

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

— LUKE 4:18 —



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
January 26, 2025

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



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**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 anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 26th

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses)

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Scout Troop 452 - Special Religious Awards/Pope Pius XII/ Ad Altare Dei (Mary's House)
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 15 (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 8—YM (Youth Center)

Monday, January 27th

- 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)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 - Den Meetings (Classrooms)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Meeting (Youth Center)

Tuesday, January 28th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo (Mini Hall)
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)
12:00 PM—3:00 PM JOYful Lights Study Group (Mary's House)
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)
5:15 PM - 5:40 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Elementary Faith Formation (Mini Hall)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
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 29th

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Small Group/Men's Session AFF (Main Hall)
9:00 AM - 12:15 PM Archdiocesan Spring Festival & Bazaar Training (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)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
5:15 PM - 5:40 PM "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Elementary Faith Formation (Mini Hall)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
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 30th

- 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 31st

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

Saturday, February 1st

- 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM The Vatican International Exhibit - Eucharistic Miracles of the World (Youth Center)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 27th

- 8:30 AM †Juanita Morales, †Cecilia Dorner, Irma Stanfield – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, January 28th

- 8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Sue Brysch, Chris Austgen – Birthday Blessings, Fr. Sibi Kunninu – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, January 29th

- 6:30 PM †Norbert Wilms, †George Sorrell, Joan Radous

Thursday, January 30th

- 8:30 AM †Velma Labrie, †William Prindiville, †George Sorrell

Friday, January 31st

- 8:30 AM †Sam Longoria, †Paul Bui, Deacon Charles Turner – 10th Anniversary of Ordination

Saturday, February 1st

- 8:30 AM Jean Russo – Birthday Blessings, Paula Pierce – Birthday Blessings, All Our Mary Queen Ministries
5:30 PM †Jose Duplan, Sr. & †Esther Rosales, Cindy Willenborg – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Al & Joan Radous

Sunday, February 2nd

- 7:30 AM †Bernard Severino, †Helena Hurkalo, All Souls In Purgatory
9:30 AM †Elsy Giacomuzzi, †George Sorrell, †Willie Landry
11:30 AM Lisa Liverman, Eloy Guerra – Birthday Blessings, Elena Longoria
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 4, 2025 - January 10, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$56,264.53

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$80,550.00

Difference: (\$24,285.47)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$5,708.32

Future Development & Maintenance: \$924.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$1,002.00

**Loan Balance as of January 17, 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 17, 2025

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$217,426.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 401

Total Number of Gifts Received: 1,103

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
www.archgh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 17, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$624,543.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,503

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!

My Dear Parishioners,

The mission of Jesus is very clear in today's Gospel. The Spirit that descended on him in the Jordan River now led him to proclaim a message and a way of life for people who longed to be friends of God. He had moved away from home and had made such an impression that word about him had gotten back to his home place of Nazareth. We are told that he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did, and announced the start of a new age!

His sermon was clear, anyone familiar with the words of the prophets. Isaiah had stated clearly what would happen when the Messiah came. Jesus read that wonderful passage to them, then rolled up the scroll and announced, "Today these words are coming true even as I speak." When he announced that he had come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love, it caused quite a commotion. At first, we are told that everyone was pleased with his basic message; but in next Sunday's gospel, we hear how this encounter ended up. Not too well but you will have to tune into the next episode next week!

"To let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Human nature has some in-built resistance to God that results from original sin somewhere in our DNA. It is a refusal to listen, and an insistence on going our own way. Some basic rebelliousness and pride lead to the blindness and oppression named in today's gospel. This is not something that we can resolve without some help from outside. But Jesus has come to join us, to lead us, to save us, and this is the powerful Good News announced in the Nazareth Synagogue. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

God's Spirit is the impulse directing Jesus, sending him to the poor, directing his whole life toward those most in need, most oppressed, most humiliated. We his followers need to work in this same direction. This is the orientation that God, incarnate in Jesus, wants to impress on human history. The last should be first in knowing a life that is more worthy, freer, and happier. The life that God wants for all God's sons and daughters from now on.

Need additional information?

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Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

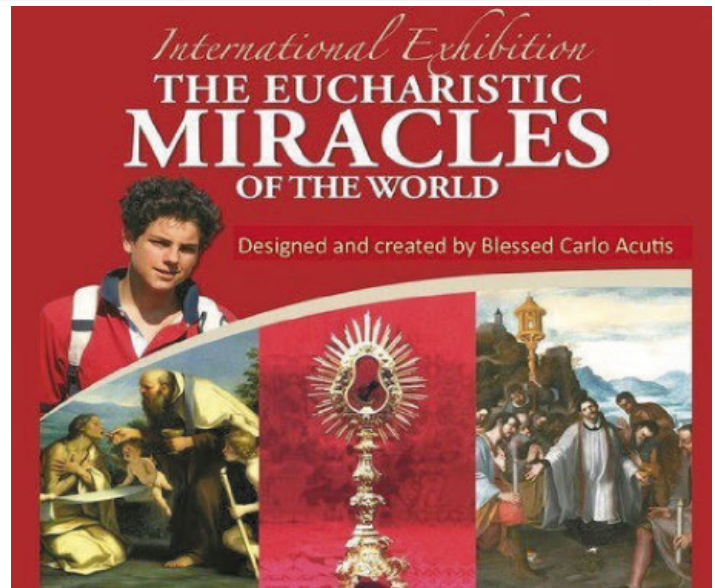
Hispanic Ministry Breakfast
 Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Sunday
 January 26th, after morning mass in the
 Parish Hall. Join us and support the
 Mary Queen Hispanic Ministry.

Eggs & sausage Burritos 
 Eggs & chorizo Burritos
 Eggs & potatoes Burritos
 Tamales
 Donuts
 Coffee & Lemonade

 ===== Kid Zone ===== 

Coloring books table
 Cornhole
 Games table
 Hula hoops

Looking forward to see you all!



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Exhibition Hours:

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

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

St. Charbel Youth Center

First Friday Family - February
PJ's, Pizza & emojis

 **COME JOIN US FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND TONS OF FUN!** 

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025
TIME: 6:00-8:00PM
LOCATION: MAIN HALL

These Evil Days

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 31

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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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

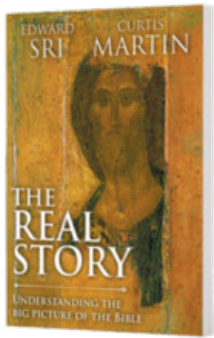


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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Jan 26	Jan 26
Feb 2 Eucharistic Exhibit	Feb 9
Feb 5 Sacramental Prep	Feb 22 (Jr. High Rally)
	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).

Junior High Faith Formation



Our next Jr. High Faith Formation class is Sunday, January 26th.

Junior High Rally

The Jr. High Rally will be Saturday, February 22 at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Spring from 10:30 AM - 9:00 PM. Chaperones and adult volunteers are needed as well. The cost is \$48 per person and includes 2 meals and a t-shirt. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Sarah.



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION Class Dates

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

JAN 28	FEB 4	FEB 11 NO CLASS	FEB 18
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WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

JAN 29	FEB 5	FEB 12 NO CLASS	FEB 19
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Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation



Saturday, February 8th @ 10:00 AM
Mary Queen Catholic Church
Please arrive early. You will be seated with your family in the order you arrive.

Please pray for our students who are blessed to be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

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 www.AmazingGraces.com.

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.

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](#)

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Parent and Child attend

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

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The La Salette Laity Supper Club meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Our first Supper Club will be on Friday, February 14th. We will start with a pot-luck style dinner followed by book study and conversation.

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



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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

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Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



Holy Days

Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

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Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.



But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life

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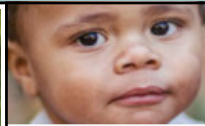
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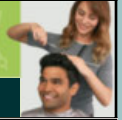


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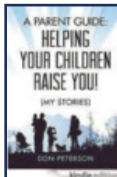
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