



# WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

*True to You Always*



  
**Mary Queen**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 9, 2025*

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



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Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM\*, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM (\*Livestreamed)

**First Saturdays**

8:30 AM

**Daily Mass**

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
6:30 PM Wednesday

**Daily Rosary**

After 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church  
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

**Welcome to Mary Queen!**

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).

**Mission Statement**

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

**2025 Mass Intentions**

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

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

# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 9th

### **Knights of Columbus Ticket Sales - Valentine's Dance (After All Masses)**

- 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM Knights of Columbus BBQ Fundraiser  
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM Knights of Columbus Blood Drive / Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 17 (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 9 (Youth Center)

## Monday, February 10th

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Board Meeting (Room 110/Library)  
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 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 11th

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)  
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Committee Meeting (Youth Center)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

## Wednesday, February 12th

- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Jr. High Youth Council Meeting (Youth Center)  
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

## Thursday, February 13th

- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Mini Hall)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Business Meeting (Mini Hall)  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

## Friday, February 14th

- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Laity Supper Club (Main Hall)

## Saturday, February 15th

- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Valentine/Mardi Gras Dance (Main Hall)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, February 10th

- 8:30 AM †Ida Bozzo, †Jacques Huard, Marie Valadez - Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday, February 11th

- 8:30 AM Elena Longoria, Carlito Caluya, Steve Willenborg – Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday, February 12th

- 6:30 PM †Mike Halverson, Respect Life, Isabella VanMeter – Birthday Blessings

## Thursday, February 13th

- 8:30 AM †Jeanne Brasquier, Vinnie Saccomanno Grandchildren, Brooke Rinehart – Birthday Blessings

## Friday, February 14th

- 8:30 AM †Casimer & †Goldie Witucki, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Lee & Paula Pierce, Kevin & Joanna Gray – Wedding Anniversary Blessings

## Saturday, February 15th

- 5:30 PM Jose Duplant, Jr. & Mary Lou Ramos, Deacon Scott Ryan – Ordination to the Diaconate, Deacon Max Silva, II – Ordination to the Diaconate

## Sunday, February 16th

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
9:30 AM Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Living & Deceased Loved one of Vera Smart, Carl & Connie Hill – 70th Anniversary Blessings, Deacon Max Silva, II  
11:30 AM †Gloria Cruz, Lucia Boone, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Pesi & Kloesel Families  
4:30 PM †John Revell, Mary Lynn Decuire, Deacon Scott Ryan





# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: January 18, 2025 - January 24, 2025

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$36,393.62

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$44,323.00

**Difference:** (\$7,929.38)

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$840.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$329.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$1,613.00

**Loan Balance as of January 31, 2025 was  
\$680,781.63**

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

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**February 9** - Future Development & Maintenance

**March 2** - Future Development & Maintenance

**March 5** - Ash Wednesday (Archdiocesan Social  
Ministries Collection)

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2025 DSF Summary as of January 31, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$205,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$6,429.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 44

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 46

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

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

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of January 31, 2025**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$625,037.00

**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](http://www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign).

**Make the switch from envelopes to  
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time  
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



## Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link  
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

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

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

## FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

## ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

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

## LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

It was a Spiritual Feast in Mary Queen this past weekend that started with the First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am. It was truly an amazing weekend filled with grace and blessings. Immediately after the Mass we had the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph Chapel which concluded with the Benediction at 3:30 pm. Many came to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on Saturday after reading about the 54 Eucharistic Miracles from around the world that was displayed in 67 posters at St. Charbel Youth Center. Even though as per the original schedule, the Exhibition was supposed to open at 9:30 am, we started earlier due to a large crowd waiting to visit the exhibits after the Mass.

More than 1000 people visited the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition this past weekend. I was moved by the reverence of those who visited the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibits and their eagerness to read about some of these beautiful witnesses of our faith, collected and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mary Queen's OCIA and Youth received it very well as I heard from them that the "Scientific Evidence" in these Miracles really helped them to understand and firmly believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

During all the weekend Masses after the closing prayer we also made the Parish-wide Eucharistic Consecration. The "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" Christmas gift book really helped Mary Queen as a community to form Eucharistic centered small groups to prepare for this Consecration! Many small groups and family units spent time in prayer and reflection through the month of January preparing for this moment. We especially consecrated our parish and our families to the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

There was wide participation within the archdiocese and 38 parishes represented! The non-Mary Queen parishioners composed of 15% of all attendees. Our neighboring parishes of St. Helen Church and St. Bernadette church represented the most. We had people that came from faraway places like Katy and Bay Town. It was truly an inspiration to see hundreds of people that participated, and I was so impressed by seeing their faith and longing for Jesus in the Eucharist.

I along with the National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims – Sheri Barber, Steve and Evelyn Elsner, Matt and Barb Henderson, Leslie Karam, Becky Adam, Cindy Crosson, Erin Decuir, Marilyn Bullard and Eby Kurian planned and organized this Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition after months of careful planning since our return from the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Almost 50 Volunteers served as monitors who helped to keep the sacredness of the space, protect the displays, and directed people in the St. Charbel Youth Center. Awesome team effort! I am more than grateful for this wonderful team, for their passion, dedication, and commitment to our parish.

God's timing and hands was very clearly seen in all of this during this past weekend as we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the World Sunday of the Consecrated Life! What a great way to inaugurate the 'Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope'!

God has more in store for us here in Mary Queen. Stay Tuned!

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS*



### **Sacraments**

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



### **Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)**

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



### **Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)**

### **High School Faith Formation (CAST)**



### **Adult Faith Formation (AFF)**

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



### **RCIA for Adults**

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our RCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



### **Sunday Bulletin**

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



### **Become a registered parishioner!**

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



### **Ministries**

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



### **Social Concerns Ministries**

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

### **Need additional information?**

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).



# 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

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
**MDAnderson Cancer Center**  
 Making Cancer History

Picture ID Required  
 713-792-7777  
[mdanderson.org/bloodbank](http://mdanderson.org/bloodbank)

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

## Valentine/Mardi Gras Dance

*Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>*  
**Mary Queen Church Hall**

**Mardi Gras/Valentine Dance**  
 7 pm til 11 pm.

Tickets are \$15 per person & will be available after mass or at the parish reception desk

**BYOB & SET UP**

Come out for a fun time, plenty of dancing and great music provided by Phillip Pampolina.  
 Wear your Red/Pink or beads & bling.  
 "Laissez le bon temps rouler, let the good times roll".

*Presented by  
 the Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council #8494*

## The Catch

**Mini Reflection:** What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

## The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

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February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir

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## DAILY READINGS

### Sunday, February 9

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

### Monday, February 10

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 11

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday, February 12

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 13

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

### Friday, February 14

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 15

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

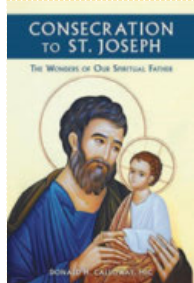
### Next Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26





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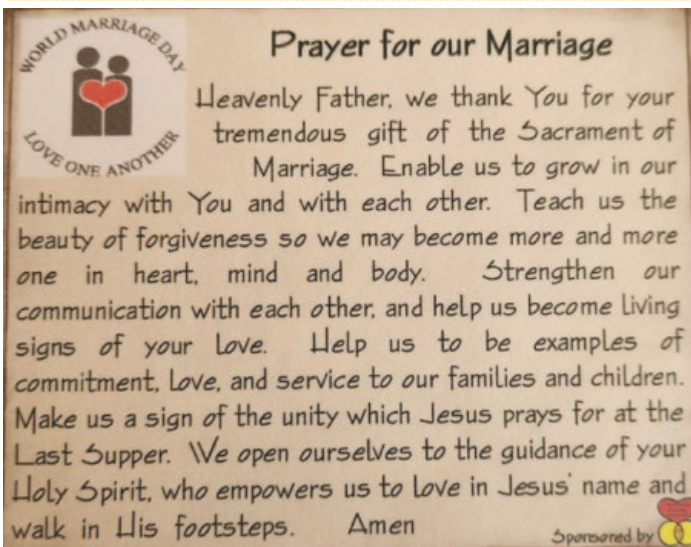
The institutions of our world are under attack, the family is under attack, and even the Church is under attack. We need a defender. Saint Joseph is the defender of the family and the protector of the Holy Church. We are offering a thirty three-day study and consecration to Saint Joseph. If you have previously consecrated to Saint Joseph, this is a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge and renew your devotion. After the Blessed Virgin Mary, there is no saint in the Catholic Church who is more highly honored than Saint Joseph.

This study will follow the book by Father Donald Calloway, Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. The group will meet for 1 hour per week, on Wednesdays after the 6:30 pm Mass, beginning February 19 – March 19.

Consecration day is on March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph

When we entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, we are imitating Jesus and Mary who entrusted themselves to this just man. Those who have had a devotion to St. Joseph, like St. Faustina, "feel his special protection." He can also be your protector.

For more information and to register, please contact - Eby Kurian



**'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](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org)



**Archdiocesan Rite of Election - Volunteers Needed on Sunday, March 9, 2025**

The Rite of Election is for the catechumens and candidates who are completing their period of preparation. They offer their names for enrollment as an expression of their wish to enter fully into the life of the Church. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the church acts.

Mary Queen Church is again the host parish this year and bi-lingual volunteers are needed to greet and welcome our guests from various parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Bi-lingual volunteers are also needed as Ushers in the Church and for Registration in the Main Hall.

For more details & to sign-up, please contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA - [ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org)



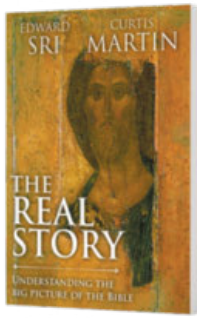


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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high (has received First Communion)
Feb 9 (Lesson 16)	Feb 9 Feb 12 (Jr. High Council) Feb 22 (Jr. High Rally) 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.



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

### TUESDAY CLASS DATES

FEB 11 NO CLASS	FEB 18	FEB 25	MAR 11
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### WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

FEB 12 NO CLASS	FEB 19	FEB 26	MAR 12
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Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

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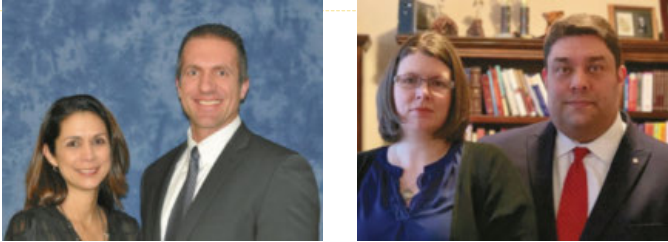
Elementary Faith will be leading the first week and we are looking for families to help on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 PM in the Church. To volunteer contact Carol Stuart. [cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org)

### First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

On Saturday, February 8th, many of our young students made their First Reconciliation. They are now preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We ask that you keep these students and the Catechists in your prayers as they continue their preparations.

# 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 at 10:00 AM. A live stream of the ordination is:

[www.archgh.org/live](http://www.archgh.org/live)



Mary Queen Food Pantry is partnering with the Galveston County Food Bank to offer a Mobile Food Distribution at Mary Queen on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The event is from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM but set up and tear down are also needed.

Offering this blessing of groceries to our brothers and sisters in need will take about 30 volunteers. Children between the ages of 10 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent. Volunteers 18 years and older must be CMG trained (safe environment).

For more information please contact Chris Austgen at 281-482-1931 or [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org)

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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.





## 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.AmayzingGraces.com](http://www.AmayzingGraces.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. We will gather on March 1, 2025 after First Saturday Mass. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Main Hall. The cost is \$20 per person, with lunch included. To register and pay for this event use the link, scan the QR code, or see the receptionist at Mary Queen. If cost is a factor, please contact Janet Wild at [jwild1@gmail.com](mailto:jwild1@gmail.com) or if you have any questions about Day of Prayer contact Joanna Krancher at [joannakrancher@gmail.com](mailto:joannakrancher@gmail.com)

The deadline to register and make payment is February 28, 2025.



<https://bit.ly/3CzAZYH>



## Women's Ministry

All women of Mary Queen are invited to our meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:05 PM in the Parish Hall.

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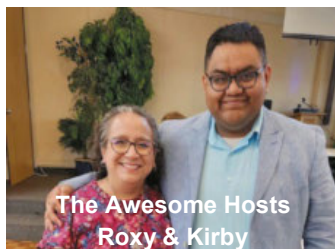
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**Priest Shortage**

**Question:**

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

**Answer:**

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think.

No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues—good and bad—of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

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But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

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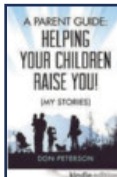
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