogue.



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phone: 281-482-1391 x334

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

January 19 - Already Submitted  
January 26 - January 15  
February 2 - January 22



## Baptismal Bib

### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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## Everyday Stewardship

### I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

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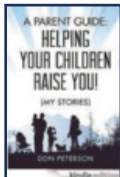
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