

A stained glass illustration depicting the Presentation of the Lord. Mary is on the left, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the right, holding a lamb. The infant Jesus is in the center, held by Joseph. The background shows a window with a cross and a checkered pattern. The text is overlaid on the top left.

Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
February 2, 2025

FEAST OF THE
Presentation
of the Lord

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



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Our Lady of La Salette**

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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, February 2nd

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM **The Vatican International Exhibit - Eucharistic Miracles of the World**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Scout Sunday (Church)

3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 16 (Youth Center)

3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)

Monday, February 3rd

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Classes (Youth Center)

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting (Mini Hall)

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)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, February 4th

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

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)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

Wednesday, February 5th

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

5:45 PM - 7:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)

Thursday, February 6th

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM First Holy Communion Classes (EFF) - (Main Hall)

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Holy Communion Classes (EFF) - (Main Hall)

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

Friday, February 7th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Friday Family Night (Main Hall)

Saturday, February 8th

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Workshop (Mary's House)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Confirmation Makeup Retreat (Youth Center)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sorority Sweetheart Ball (Main Hall)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Hurkallo, 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

Monday, February 3rd

8:30 AM †Sarah Donoughue, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Heeb & Garst Families, Leslie Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, February 4th

8:30 AM †Hilman Reviere, †Jose Segovia, Norma Sheridan-Leos

Wednesday, February 5th

6:30 PM †Arnold Avillanoza, †Roy Bowen, †George Connelly, Aldo Bozzo - 99th Birthday Blessings

Thursday, February 6th

8:30 AM †Mike Vukelich, †Sam Longoria, Thekla Adam – Birthday Blessings

Friday, February 7th

8:30 AM †Casimer Witucki, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Leslie Gautreaux – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 8th

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, February 9th

7:30 AM †Rosemary Stifler, All Souls in Purgatory, Fr. Trey Crespo – 6th Anniversary of Ordination

9:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Maria Trevino, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family

11:30 AM †Sam Longoria, †Frances Collins, Yance Veal

4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Nancy Green, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 11, 2025 - January 17, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$35,509.62

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,379.00

Difference: (\$5,869.38)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,750.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$11,085.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,981.00

**Loan Balance as of January 24, 2025 was
\$680,781.63**

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

February 2 - DSF Sunday (1st Commitment Weekend)

February 9 - Future Development & Maintenance

Diocesan Services Fund

2024 DSF Summary as of January 24, 2025

Parish Goal: \$195,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$217,426

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 24, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$625,037

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,508

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,

We are blessed to live in this Holy Year 2025 and get to celebrate with the whole Church, which only happens every 25 years. On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued a Bull of Indiction, titled “Spes non confundit”, which means, “Hope does not disappoint”, to announce the Holy Year 2025, which began on December 24, 2025, and will end on January 6, 2026. As the Church continued Jesus’ mission, the early Christians certainly celebrated the Jubilee in different forms but there was not any official record until 1300, when Pope Boniface VII announced a jubilee year every 100 years. Fifty years later, Pope Clement VI reduced the length of time to every 50 years. For Pope Paul II, it was still too long, and he made it every 25 years like we are having now. The theme that the Holy Father chose for this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope.”

The Holy Door is a symbol of Jesus as the gate of salvation who opened it by his incarnation, death, and resurrection. He proclaimed that he is the gate, which leads to salvation, a gate to the source of life in God. “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved” (Jn 10:9). He also makes it clear that “NO one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6).

Why does the Church only open doors to four basilicas in Rome? These are major basilicas, and they have significant connection with the history of the Church. St. Peter Basilica is where St. Peter was martyred and buried. St. Paul Basilica outside the Walls was built on top of St. Paul’s grave. St. John Lateran Basilica has been the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome since 324 and St. Mary Major Basilica marks the proclamation of Mary as the Mother of God in the Council of Ephesus in 431. Very interestingly, in addition to the four major Basilicas of the Church, Pope Francis also opened the doors of Rebibbia Prison in the same ceremony of opening the Holy Doors, in which he remarked “Open your heart to hope,” hope for liberating the prisoners, and for prisoners to hope for freedom.

The Church chose a logo for the celebration of the Jubilee Year. The logo has four embracing figures representing humanity coming together from four corners of the world in unity and fraternity. The cross as the central focus stands for faith and hope. With its dynamic shape, it bends toward the four figures to reach out to humanity. The bottom of the cross turns into an anchor symbolizing the source of stability and hope in difficult times. Underneath the four figures, there are waves which stand for the challenges and uncertainties of life’s journey. The overall message appears to express that we are all pilgrims of hope journeying through difficulties toward our salvation.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Ribs **Chicken** **Sausage**

February 9th

Blood Drive

Mary Queen Catholic Church
Sunday, Feb. 9, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
 Main Hall

Schedule an appointment please visit
<https://tinyurl.com/mqcc0225>

Appreciation t-shirt, snacks & refreshments provided to all donors

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? You have three options to join us:

Wednesday, February 5th at 2:00 PM. La Salette Book Study.

Friday, February 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. 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.

Independent or small group study. This is done on your own schedule.

For more information or if you have questions please contact Chris Austgen at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391

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 713-792-7777
mdanderson.org/bloodbank

FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Sacrament Class

These classes are for students who have just completed the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Classes

Sacrament of First Holy Communion
 Location: Main Hall
 Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025
 Time: 4:30-5:45pm OR 6:30-7:45pm
 Parent and Child attend

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

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February 2, 2025

Presentation of the Lord

Luke 2:22 - 40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 7

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1



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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 - 9:30 am.

Exhibition Hours: Saturday, February 1, 9:30 am to 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 2, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm

We are in need of Monitors who will assist with protecting the exhibit displays.

Disassemble/Clean-up - Monday, February 3 at 9:30 am.
Please click on this link below to sign up through the Flocknote -

<https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/signup/191925>



'That Man is You!' (TMiy)

Spring 2025 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMiy) program at **Mary Queen** starts this **Wednesday, February 5th** and will meet from **5:45 AM - 7:00 AM** in the **Main Hall**.

This is the **8th Year** of TMiy program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is '**The Light of Men**'.

The world needs light and we know there is but one source of light - Jesus! He is the light shattering the darkness of our day. To be in the light is to allow God's light to shine through you and become manifest in abundant virtue. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1: 4-5).

Join us for food, fellowship and faith! All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is **FREE!** Please contact: Eby Kurian to sign up
ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

The Feast of the Presentation (also known as Candlemas) is this Sunday, February 2nd.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read that when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple (in accordance with Jewish tradition), they met the prophet Simon. Recognizing that this baby was the long-awaited Messiah, Simon exclaimed, "*My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.*"

This declaration of Jesus being the "light of revelation" developed into the Church's tradition of blessing candles on this feast.

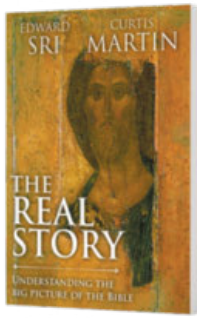


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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Feb 2 Eucharistic Exhibit	Feb 9 Feb 12 (Jr. High Council)
Feb 5 Sacramental Prep	Feb 22 (Jr. High Rally)
Feb 9 (Lesson 16)	March 2




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, February 9th. The Jr. High Council will meet on Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

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.



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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION Class Dates

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

FEB 4	FEB 11 NO CLASS	FEB 18	FEB 25
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WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

FEB 5	FEB 12 NO CLASS	FEB 19	FEB 26
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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

Save the Date to Meet our new Deacons



We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to come and meet our newly ordained Deacons, Scott Ryan and Max Silva on Sunday, February 23 after the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. They will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, February 15th. A livestream link for the ordination will be provided once we have the information.

Creation Care Ministry

BATTERY RECYCLING

Let's Recycle Now!

During the Month of February, the Creation Care Ministry will be accepting batteries for recycling. The only restriction is that the batteries should not be leaking in any way. Recepticals will be placed in the Main Hall.



The Creation Care Ministry has been able to locate a battery recycling center and so our battery recycling program will be held during the month of February. If you have batteries that need to be recycled then please put them in the bins that will be in the Parish 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

Please join us for some Friday night fun at our First Friday Family Night. As you can see our February night is PJ's, Pizza and emojis. Each night will have a special theme with snacks and fun activities. This is open to everyone so plan to join us for an evening of fun. Future dates are: March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd.

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spring Festival

MAY 3 & 4, 2025

FOOD 🌻 ENTERTAINMENT 🌻 GAMES & MORE

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.



Women's Ministry Day of Prayer

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, Saturday, March 1 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. To register use the link or scan the QR code.

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Andrew Dinner

Saturday, March 29th

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Lenten Silent Retreat
March 7-9 or
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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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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 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.



Presentation of the Lord

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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Everyday Stewardship

Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand. I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me. It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

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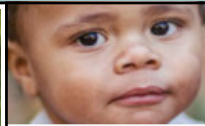
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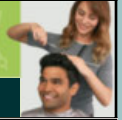


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