



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT


Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

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

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

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

Daily Rosary

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

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Welcome to Mary Queen!

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

Mission Statement

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

2025 Mass Intentions

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

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 9th

Coffee & Donuts - Creation Care Ministry (After Morning Masses)

Crew 452 - Easter Lily Fundraiser (After Morning Masses)

Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

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 18 (Youth Center)
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session YM (Mary's House)
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Rite of Election & Call to Conversion Check In (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Rite of Election & Call to Conversion Bilingual Liturgy

Monday, March 10th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

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)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Vocations Ministry Meeting (Mini Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, March 11th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

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)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation Classes (Classrooms)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation Classes (Classrooms)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Committee Meetings (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

Wednesday, March 12th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 6:30 PM

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 (Mini Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Elementary Faith Formation Classes (Classrooms)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Faith Formation Classes (Classrooms)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Sacramental Prep With Sponsors YM (Youth Center)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Merit Badge Classes (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Consecration to Saint Joseph Group Preparations Sessions AFF (Chapel)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Meeting (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, March 13th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main 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, March 14th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Main Hall)
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mary's House)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Supper Club (Rooms 114/115)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Fr. Thomas (Church)

Saturday, March 15th

Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Lenten Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 8th

8:30 AM †Rosalie Greco, †Darrell Moulton, Jr., Fr. James Kuczynski
5:30 PM †Stanley Saccomanno, †Rosalie Greco, Thomas & Rene Tacquard

Sunday, March 9th

7:30 AM †Arch Helton, †Al Radous, †Joan Radous
9:30 AM †Maria Trevino, Kyle Post – Birthday Blessings, Mike & Jessica Harris – Wedding Anniversary Blessings
11:30 AM †Anne Kouba, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Thekla Adam
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, March 10th

6:15 AM †Ana Nguyen Thi Thanh, †Joan Radous, †Carl Amand
8:30 AM †Megan Santos, †Shirley Suarez, Mildred Pesl

Tuesday, March 11th

6:15 AM †Olga Terekhova, †Maurice Houk, Anthony Rinehart – Birthday Blessings
8:30 AM †Amy Ganter, †Brian Phifer, †Fr. Lionel Lacasse, M.S.

Wednesday, March 12th

6:15 AM Carolina Mayer, John Richards, Respect Life
6:30 PM †Beatrice Cornish, †Butch Roberts, †Andrew Buller

Thursday, March 13th

6:15 AM †Robert Narloch Wladyslaw, †Olga Terekhova, †Rodolfo & †Maria Gonzales
8:30 AM †Richard & †Ruth Hodges, †Toni Langehennig, Ramon & Maria Gisbert

Friday, March 14th

6:15 AM †Mike Vukelich, †Ana Nguyen Thi Thanh, †Michael Gonzales & †Mary Louise Rangel
8:30 AM †Bernard Severino, †Dorothy Donegan Barrow, †Norman Donegan

Saturday, March 15th

8:30 AM †Darrell Moulton, Jr., †Lee Buller, †Ken Welling
5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 AM †Ginger Craugh, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of George & Mildred Pesl, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Freddy & Yvette Camarillo
9:30 AM †William Leighton, The Sama Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Vera Smart
11:30 AM †Matilde Montemayor, Lucia Boone, Thomas & Renee Tacquard
4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †David Mitchell, †Alfred Capili

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: February 15, 2025 - February 21, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,254.09

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$36,604.00

Difference: 2,650.09

MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,555.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,452.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$2,011.00

2nd Collection:

Bishops' Fund for Latin America: \$4,252

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

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

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 9 - Black & Indian Missions

March 30 - Catholic Relief Services

April 6 - Easter Flowers

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of February 28, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$24,380/00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 120

Total Number of Gifts Received: 155

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 28, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$627,991.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,542

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 275

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

My Dear Parishioners,

In last weekend's bulletin I wrote about how soon the season of Lent was approaching. It is already here. It is a season of hope and new life through our Lenten disciplines of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. Let us reflect upon each of these three practices and see how they can help us. First, PRAYING. In the gospel for Ash Wednesday, we heard Jesus teaching his disciples to pray with a humble spirit, not to look for self-righteousness, but in the silence of our heart, connect ourselves to God, who is the source of all grace. God loves the humble of heart because it is only in humility that we know we need Him. In our effort to pray, I would like to recommend the following devotions: daily Mass, confession, the rosary, stations of the cross, and family night prayer together at least two or three times a week. In addition, read the daily gospel passage and reflect how you can apply it in your own personal life. Second, FASTING. When the concept of fasting comes to mind, many people immediately think of eating less than they normally would, but a few years ago Pope Francis introduced a new way of fasting:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness, fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words, be silent and listen.

This way of fasting is not extraordinary spirituality, but it is common sense for Christians. It should have already been part of our lives. Third, ALMSGIVING. This spiritual practice acknowledges God's gifts to us and joyfully expresses our gratitude to him by caring for those in need. Not only does God give us enough, but he always gives us in abundance, much more than we need. The gift we share is the grace accumulated for ourselves in heaven. Let us use our gifts to "heal the brokenhearted," who are suffering one way or another. Our gifts to them will help alleviate their pain. Lent is a season of great spirituality if we consciously respond to Jesus' invitation to pray, fast, and give alms. Once again, these practices will help us to prepare ourselves for a newness of life in Jesus' resurrection.



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.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Knights of Columbus Council #8494 Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

5:30 - 7:00 PM
Mary Queen Parish Hall

Fish Plate Prices:
Adults: \$12 per plate
Children: \$7 per plate

Dine-in or Take out options are available.
Cash, check, or Credit/Debit cards accepted.

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 - Hispanic Ministry
- April 4 - Youth Ministry
- April 11 - Women's Ministry

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!



Would you like to represent Mary Queen for the upcoming Archdiocesan Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) presided by Bishop Italo Sunday, March 9 at 7:00 pm.

We are very excited to once more host the **Archdiocesan Rite of Election presided by Bishop Italo** on this coming **Sunday, March 9th at 7:00 pm!**

This year we have been asked by the Archdiocese to reserve seating for **1,274 people**. This does not include the families of Catechumens and Candidates who are coming from **28 parishes** around the **Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**.

We are anticipating hosting a very full church.

The many people who have not been to Mary Queen will arrive **needing a lot of guidance**. So, we will need **MANY more volunteers** to direct and assist visitors **than usual**. To provide a genuine atmosphere of welcoming, we need more greeters & ushers to direct Catechumens and Candidates to check-in at the Main Hall, to distribute Worship aids, to help seat them and their Godparent/ Sponsor in the appropriate reserved areas.

So, if you could kindly help us by representing Mary Queen from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM** that will be a great blessing for Our Church!

Please meet us in the Main Hall/ Narthex at 5:30 pm or if you need more information, please contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA - ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

Hispanic Ministry Scholarships



The Hispanic Ministry of Mary Queen is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Hispanic Ministry Scholarships. Three \$1000 scholarships are available to Mary Queen parishioners who are graduating high school seniors.



Completed applications are due by Sunday, April 13, 2025, by 5:00 PM.

If you have questions, please contact: Aurora Garza at mqhispanicministry@gmail.com

WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

What the Devil Doesn't Have

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

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March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 9

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday, March 10

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 11

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 12

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 14

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15

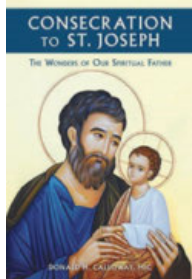
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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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 Wednesday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

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



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, contact - Eby Kurian.



We have a special LENTEN JOURNEY planned for Men in 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program that will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th from 6 - 7 AM in the Main Hall.

Mark Hartfiel will take you on a journey to the Holy Land to dive deeper into the Sorrowful Mysteries and life of Christ.

Pray with us and invite someone else along your Lenten journey!

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

<https://youtu.be/JA0Rr0aoduc?si=MTu95nHN8oLCmVQD>



On this first Sunday of Lent, and after a period of formation of the Catechumens' and Candidates' minds and hearts, these rites are celebrated - The Rite of Sending and The Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord, Jesus and be Baptized. The Rite of Sending, held during the Sunday, March 9th at 11:30 am Holy Mass Youth & Adult Catechumens are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. Those who are already Baptized had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. The Adult Candidates are called to Continuing Conversion and state their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist table. This Rite offers Mary Queen's community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the Catechumens and Candidates have made, express approval of their elections or recognition, and send them forth to our Cardinal/Bishop with assurance of our care and support. Across the entire world, Catholic Bishops welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their Godparents and Sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion, held on Sunday, March 9th at 7:00 pm hosted by us at Mary Queen, celebrates the Lord's choosing of men, women, and children who, with the help of the Church, acknowledge God's election of them for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and preparation to be received into Full Communion. These Rites mark the beginning of the final period of intensive Scriptural preparation of the Elect and Candidates prior to celebrating Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and during the Easter Season.



JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



Upcoming Events

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

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

16 MARCH
NO CLASS
Spring Break

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

Upcoming Lesson ...
The heart of Christianity is truly summed up in the Beatitudes. These key teachings from Christ perfectly reveal how to live out the two greatest commands of loving God and neighbor (Mark 12:30-31). "They shed light," the Catechism teaches, "on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" (CCC, ¶11717). So if you are trying to find a practical guide on how to live your life — as it seems everybody else in the world is — just go straight to Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, which is where He lays out His teaching on the Beatitudes. This is the best guide available.

More Information
Trey Brock, Youth Director
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Youth Sports!

Friday, March 28th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Basketball game with
St. Bernadette Catholic Church
Contact Trey Brock if interested.




All Jr High Lessons are 5:45-7:00pm!

JR HIGH REMAINING LESSONS:
SUNDAY 3/23—"MEET ME AT THE PEW" AND LESSON 11
 JR HIGH ARE INVITED TO SIT TOGETHER AT 4:30 YOUTH MASS AND CLASS WILL FOLLOW IN THE YOUTH CENTER
SUNDAY 4/6— FINAL LESSON 12

Other Events:
 Wednesdays during Lent - *Lent One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens* meetup 5:30-7:30pm (Mass together at 6:30pm)
 Wednesday 3/19 - **Jr Council Meeting** 5:30-7:30pm (Mass together at 6:30pm)
 Friday 4/4- **Youth Night Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Class Dates

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 11	MAR 18 No Class	MAR 25	APR 1
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WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 12	MAR 19 No Class	MAR 26	APR 2
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Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

First Family Friday

Karaoke!!!



KARAOKE

Date: April 4, 2025
 Location: Youth Center
 Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Come join us in faith, Fellowship, and fun. Food will be served as well.

First Friday is open to all families. Come as a family and join the fun

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AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Penance Services

St. Paul
Tuesday, March 11

St. Bernadette
Wednesday, March 12

St. Mary Expectation
Thursday, March 13

Mary Queen
Tuesday, March 18

St. Luke
Wednesday, March 19

St. Helen
Wednesday, March 26

St. Claire of Assisi
Thursday, March 27

St. Mary, LaPorte
Tuesday, April 1

St. Hyacinth
Thursday, April 3

***All services begin at 7 PM.**

Lenten Almsgiving

Charity is a frequent and important theme of the Gospels. As individual members of Mary Queen, each of us is called to focus more closely on almsgiving during Lent. Almsgiving is the outward action of donating money or goods to the poor as a reflection of your love for Jesus. This year during Lent we are asking every person/family to donate the following items to our Food Pantry. When you come to Mass each weekend, please place the items in the Food Pantry Donation Box located in the church Narthex. Items can also be dropped off at the Food Pantry Monday – Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

March 8/9:	Pancake Mix, Breakfast Bars, Cereal
March 15/16:	Peanut Butter and Jelly
March 22/23:	Snacks, Crackers, Cookies
April 5/6:	Canned Goods (Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Soup, Ravioli, etc.)
April 12/13:	Oil, Sugar, May, Mustard, Ketchup Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life."
(Tob 12:8-9)

TAIZE

Join us for an evening of candlelit prayer, song, and contemplation



Monday, April 7th
7 PM in the Church



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 21, 2025.

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There are 16 spaces available. Please contact Carmen Laine 713-254-1850 to reserve your space!

La Salette Laity Reflection for the 1st Sunday of Lent March 9th

Written by Laity member, Bill Stallings
Our Lady of the Cape Parish,
Brewster, MA

Today’s Gospel reading tells of the Devil’s failure, after three tries, to successfully tempt Jesus. You might think that the Devil would then reflect: “I have done my very best. Jesus I cannot tempt.” But no! The Gospel tells us that the Devil left Jesus for a time. The Devil will return to Jesus. But Jesus will always be prepared because Jesus spends time in prayer with the Father. So, when we successfully resist temptation, it is no time for complacency.

Our Lady of La Salette asks, “Do you say your prayers well, my children?”. We children of God must always be ready to answer yes. And what better way to pray to resist the Devil than to pray the Rosary, which Mary urges in other apparitions? Our Lady of La Salette specifically mentions to the children the Our Father and Hail Mary, the core of the Rosary.

So, as we begin Lent, let us all find the strength and grace to resist temptation through the power of prayer.

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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.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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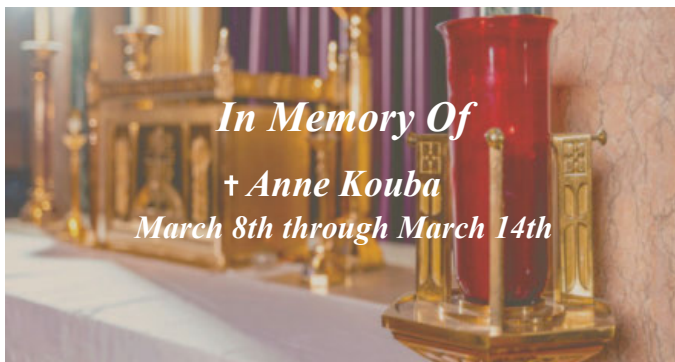
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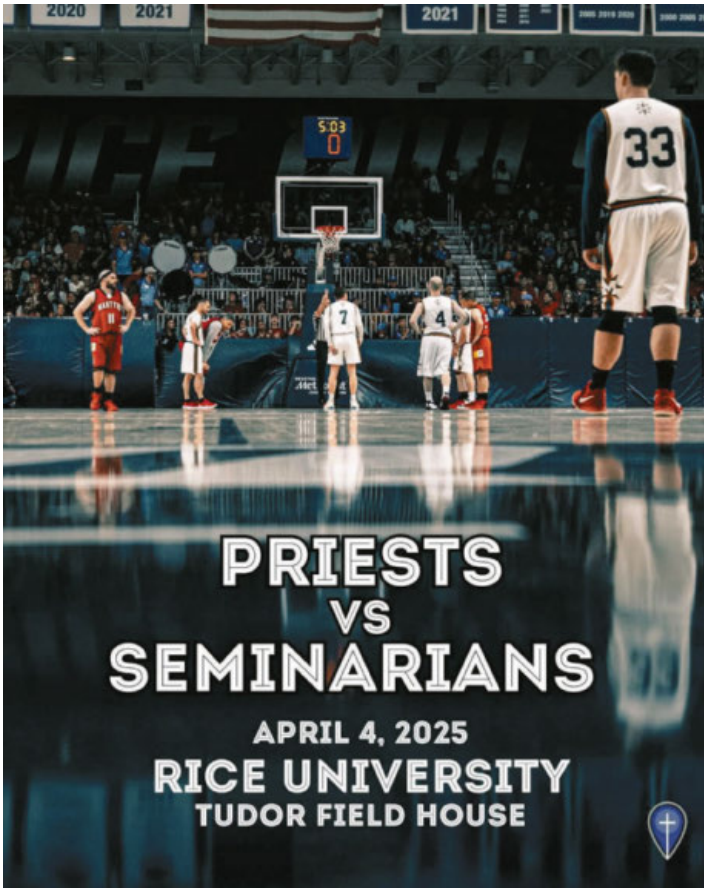
Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Prayer List Requests

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



Lent Question

Question:

After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer:

You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life. Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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Everyday Stewardship

Filling the Basket

Filling the Basket This Lent Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day. Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits? If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you. What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once. What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering? What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed? What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away? What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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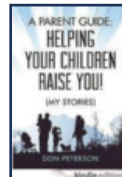
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