

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

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



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M.S.



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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 16th

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Men's ACTS Retreat Directors Meeting (Mary's House)

Monday, February 17th

President's Day - Pastoral Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 18th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
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 19th

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Community Resource Meeting (Mini Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Merit Badge Classes (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Meeting (Main Hall)
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Thursday, February 20th

- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Friday, February 21st

- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary (Chapel)

Saturday, February 22nd

- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Emergency Management Committee Workshop (Main Hall)
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Indian Nuns Day of Prayer (Mary's House)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Troop 452 Crew Meetings (Youth Center)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Pesl & Kloesel Families
4:30 PM †John Revell, Mary Lynn Decuire, Deacon Scott Ryan

Monday, February 17th

- 8:30 AM †Mark Priest, †Hunter Harris, Lisa Gregory

Tuesday, February 18th

- 8:30 AM †Hunter Harris, †Joan Radous, Mildred Pesl – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, February 19th

- 6:30 PM †Ron Heiser, †Jaden Buchanan, †Donnie Bryant

Thursday, February 20th

- 8:30 AM †Robert Lowdermilk, †Dan Foster, Marie Morrey

Friday, February 21st

- 8:30 AM †Eileen DePaolo, †Pedro Leos, †Joan Radous

Saturday, February 22nd

- 5:30 PM †Tony Diotalevi, †Francis Herrick, †Wayne & †Carolyn Norris, Fr. Thomas Vellappallil – 31st Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, February 23rd

- 7:30 AM †William Prince Haskell, †Martha Guyton, Thomas & Rene Tacquard
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Joe DeBonis, Deacon Scott Ryan, Deacon Max Silva
4:30 PM †Frank Viscariello, †Rose Rust, Earl Baltiaan



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: January 25, 2025 - January 31, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,486.90

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$43,508.00

Difference: (\$4,021.10)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$285.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$229.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$3,231.00

**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

March 2 - Future Development & Maintenance

March 5 - Ash Wednesday (Archdiocesan Social
Ministries Collection)

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of February 7, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$9,179.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 48

Total Number of Gifts Received: 60

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

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

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of February 7, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$625,968.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,516

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,

It was last June when we launched a fund drive to raise money to meet some pressing needs of our parish. We had listed those needs and set our goal to \$3.5 million. I am so amazed at seeing the wonderful generosity and support of our parishioners in response to this appeal and it is only fitting for me to give an update to show you where we currently stand. There are 418 families that have participated so far. Out of the \$1,690,000.00 pledged, we have received \$1,537,813.97 as reflected from a report from the parish finance office. That leaves us with a balance of \$152,186.85 in pledges, which will be received eventually. Currently, we have reached 48% of our goal.

When I first arrived at Mary Queen, our debt remained at \$1.3 million. Since then, we focused on paying the balance of the debt and therefore the current balance stands at \$682,513.04. That is great news for us and reflects your generous support. Our Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has been very supportive of our efforts at Mary Queen. Recently he has approved a reduced diocesan tax on the funds we raised from 8.5% to just 3% upon my special request to him. This is of course a big saving for us. After consulting with the archdiocesan finance office, we are cleared to pay off the remaining debt, which will make us a debt-free parish.

What have we done so far?

1. The work was completed in replacing the flooring of St. Charbel Youth Center by the generosity of one beautiful family in our parish.
2. The roofing of our parish office building and Hall was totally replaced and took care of the roof leaking issues on 6 other buildings on the property.

What is next?

1. We are committed to paying the debt balance in February, thus making Mary Queen a debt-free parish before Easter. It calls for a celebration.
2. Planning is on the way to remodel the Parish Hall and the kitchen. We are also looking forward to replacing the carpet in the Mini-Hall, classrooms, and office building.
3. We had an initial meeting with the company that designed the new church to assist us by reviewing the original Master Plan for the future development. Fixing Queens Lane, climate-controlled storage place, food pantry and social services building, administrative office building and a multi-purpose building including Mother's Day out program are all topics that came up in the Listening Sessions. We are setting up a short-term and long-term goal and will prioritize those projects and execute the plans as funds become available.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested and might have a background in building and remodeling to help us with your expertise. We will soon be creating a committee in building the future of our parish as a model parish in the archdiocese. Also, if you still would like to respond to the fund-drive, you are so welcome to make a pledge and pay at your own convenience.

Together we stand, grow and build. May all our efforts to build God's kingdom here on earth find fruits in God's own good time. Amen.

Blessings,

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

Meet our new Deacons



Congratulations to our new Deacons, Scott Ryan and Max Silva. They were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate, on Saturday, February 15th. We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to come and meet our newly ordained Deacons, on Sunday, February 23 after the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Hall.

CLOSED FOR
PRESIDENT'S DAY

In observance of President's Day, the Mary Queen Pastoral Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th.

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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.

Feel free to join us at 6:30 PM for Mass prior to our meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Bilingual Rosary



You are invited to join us in prayer and participate in the Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary that will be held on Friday, February 21st, at 7:00 PM, in the St. Joseph Chapel.

After the rosary, we will have a potluck dinner in the Main Hall and play Loteria (Mexican Bingo).

Please bring a dish to share.



IN THE END DOES IT MATTER?

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

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Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I’d strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week’s Gospel of Saint Luke’s “woes”: **“Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of”** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The “woes” the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you’ll be miserable. He is saying, “You’ll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does.”

To some degree, we’re all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four “woes.” How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let’s admit what is causing our “woes.”

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 22

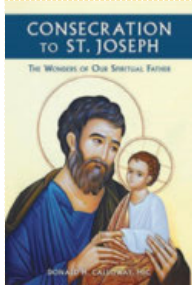
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



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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

An Exciting Study of the Church's First Five Hundred Years

Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings - a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. **Epic: The Early Church** Dr. Steve Wiedenkoph encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church.

Each participant needs to register and order the workbook from Ascension Press which can be found on this link -<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/epic-the-early-church>

For more information, please contact: Mike Warth - houwgm@comcast.net



'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



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



Trey Brock, Youth Director
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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SCHEDULE

High school and OCIA	Jr. high <small>(has received First Communion)</small>
Feb 16 (No Class)	Feb 22 (Jr. High Rally)
Feb 23 (Lesson 18)	March 2
Mar 2 (Lesson 19)	March 23
Mar 9 (Lesson 20)	

High School



Youth Sports!

Friday, March 21st, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 Basketball game with
 St. Bernadette Catholic Church
 Contact Trey Brock if interested.

Junior High Faith Formation



Our next Jr. High Faith Formation class is Sunday, March 2nd.

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 18	FEB 25	MAR 4 No Class	MAR 11
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WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

FEB 19	FEB 26	MAR 4 No Class	MAR 12
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Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

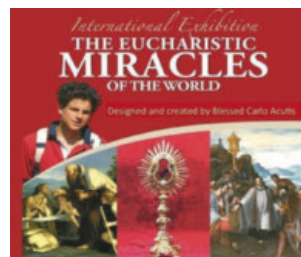
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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



St. Joseph Altar - March 15 & 16



Mary Queen will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph with a St. Joseph Altar the weekend of March 15th & 16th.

According to legend the St. Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph asking for his help and intercession. When the rains came and crops prospered, their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most appreciated gift - FOOD!

If you would like to help with this event, would you please consider signing up as soon as possible for just **one** item, using the link below. This will help us plan the event.

<https://bit.ly/4hTJYmM>

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit was held on Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd in the Mary Queen Youth Center. Information on the 54 Eucharistic Miracles was presented in 67 posters displayed. Over 1000 people visited the exhibit from all over the area. We would like to thank the National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims for their time and dedication to make this event the success that it was.

Andrew Dinner

Saturday, March 29th

9:00 AM

Mary Queen, Friendswood

High school young men ages 14-18 are invited to an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with Diocesan priests to learn more about the priesthood.

REGISTER
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THE
Andrew
DINNER

Trivia Night FUNDRAISER

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Mary Queen Women's Ministry

All proceeds go towards providing scholarships for Youth camps & retreats.



Most Ridiculous Answers
"Happy Days"



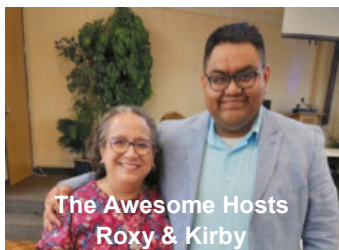
Table Making the Most Racket
"Dutton Ranch"



Having the Most Fun
"Lone Rangers"



Best Table Theme
"Gilligan's Island"



The Awesome Hosts
Roxy & Kirby



Winning Team
"They Don't Know That We Know They Know We Know"



Family of the Month



Mary Queen has a very special place in the hearts of the Hermes Family. Both Matt and Stephanie came into full communion with the Catholic Church at Mary Queen and were married here. Their three children have been baptized here and their oldest child has completed his First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and their daughter will begin her First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion later this year.

Matt was raised in Friendswood and is a cradle Catholic and has been involved in various church activities over the years. He is a 4th degree Knight and a past Grand Knight for Mary Queen Council #8494. Matt has served in many other positions within the Knights council and is currently on the board as a trustee. He has served on the Parish Social Concerns Ministry Board. Matt is a den leader in Cub Scout Pack #452 where Blaine, participates in scouts. He coaches many various sports for their children including baseball, basketball, soccer and softball. Matt has worked in the financial industry his entire career and currently works at Fidelity Investments as a financial planner and advisor.

Stephanie came into the Catholic faith in 2015 at Easter through RCIA. Stephanie taught in the public school system as a kindergarten teacher before staying home to care for her family. She enjoys volunteering at Mary Queen and her children's school within the PTO. Stephanie has assisted in many aspects of Mary Queen, including Pastoral Council serving as the chair, co-chair, and recorder; Gabriel Project, where she currently serves as the coordinator; Elementary Faith Formation; First Friday Family Nights and helping cook and serve RCIA Hospitality Meals weekly for the past ten years.

Matt and Stephanie both grew up in the Houston area but met each other in New Orleans. They have three children: Blaine (10), Tenley (7), and Clara (1). Their kids are involved in many activities within the community including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, piano, Friendswood Youth Baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer, Broncos Cheer to name a few. Matt and Stephanie enjoy being with family and cheering on their kids in the many activities and sports in which they are involved. In the hustle of family life, Matt and Stephanie are grateful for their involvement and service to their church. The Hermes family is honored to call Mary Queen home.

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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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In Honor Of

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Mardi Gras

Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated. Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house. In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

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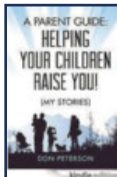
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