



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

The Lord
is merciful.

PSALM 103

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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.

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 23rd

Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Knights of Columbus Membership Recruiting (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 21 (Youth Center)
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session - YM (Mary's House)
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Jr. High Faith Formation Lesson 11 - YM (Youth Center)

Monday, March 24th

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

Tuesday, March 25th

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

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo (Mini Hall)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM New Lector Training (Church)
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)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Epic Series - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, March 26th

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 (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 (Youth Center)
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross Rehearsal - YM (Church)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, March 27th

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

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectio: Eucharist Series (AFF) - (Mini Hall)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Women's Day of Prayer Workshop (Room 119)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main Hall)

Friday, March 28th

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

- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Room 114/115)
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Hispanic Ministry (Church)
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Stations of the Cross Rehearsal - YM (Church)

Saturday, March 29th

Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Lenten Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Andrew Dinner - Archdiocesan Vocations Ministry (Main Hall, Library/Room 110)
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Crew 452 - DARE Presentation (Main Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22nd

- 8:30 AM Robert Susil, Pam Jessen, Rosalie Daves
5:30 PM Fred Albers, Elise Kim – Birthday Blessings,
Beckett Kim – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, March 23rd

- 7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Lee Pierce – Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Armando Burgos, †Ramon Roxas, †Carol Krengele
4:30 PM Paula Wick, Alice Malek, Sheri Barber

Monday, March 24th

- 6:15 AM †Luke & †Mary Frances Rossi, †Stephen Bernadoni, †Gwen Taylor
8:30 AM Charlotte Alexander, Gabriel Project Moms, Cameron Stewart – Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, March 25th

- 6:15 AM Nadia Marie Enriquez, Mildred Pesl, Landon Tinney
8:30 AM †George Radous, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Beth Drone – Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, March 26th

- 6:15 AM †Danny del Valle, Cathy Hart, John Hodges
6:30 PM †Richard Benavides, †Chris Coover, Joey Guerra

Thursday, March 27th

- 6:15 AM †Ross Simpson, †Frances Collins, †Joe & †Renee Bruegger
8:30 AM †Lydia Ledesma, Nancie Luu, Vera Smart – Birthday Blessings

Friday, March 28th

- 6:15 AM †Hal Holland, †John Patrick, †Johnny Corona
8:30 AM †Armando Linky, †Patrick Garland, Teresa Rodriquez – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 29th

- 8:30 AM †Marilyn Karam, Jordan Marie Karam – Birthday Blessings, Jerome Karam – Birthday Blessings
5:30 PM Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Tobie LaBauve – Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family

Sunday, March 30th

- 7:30 AM †Lino Garza, †Joseph Swiader, Thomas & Rene Tacquard
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
11:30 AM †Gary Gionnette, †Pam Jessen, †Amy Ganter
4:30 PM †Milton Hutto, Lorri Vogel, Anthony Vogel



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 1, 2025 - March 7, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$53,056.32

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$51,170.00

Difference: \$1,886.32

MP-Debt Reduction: \$2,236.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$5,586

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$11,287.00

2nd Collection:

Bishops' Fund for Latin America: \$4,312.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 30 - Catholic Relief Services

April 6 - Easter Flowers

April 13 - Future Development & Maintenance

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,569,259.61

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,708,850.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 425

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of March 14, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$36,962.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 154

Total Number of Gifts Received: 206

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 March 14, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$631,742.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,557

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,

Many of you have asked me about what's next since we have already paid off the debt. I had a conversation with some of the Parish Pastoral Council members who wanted to find out my vision and dream for the future of Mary Queen parish as we move forward. Allow me to share with you some of the thoughts I have shared with them.

During my listening sessions, I asked what Mary Queen should look like in the next six years. During my first year, I observed closely, tried to listen, and learn, which I will continue to do. With no doubt I can say that the Eucharist is central to who we are as a parish. The participation at the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis by sixteen of our parishioners prompted us to organize many follow-up activities for the parish, like the recent Eucharistic display at the St. Charbel Youth Center. Participation at various Eucharistic adorations and Eucharistic procession to the Stevenson Park were all breathtaking experiences for us. My focus is on how we can continue to invite and inspire God's people to build and mold our parish family centered on the Eucharist. The Eucharist helps us grow closer to God and all else is secondary. The Pastoral Council, the Finance Council and the staff are all committed and united in action to achieve this goal. In evangelizing, we want to strengthen and expand the faith of our parish and the countless ministries that exist. The work of bringing back those fallen away Catholics is in progress. We want to be at our best in all aspects and dimensions of our parish life.

Regarding the physical plant, we are reviewing the original Master Plan with all the revisions made over the years to develop an updated future development plan. The original architect company that designed the new Church has been invited to help with this process and we had our first meeting with them. An eight-member Remodeling and Building Committee has been established with Joe Gregory as chair. Some of you might recall when Joe played a central role on the previous building committee when the new church was built.

We had listed many major projects besides remodeling the parish hall and the kitchen, replacing the carpet in the mini hall, in the classrooms of the education building and in the administrative offices. Fixing Queens Lane, expanding the storage building and making it climate controlled, new food pantry and social services building, new administrative office building, a multi-purpose building with classrooms and a facility for Mother's Day out program were all down the road to consider. No projects will start without receiving feedback from the parishioners and always with proper communication.

I appreciate all who gave positive feedback and complimentary information about the article I published in the weekly bulletin. I am reviewing with our parish Communications Office as to how we can reach out and serve you better and more effectively in communicating parish news and updates in the future. Be blessed and stay blessed through the season of Lent.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS



Sacraments

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



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

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



RCIA for Adults

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



Sunday Bulletin

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



Become a registered parishioner!

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



Ministries

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



Social Concerns Ministries

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

Need additional information?

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

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

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 HERE






New Lector Training Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10 am & 6 pm in the church

Are you ready to become a storyteller of our community? Lectors are called to be a means of grace, a channel through which God can touch and change those who hear the Word. Lectors are truly ministers of God, instruments that God can use to accomplish the divine will.

If this is your calling, Welcome! We are excited to expand this wonderful ministry.

If you wish to attend, or have questions, please contact Dolores Richards at deelola@yahoo.com

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8494 SPONSORED

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT UNDER THE OAK TREES. FOR CHILDREN AGES 10 AND UNDER. CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 4 NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



THE PATIENT GARDNER

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardner

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

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March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 23

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-4

Monday, March 24

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38





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Lenten Eucharistic Series

Continue to meet on Thursdays for 8 more weeks from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the Mini Hall.

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



The Sorrowful Mysteries outline the epic battle between good and evil. Christ enters into the Garden of Gethsemane knowing precisely who He is fighting

against and who He is fighting for. Our thoughtful contemplation of Christ's actions teach us how to engage in the fight against darkness. We live in a time of unprecedented evil. The call to pray is urgent.

All Young Adults of ages 18 & above are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 pm Mass at Mary's House from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.



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

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 Friday, March 7th, after the 6:15 morning Mass, Mary Queen community joyfully and prayerfully welcomed again through the Rite of Welcome 3 Adult candidates - Matthew Delaney, Alexis Koch and Cynthia Burke to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Please pray for all the Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated the Rite of Sending during the 11:30 am Holy Mass on First Sunday of Lent - March 9th here in Mary Queen.



Mary Queen hosted again this year the Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion that Sunday evening at 7:00 pm and it was presided by His Excellency Bishop Italo.

There were almost 1,600 people that came from 29 parishes that included the Catechumens, Candidates, God Parents and Sponsors along with some of their family members. In the OCIA process we have 3 Elect who are Children, 8 Elect who are Youth, 10 Elect who are Adults (Unbaptized and are going to receive the Sacraments of Initiation) 1 Youth Candidate & 20 Adult Candidates.

(Baptized and are going to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church) from Mary Queen.

Please pray for them, their God Parents, Sponsors and OCIA Team members.

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



Today's Lesson
 It is never too early to think and pray about your purpose and mission in life. This is one of the most important questions to ask yourself. Christ's invitation to "follow me" (Matthew 4:19) is intended for everybody, but the way in which we follow Him is not the same for all people. Saint Paul puts it like this: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). Or even more specifically on this point, St. Paul writes, "some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11). In other words, we are all called to follow Christ — to be one with Him — but God also created us as individuals with our own unique gifts and talents, and so it is His will that we use those individual gifts and talents for the building up of His Kingdom.

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

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

28 MARCH
 Fish Fry
 Need Volunteers
 4:45 PM - 8:30 PM

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

2 APRIL
 Sacramental Prep
 HS & OCIA
 5 PM - 6 PM

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

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

For more information, contact:
 Sarah Kennepohl, Jr High Coordinator
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Elementary FAITH FORMATION

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

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 25 APR 1 APR 8
 LAST CLASS

WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 26 APR 2 APR 9
 LAST CLASS

Please direct your student to the Mini Hall for the start of class.

Blessed Easter Triduum

4th & 5th Grade Parents

On the last day of class, April 8th or April 9th, your child will be participating in the Holy Triduum Play. You are encouraged to attend watching them during your child's class time. Please arrive early to assist your child with getting in costume. The play will take place in the St. Charbel Youth Center.

First Family Friday

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.

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 St. Claire of Assisi - Thursday, March 27
 St. Mary, LaPorte - Tuesday, April 1
 St. Hyacinth - Thursday, April 3

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



On the Sunday after Easter the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St. Maria Faustina's Diary it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary grace - a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well. *

We begin to prepare in Lent for our celebration of Easter and Mercy Sunday as the eighth day of thanksgiving (the Octave Day of Easter). We especially focus on performing works of mercy, spending more time in prayer, as well as doing penances and giving alms.*

The Divine MERCY NOVENA and CHAPLET will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel on Good Friday, April 18, following the 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross. The remaining eight days of the Novena April 19 – April 26, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3:00 PM, including Easter Sunday.

On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27th at 3:00 PM there will be Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction in the St. Joseph Chapel.

*Marian Press Leaflet, "How to Prepare for Mercy Sunday"

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 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

"Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."
 (St. Francis of Assisi)

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La Salette Laity Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent March 23rd

Written by
National Laity Member, Norma Torok
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The first reading of the third Sunday of Lent has several parallels to the story of our Lady of LaSalette. In both narratives, a light lures the shepherds to their impending charge. Moses is surprised by a bush on fire that is not consuming the bush while Melanie and Maxim are attracted to a bright light surrounding a beautiful Lady. Both narratives bring good news. However, each narrative will present a challenging charge for the shepherds. In both narratives, the shepherds are challenged to help people make a change in their lives and return to God.

We too are often charged with hard decisions and challenging changes. The good news is we have an intercessor in Our Lady of La Salette. She presents us to her son who brings us out of darkness and illuminates our path to his perfect love. This Lenten season, may we be strengthened in the light of faith, be comforted with peace in the light of hope, and walk in God's light toward perfect love. Most of all, may we seek opportunities to be a reflective light of God's love in service to others.



Family of the Month



A Life of Love, Faith, and Service: The Story of Bill and Sara

Bill, born and raised in Franklin, Massachusetts, and Sara, from San Antonio, Texas, met in an unexpected yet serendipitous way. In 1957, Bill was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base for basic training, and Sara worked at the same location. Their paths crossed three years later, sparking a connection that would span over six decades. Bill was honorably discharged from the Air

Force in 1961, and shortly after, they were married in San Antonio. Despite having no job or home, the couple embarked on a new life together in Massachusetts.

In Massachusetts, Sara worked at Dean Junior College while Bill worked as a draftsman at Factory Mutual, Raytheon, and Foxboro Co. During their time there, daughters Christine and Diana were born. In a profound moment of faith, Bill experienced a spiritual awakening, which deeply influenced the family's journey. Shortly after, they relocated to Houston, where Bill began working at Schlumberger Oil Well Services. Amidst the challenges of moving while Sara was eight months pregnant, their third daughter, Natalie, was born. Six years later, they opened their home to an exchange student from El Salvador for a year.

In Houston, Bill and Sara immersed themselves in the establishment of St. Lukes, their new church community. Bill joined the Knights and worked on several woodworking projects including creating a 12-sided cherry wood altar now housed in an Archdiocese residence, a wooden monstrance for St. Lukes, and various projects for Mary Queen. Bill has an Honorary Life Membership with the Knights of Columbus Council 3700. Sara established and has led the Prayer Quilt Ministry at Mary Queen for over 20 years.

Their family flourished, with all three daughters thriving. Christine, married for over 40 years, has four children and 8 grandchildren. She holds a master's degree in physiology and works at Project Defending Life. Diana, married for 36 years, has two children and retired from a successful career with Macy's. Natalie has worked in various roles in the Oil and Gas Industry for 38 years and is now evaluating retirement.

Bill and Sara continue to dedicate their time to serving others. Inspired by a chef school experience in Italy, they prepared Italian dinners at Christmas for the Friendswood Police and Fire Departments for 15 years, supported by fellow parishioners of Mary Queen. Bill also created gourmet Italian dinners for the Church's Spring auction, sharing his love of food with the community.

Their faith has guided them across the globe on pilgrimages, visiting churches and sacred sites on five continents, including Medjugorje, Spain, Egypt, Russia, and others. Through their travels, they've ensured their actions reflect their devotion to God and their mission to make a difference.

As they celebrate 64 years of marriage in May, Bill and Sara reflect on a life filled with love, faith, and service. Their journey exemplifies resilience, generosity, and an unwavering commitment to their family, faith, and community. Their story is a testament to the beauty of a life well-lived and a love that continues to inspire all who know them



Blessed Palms

Do you have palms from last year and not sure what to do with them? To properly dispose of palms, you should either burn them and spread the ashes in the ground or you may cut them up and then bury them. They should never be discarded with the trash. In the past, Mary Queen would use them for Ash Wednesday but we no longer use that practice.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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 2:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Due to space constraints within the Cathedral, the Installation is a ticketed event. All tickets have already been allocated.

The Installation Mass will be livestreamed on the Archdiocesan website (www.archgh.org/live) and all are encouraged to view the Mass online.

In addition, Masses of Welcome/Thanksgiving for Archbishop-designate Vásquez are being planned to occur at a number of parishes around the Archdiocese after Easter. The details regarding these public Masses will be shared in the Texas Catholic Herald, in the Around the Archdiocese Newsletter, and on the Archdiocesan website once the schedule and locations have been determined.

Texas Catholic Herald

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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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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



In Memory Of
 + Anita Wahl
 March 22nd through March 28th



*Please pray for the
 repose of the soul of*
 Graciela Lea,
 Wife of James

In Memoriam

We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn **"In Memory of..."** or **"In Honor of..."** a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.

Prayer List Requests

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

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Mortal Versus Venial Sin

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin.

The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue.

When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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Everyday Stewardship

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

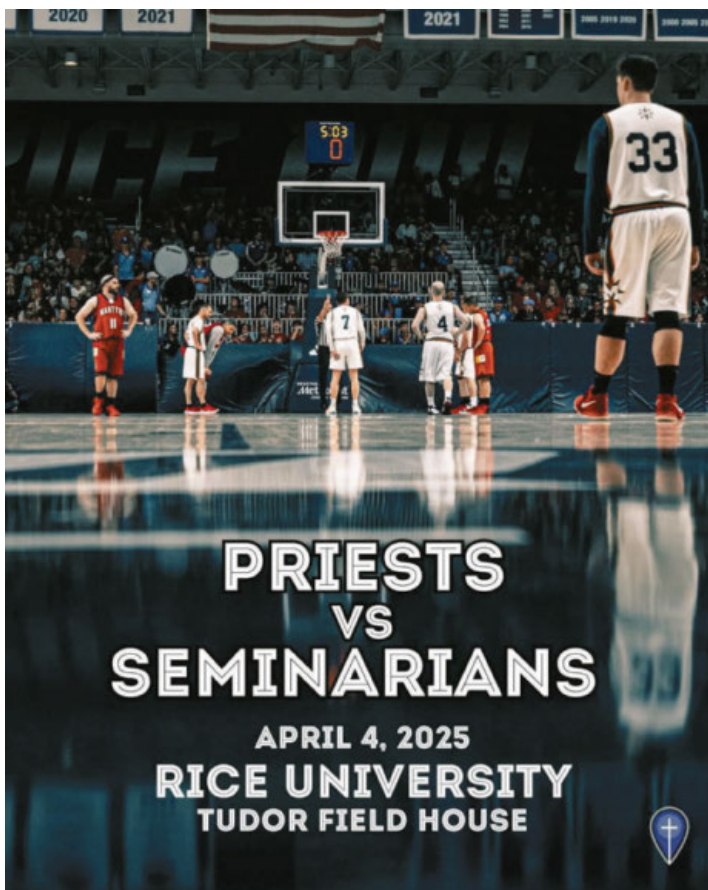
Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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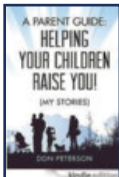


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