DO WHATEVER HE TELLS



YOU.

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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.

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 <u>anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</u>.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 19th

Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses - Pastoral Council

9:30 AM - 11:30 AMOCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)3:00 PM - 4:20 PMHigh School Faith Formation Lesson 14 (Youth Center)3:45 PM - 6:00 PMPost Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)

Monday, January 20th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Pastoral Offices Closed

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Classes (Youth Center) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Couples Session AFF (Mary's House)

Tuesday, January 21st

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)
4:30 PM	Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
	(Chapel)
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 22nd

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)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
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)
7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" La Salette Laity
	Session - AFF (Main Hall)

Thursday, January 23rd

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)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Bay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Friday, January 24th

10:00 AM—11:30 AM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Young Adults/ College Students Session - AFF (Mary's House)

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary Queen Woodworkers (Mary's House Garage)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Ministry Collaboration Meeting (Youth Center)
1:00 PM - 4:00PM	Troop 452 Crew Meetings (Youth Center)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Quinceanera Mass - Rosas (Church)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reconciliation (Church)
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Trivia Night Fundraiser - YM (Main Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 20th

8:30 AM **†**Antonio & **†**Maria Pina, Deacon Derrick Soares, Allie Arribe – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30 AM **†**Cecilia Kornegay, **†**Jeannette Marinow, **†**Norbert Wilms

Wednesday, January 22nd

6:30 PM +William Adam, +Bob Britz, +Norbert Wilms

Thursday, January 23rd

8:30 AM **†**Julia laBorde, **†**Victor Gangitano, Paula Purce – Birthday Blessings

Friday, January 24th

8:30 AM **†**Geraldine Rinehart, **†**William MacKenzie, **†**GH Sorrell

Saturday, January 25th

5:30 PM **†**Wesley Souliere, Duplan Family Children, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Jim & Phyllis Tinney

Sunday, January 26th

- 7:30 AM **†**Tony & **†**Antoinette Chavez, **†**Adril & **†**Benjamin Kloster-Caylor, **†**Nancy Tolbert
- 9:30 AM Betty Pitre Birthday Blessings, Phylis Rinehart – Birthday Blessings, Tim & Karen Berlinger – Wedding Anniversary Blessings
- 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
- 4:30 PM **†**Rene Portocorrero, **†**Roel M. Quiroz, Sr., **†**Fred Albers



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: December 28, 2024 - January 3, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$45,448.70 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$25,550.00 Difference: \$19,898.70 MP-Debt Reduction: \$3,877.00 Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,309.00 Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$4,176.00

Loan Balance as of January 13, 2025 was \$680,781.63

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

January 26 - Bishops' Fund for Latin America February 2 - DSF Sunday (1st Commitment Weekend) February 9 - Future Development & Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund 2024 DSF Summary as of January 13, 2025

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$217,406.00 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 401 Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,102 Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

> Thank you to all who helped us reach our DSF Goal for 2024.

To make your gift or for more information, please visit <u>www.archgh.org/dsf</u>.

IGNITE Campaign 2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 13, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$622,039.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,490 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 <u>baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org</u>.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



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 <u>www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org</u>.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Warm Greetings from Incredible India!

I was invited to a wedding by a beautiful Sri Lankan couple, Minuri and Linal, who I prepared in Mary Queen for their wedding in Sri Lanka. Since it was on my way home to India, I spent three days in Columbo, where I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality and welcome by their Family. I was so blessed to be part of their wedding ceremony on the 28th of December after which I took a one-hour flight home in Kerala, India.

Just thought you might love to hear some vacation news from me by way of introducing my family. We are a beautiful Catholic family closely knit and with deep faith and special devotion to the Blessed Mother. There is not a single day we would skip praying together as family for almost an hour before supper, which always included praying the rosary. Arrived at home on the 30th of December. Seeing my 93-year-old mother sitting on the front porch in a wheelchair waiting for my arrival was the most touching moment as we hugged each other with tears of joy. Although she is homebound, she is fully alert and so we spent the next few days recalling lots of old stories of nine of us siblings growing up together in a small house. It is a custom for the youngest son and his family to take care of the parents as they inherit the parent's home. We don't send our parents to nursing homes. Anytime I am away from my family I always call my mother every day without fail. Since my father passed away over 12 years ago, my mother has been our driving force and inspiration. Usually, family celebrations like Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Weddings are scheduled around my vacation time. I never get a vacation even during my vacation!

We are nine siblings, 6 of us brothers and 3 sisters. We lost our second elder brother more than a year ago. I have 18 nephews and nieces and numerous grand nephews and nieces. Most of them live abroad like England, Canada, Denmark and Abu Dhabi. We had a series of family gatherings since my arrival. We had a beautiful gathering on New Year's Eve with lots of traditional Indian food, fireworks and fun.

We celebrated my mother's 93rd birthday on the 16th of January. My mother was so thrilled to see about 100 of her family members and them singing happy birthday to her. She looks forward to that every year.

We will be having a big family reunion this weekend. When my dad was still living, through his initiative and leadership, we organized our first family gathering which was attended by more than 350 people. At that we had published a family history book with pictures of each family. A revised and updated family history will be published and distributed to each family during this occasion. We are expecting at least 300 family members to participate. It is a full day affair and usually begins with a celebration of Mass, followed by a sumptuous meal and lots of fun activities especially for the young.

Life is a cycle of saying hellos and goodbyes. The saddest moment would be when I must say goodbye to my mother and leave home after the vacation. I cherish every moment I can be with my family. Warm regards from my family to all of you and I can't wait to return to my Mary Queen family and to much cooler weather by next week. See you soon. Blessings!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST.



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 <u>chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org</u> or 281-482-1391.

https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/ registrations/2VF9H1NMFD/claim spot



Mary Queen Catholic Church

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Sunday January 26th, after morning mass in the Parish Hall. Join us and support the Mary Queen Hispanic Ministry. Eggs & sausage Burritos Eggs & chorizo Burritos Eggs & potatoes Burritos

> Tamales Donuts Coffee & Lemonad

Coloring books table Coloring books table Cornhole Games table Hula hoops

Looking forward to see you all!



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Do Whatever He Tells You

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come on. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

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PRAY & REFLECT

January 19, 2025 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 19
Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday, January 20
Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 21
Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 22
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 23
Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 24
Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday:
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION The Eucharistic Miracles OF THE WORLD

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:

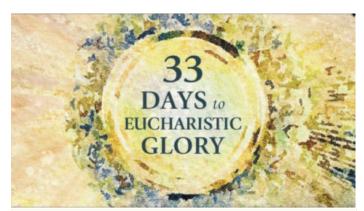
Set-up: Friday, January 31

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.

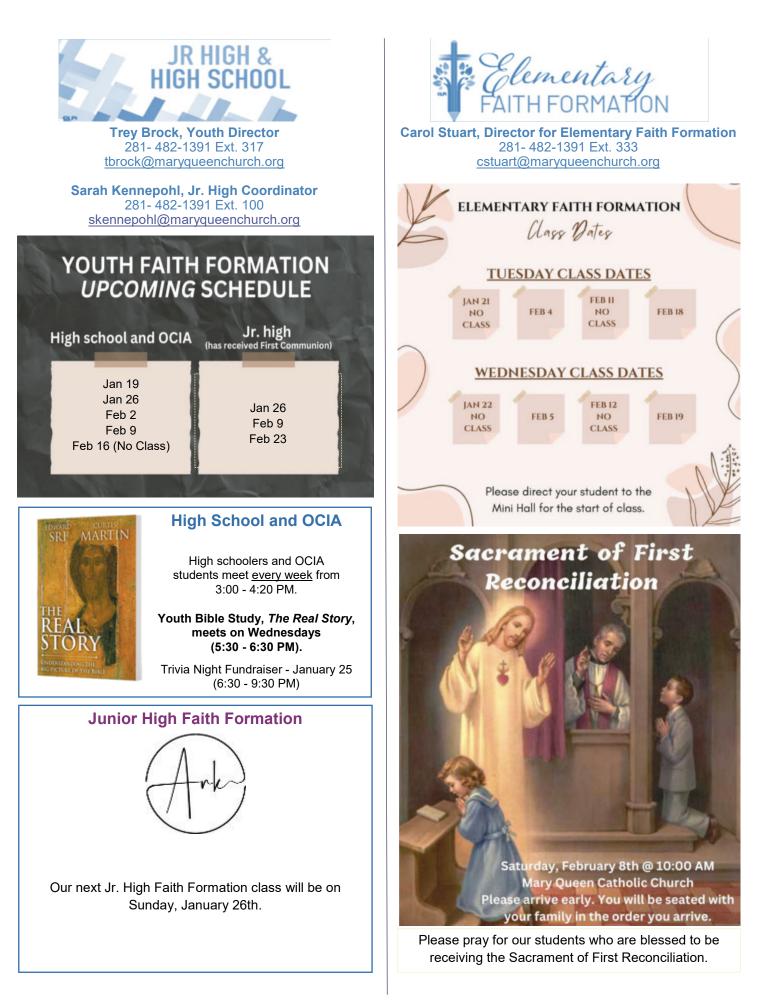
Wednesday Mornings on January 8,15, 22 & 29 – Men's Group - 6:00 am – 7:00 am in Main Hall.

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



AROUND THE PARISH



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.

Karen May is a dynamic and inspirational author, speaker, and spiritual director who believes that powerful, transformational faith doesn't have to be complicated. Helping people to discover the profound truths of God in a way that is simple, inviting, and filled with joy is a gift that she shares in her writing and speaking.

Karen has been featured in two Pray More Healing retreats, the Jen Fulwiler Show, EWTN, Relevant Radio, and more. She is the author of *Be Not Afraid: Living with Faith in the Midst of a Fearful World, Walking Through Holy Week,* and *Draw Near.* Karen and her husband Mike enjoy cooking, traveling, hiking, and spending time with their daughters and son-in-law. You can find her at <u>www.AmayzingGraces.com</u>.

Karen's mission is to share her passion for the Catholic faith, unveil the beauty of God's love, and empower you to live a life filled with purpose and joy.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us on this journey.

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Join us for an exciting two-day celebration filled with faith, fun and community Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2025. The festival weekend kicks off on Saturday night with an elegant Gala featuring fine dining, an inspiring speaker and entertainment. Sunday includes a fun-filled Family Festival with games, food, entertainment and more.

If you would like to help with the festival, There will be a Festival Planning meeting on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:15 PM in the Mini Hall.

Mary's Chain of Love - Crochet & Craft Ministry

With the busy time of Advent & Christmas, the Mary's Chain of Love celebrated their get together after the holidays. This group specializes in prayer shawls for those in need of comfort as well as baby items for the Gabriel Project.







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, 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 or 281-482-1391





Family of the Month



Nguyen Family

Vu was born and raised in Saigon, Vietnam; he came to United States when he was 19 years old and lived in California for a few years and moved to Texas. Miriam was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico; she moved to United States when she was 13 and had lived in Houston since then. Destiny brought them together many years later, and this coming February they will celebrate their 20 years of marriage.

Vu works as a petroleum inspector and is a small real estate investor. Within his busy schedule he finds the time to lead the family into prayer and preaches the word of God to family and co-workers.

Miriam works as a hairstylist and has served in various ministries over the years, teaching teens in CAST, Children Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible Study in the summer, RCIA, and sound tech at youth Mass, but her favorite thing to do has been teaching CCE to first graders this year.

They have four children: Jack, Sinh, Angel and Angelle.

Jack did all his sacraments at the Vietnamese Martyr Catholic church and has been active duty in United States Air Force for over 10 years. He is married and has 2 children.

Sinh converted to Catholicism and received all his sacraments at Mary Queen after going through the Alpha program, RCIA, Life Teen and The Deep. He served as an usher and volunteered in many Mary Queen community events. Currently, he is living in Vietnam and has been active at the local church there.

Angel has served Mary Queen since he was in 5th grade. He was an altar server, Youth Choir drummer, Youth Council social leader, RCIA support team and volunteered in many community events throughout the years. He is working full-time in Hilton Las Americas Hotel in downtown Houston and is a Senior at Alvin Community College and will be graduating this summer with an Associate Degree in Applied Science (Culinary Arts). He continues to serve around the parish on his days off.

Angelle will be graduating High School with an associate's degree in general arts from Alvin Community College. She has been an altar server since she was in 4th grade, is a Youth Choir member and cantor, was in the RCIA support team, is part of Youth Council Marketing, is a teacher aide for first grade CCE and has volunteered in many Mary Queen community events. She will continue to serve the parish while she pursues her career in forensic science, specifically to be a forensic photographer at Alvin Community College.

Serving our parish and preaching by example has led the Nguyen family closer to God and our community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is inviting Married Couples to join us for a Marriage Enrichment Weekend - a Great Valentines Gift for each other. It will be February 7 - 9, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon at the Cameron Retreat Center, St. Dominic's Diocesan Center, Houston. For more information, contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or go

on-line to www.houstonme.org

LENTEN RETREAT



Lenten Silent Retreat March 7-9 or April 14-16 At the Christian Renewal Center



Join Catholic author, Spiritual Director, and speaker, Kim Brown for a Lenten Silent Retreat focused on our Lord. During the Silent Retreat, Kim will provide Meditations to reflect upon about every 3-4 hours throughout the day. In addition, participants can do one on one spiritual direction, attend daily Mass, confession, and enjoy the 52 acres to encounter God.

Lodging is provided in a private room and only cost \$289 per person for 2-Nights/7 Meals

Register online at retreatcentercrc.org/events

Texas Catholic Herald

Find out what's happening around the Archdiocese in the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at <u>www.archgh.org/digitaleditions</u> or visit <u>www.archgh.org/tch</u>.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

US Air Force:

SrA Jake Ainsworth, Maj James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, SrA Caleb Brysch, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, SSgt Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Maj James Gregory, SSqt Christopher Hammer, SMSqt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, 2d Lt Ethan McDonald, Maj Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Lt Col Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, Capt Harrison Spexarth, 2d Lt Jackson Spexarth, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, 2LT Julian Monroig, MAJ Brandon Nesrsta, COL Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SSgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo, CPT Christopher Zavesky

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, Cpl Joel Garza, 1stLt Jacob Perez, Lt. Col. Norman Renfro, Pvt Edward Spitzenberger

US Navy:

LTJG Rylan Bashinski, MIDN 4/C Julian Brysch, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, SN Gavin Ngo, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith, CAPT Mike Svatek, LCDR John Zendt

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 <u>anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</u>. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

WE PRAY FOR...

Joanie Adams Charlotte Alexander Suan Angelo Enrique Arellano

Florencio Bernardo Richard Blaszczuk Lucia Boone Toni Brown Bob Burns

Kathy Chastain Elizabeth Clarke Jacquelyn Cox Barbara Craig Ora Curdie

Bob Davis Mary Donegan Stacia L. Duarte Pauline & Richard Duplantis

Patrick Ezeli

Phyllis Fields Marvin Fikac

Alonzo Ponce Garza Alley George Aggie Gibson Linda Gonzales Juan Gonzales Marina Gosselin Tom Gregory III Barbara Gurley Henry Gutierrez Marguerite Haas Charlotte Hammerle Hunter Harris Cathy Hart Ann Hausinger Dave Hedges Amanda Hernandez Denise Hernandez Leo Hernandez Helene Houran Chun-Mai Huang Hai-Ning Huang

Valerie Kirby Olivia Koenning

Grace Lea Cecilia Lentine Chris Lobue Johnny Lobue Sue Lobue Edward Lockwood Sara Lockwood Elena Longoria

Jeanette Marinow Stella Martinez Betty Matuszewski Marie Maurey Sarah McConnell Maxine McGee Tracy McKernan Kerri McLeif Kerri & Dale McLeod Phyllis Middleton Chris Miller Bob & Diane Mireles Jesse Montgomery Gregorio Montoya Moorhead Family Larry Munzenmaier

Mary Catherine Natali

Diane O'Connor Brenda & Ben Oubre

Palmquist Family George Pesl Jayne Pesl Kevin Petrash Leona Popp Lisa Popp

Joan Radous Suzanne Rouen Linda Russo Caroline Saccomanno Fr. Raul Salas, OMI Joe Sambrano Steve Short Gilbert Simon Raymond & Helen Smith Special Needs Families Patrick Spedale Mike Stuart Jamie Symon

Bianca Tellez Margaret Thornton Clayton Timmons Landon Tinney Gail Truman

Unborn In The Womb

Ryan Valure Audrey VanBuren Manuel Vento

Bruce Wahl Johnny Walden Jerry Whatley & Family

Lauren Yonish

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

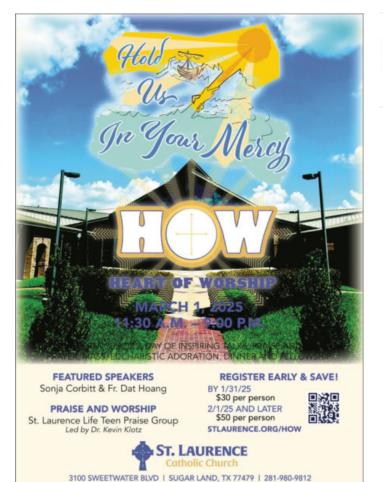


We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn *"In Memory of..."* or *"In Honor of..."* a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.



Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at <u>reception@maryqueenchurch.org</u>. 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.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Formation Winter 2025 Session

The Archdiocese will be holding their Winter EMHC Formation workshop on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Topics that will be covered are: Ecclesial nature of the Eucharist, Eucharist as sacrifice, memorial, banquet and school of active love for neighbor, Real Presence of Christ, Eucharistic Reverence, and Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion. This workshop is open to everyone and recommended for current EMHC ministers. Use the link below for additional information or to register or visit the Archdiocese website (www.archgh.org).

EMHC Workshop

Communications Requests -Guidelines & Deadlines Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

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

Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below. January 26 - January 15 February 2 - January 22 February 9 - January 29

Holy Days



Question:

Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial.

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Everyday Stewardship

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."



Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



