

# THE LORD IS MERCIFUL.

PSALM 103

  
*Mary Queen*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 23, 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 23rd

### **Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)**

- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Mary Queen Deacon Reception (Main Hall)  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Scout Troop 452 - Religious Awards (Mary's House)  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM High School Faith Formation - Lesson 18 (Youth Center)  
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)

## Monday, February 24th

- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Class (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 Meetings (Youth Center)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

## Tuesday, February 25th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo (Mini Hall)  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM JOYful Lights Study Group (Mary's House)  
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 26th

- 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Group (Room 110/Library)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Luncheon (Main 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)  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meeting (Main Hall)  
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Finance Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

## Thursday, February 27th

- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main Hall)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Mini Hall)

## Friday, February 28th

- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)

## Saturday, March 1st

### **Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)**

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Women's Ministry Day of Prayer (Chapel/Main Hall)  
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Troop 452 - Eagle Court of Honor (Youth Center)  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pack 452 - Arrow of Light Crossover (Mary's House)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, February 24th

- 8:30 AM †Nathaniel Labrie, Ann Hartman – Birthday Blessings, Joan Meagher – Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday, February 25th

- 8:30 AM †Anita Donahue, Mark La Londe, Robert Burns – Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday, February 26th

- 6:30 PM †Daniel Jansky, †Jerry Adam, †Edward Handwerk

## Thursday, February 27th

- 8:30 AM †Dorothy Bagat, Carl Michael Caluya, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Hitt Family

## Friday, February 28th

- 8:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Josefina Martinez-Arellano, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Irma Stanfield

## Saturday, March 1st

- 8:30 AM †Rozalia Mazur, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Mary Queen Ministries  
5:30 PM †GH Sorrell, Levi Lashley, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Gleeson & Hartman Families

## Sunday, March 2nd

- 7:30 AM †Antoinette Helton, †Joan Radous, †Ana Nguyen Thi Thanh  
9:30 AM †Jose Duplan, Sr. & †Esther Rosales, †Carroll Bailey, Duplan Family Children  
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
4:30 PM †Antoinette Helton, Thomas & Renee Tacquard, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria



# PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: February 1, 2025 - February 7, 2025

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$47,138.36

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$50,830.00

**Difference:** (\$3,691.64)

**MP-Debt Reduction:** \$2,135.00

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$1,454.00

**Total Food Pantry Donations with online:** \$2,196.00

**Loan Balance as of February 14, 2025 was  
\$0.00**

*Thank you to all who have donated to  
make this possible!*

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**March 2** - Future Development & Maintenance

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

**March 9** - Black & Indian Missions

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2025 DSF Summary as of February 14, 2025**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$16,309.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 82

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 102

**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 February 14, 2025**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$627,106.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$590,383.32

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 2,529

**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



### **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).

My Dear Parishioners,

Just recently I shared the following reflection at a Mass I celebrated. Many of those who attended that Mass thought I was directly talking to them. That is what inspires me to share it with you in this week's bulletin for your reading and reflection.

Jesus had performed many miracles. He healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and fed thousands with only a few fish and loaves of bread. But even after all of that, the Pharisees came to argue with Jesus and demanded a sign from Heaven. St Mark refers to the feelings of Jesus more often than any other evangelist. He responds to the Pharisees' request for a sign from heaven "with a sigh that came straight from the heart." That sigh led to the question, "Why does this generation demand a sign?" We can almost sense the frustration of Jesus in that sigh, straight from the heart.

What is the real core of faith? From the gospel we learn that faith does not revolve around miracles. When jealous and suspicious people demand some heavenly sign from Jesus, he sighs about the weakness of their faith. The catching phrase of the gospel says, 'Jesus sighed.' At times, this type of reaction is the only good one. We may all face situations in life where others confront us with harshness and stubbornness. When this happens, we will be tempted to argue with them, condemn them, try to convince them we are right, and the like. But sometimes one of the holiest reactions we can have to the hardness of the heart of another is to experience a deep and holy sorrow.

When one is hard of heart, rational talking and arguing will prove to be of little avail. Hardness of heart is also what we traditionally call the "sin against the Holy Spirit." It is a sin of stubbornness. In that case, there is little or no openness to the truth. When you experience this in the life of another, silence and a sorrowful heart are often the best reaction. Their hearts need to be softened and your deep sorrow, shared with compassion, may be one of the only responses that can help make a difference.

Reflect upon any person in your life with whom you regularly argue, especially regarding matters of faith. Examine your approach and consider changing how you relate to them. Dismiss their irrational arguments and let them see your heart in the same way that Jesus allowed His divine heart to shine forth in a holy sigh. Pray for them, have hope, and allow your sorrow to help melt the most stubborn of hearts.

On a footnote I want to say what a great joy for me to serve the Lord and His people as a priest! My priestly ordination was 31 years ago on February 22nd on the feast of Chair of Peter at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Biga, Silang, Cavite in the Philippines. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I renew my commitment to serve Him for the rest of my life. Amen.

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS*



# 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.

**MASSES**  
6:30 AM | 8:30 AM\*  
7:00 PM  
\*8:30 AM Livestreamed  
Liturgy of the Word with ashes  
12:00 PM | 5:00 PM

*Ash Wednesday*  
MARCH 5

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Fridays in Lent**  
**7 PM | in the church**

March 7 - Elementary Faith  
March 14 - Fr. Thomas  
March 21 - La Salette Laity  
March 28 - Youth Ministry  
April 4  
April 11

**Welcome!**  
New Parishioner Luncheon  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND  
LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE 11:30 AM MASS  
PARISH CENTER – MAIN HALL  
A tour of the church will be held after lunch!  
RSVP to Michaella Nicholson at  
michaelladavis@hotmail.com or  
713-907-6303

**Mary Queen  
Lenten Penance  
Service**

Monday, March 17  
7:00 PM

## JUDGEMENT AND LOVE

**Mini Reflection:** It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

### Judgment and Love

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churching ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it is judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

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February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darkneses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir  
©LPi

## DAILY READINGS

### Sunday, February 23

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

### Monday, February 24

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday, February 25

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday, February 26

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

### Thursday, February 27

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

### Friday, February 28

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday, March 1

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

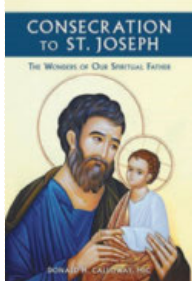
### Next Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45





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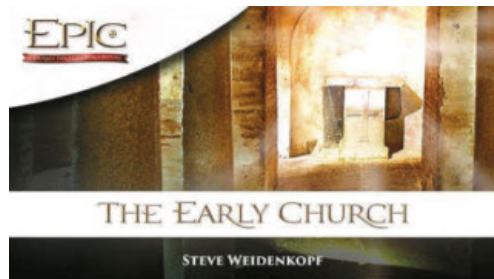


For the Consecration Preparation we follow the book by Father Donald Calloway, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. The group will meet for 1 hour per week, on Wednesdays after the 6:30 pm Mass, from February 19 – March 19.

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 Wiedenkopf encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church.

We will begin Tuesday, March 4th, from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

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](mailto:houwgm@comcast.net)



**'That Man is You!' (TMIY)**  
Spring 2025 Semester started on Wednesday, February 5th and continues to 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'.

We have a special **LENTEN JOURNEY** planned for Men that will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

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)



### New Lenten Eucharistic Series

*Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible* Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

Starting on Thursday, March 6th for 10 weeks from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM facilitated by Ms. Becky Adam & Ms. Janet Wild.

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



### 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 for this year and English speaking and Bi-lingual volunteers are needed for welcoming our guests, usher and register the attendees from various parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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



# JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



### Upcoming Lesson ...

Although all Christians believe in sin, not all Christians have the same understanding of it. If sin really is the only thing that prevents us from being truly free, happy and fulfilled, it must be worth looking into. And on top of that, if God sent His only begotten Son down to us in order to liberate us from sin, *it must be even more worth looking into.* The Catholic teaching on sin not only places greater emphasis on God's mercy than any other form of Christianity, but it understands it more fully than any other as well.

### More Information

Trey Brock, Youth Director  
281-482-1391 (ext. 317)  
tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org

**23**  
FEB

Faith Formation  
HS & OCIA  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**02**  
MARCH


Faith Formation  
HS & OCIA  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**09**  
MARCH

Faith Formation  
HS & OCIA  
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**12**  
MARCH

Sacrament Prep  
Year 2  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM




### 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.

Jr High Council meeting on Wednesday March 19th  
5:30-7:30pm

"Meet Me at the Pew" Night March 23rd at the  
4:30 Youth Mass with Fr. Trey. We will be having our  
regular meeting at 5:45 PM in the Youth Center.



# Elementary FAITH FORMATION

Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation  
281- 482-1391 Ext. 333  
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## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

### Class Dates

#### TUESDAY CLASS DATES

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

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



Vacation Bible School Station Leader Help Needed:  
We are looking for two station leaders for Vacation Bible School  
Date: 16-20th  
BONUS: Your kids get to attend VBS for Free!

Two Station Leaders Needed:

1. Games – You plan the games and kids get to play them!
2. Kid Vid - Video themes for the day- Have the Bible come alive!

# AROUND THE PARISH



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Date: Saturday April 5  
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Location: Mary Queen Campus

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## 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.

## 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>

## 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.

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**Men's ACTS Brothers**

This is your invitation to respond to a call for teaming on the next Mary Queen Men's ACTS retreat on May 29 - June 1, 2025.

- The time commitment is weekly for 12 weeks.
- Meetings will be on Wednesdays in the Main Hall.
- Fellowship and a light meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.
- The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends around 8:30 p.m.
- The retreat will be held at Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX.
- The cost of the retreat is \$230 per team member.

If you have any questions contact one of the leadership team members listed below

Director: Stephe Harrison: (713) 252-3253;  
e-mail: sachenv@aol.com

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Spiritual Companion: Paul Robison: (713) 416-1585;  
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**Dear Women of Mary Queen Parish,**

We are excited to start planning for our 2025-2026 Women's Ministry season! As such, we need LOTS of volunteer help in order to have a successful year!

Our ministry cannot and will not continue to thrive

and survive without your help! Please prayerfully consider your gifts and how you can help our ministry.

Please complete the google form below by clicking on the link by 3/5/25 so that we can fill upcoming open board positions and committee lead positions for the 25-26 year.

We welcome involvement from ALL of the women in our parish!

Please let us know how you are interested in volunteering so that we can help get you plugged into the right position for next year. We will present potential board members at our March meeting (3/12/25) and vote on new Board members at our April meeting (4/9/25) .

If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities for next year, please reach out to me at joannakrancher@gmail.com or by text at 713-591-1162.

Thank you for helping us support our amazing Women's Ministry!

Joanna Krancher  
WM President 2024-2025

<https://bit.ly/3EC1Xj5>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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- Thursday, August 8, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, September 12, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, October 10, 7 pm ET
- Thursday, November 14, 7pm ET

contact: [lasalettevocations@gmail.com](mailto:lasalettevocations@gmail.com) for more information or for the Zoom link

**LENTEN RETREAT**

*Lenten Silent Retreat*  
March 7-9 or  
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Join Catholic author, Spiritual Director, and speaker, Kim Brown for a Lenten Silent Retreat focused on our Lord. During the Silent Retreat, Kim will provide Meditations to reflect upon about every 3-4 hours throughout the day. In addition, participants can do one on one spiritual direction, attend daily Mass, confession, and enjoy the 52 acres to encounter God.

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#### US Coast Guard:

Cadet 3/c Manon Murphy

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

**Thank you and God Bless America!**



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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](mailto: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.



## Installation Mass of Archbishop-designate Joe S. Vásquez as the ninth Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Archbishop-Designate Joe S. Vásquez will be installed as the Ninth Bishop and Third Archbishop of Galveston-Houston on March 25, 2025, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Due to space limitations, in-person participation will be available only by ticket; the Mass will be streamed online at [www.archgh.org/live](http://www.archgh.org/live). Additional information will be forthcoming.



## Ash Wednesday

### Question:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

### Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

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## Everyday Stewardship

### Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.



I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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# PASTORAL COUNCIL- LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

The Pastoral Council wishes to honor a person or couple each year with a special recognition - the Mary Queen Lifetime Parish Service Award. The nominees should be individuals or couples who have given of their time and talent to make Mary Queen Church a more vibrant gospel community. The nominees must be a registered, confirmed members with a minimum of 25 years at the parish, and cannot be a member of the Pastoral Council or the Pastoral Staff. Nomination Forms can be submitted online, from the Mary Queen website, under DOCUMENTS. Paper nomination forms can also be submitted in the drop box near the welcome desk in the church Narthex or in the drop box near the Reception desk in the Parish Center. Paper nomination forms will be located next to the drop box. The deadline for submission of forms is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2025.



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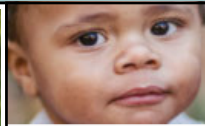
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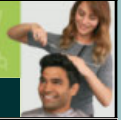


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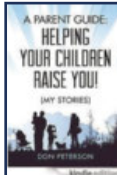
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