CATHOLIC CHURCH Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

Vaste and see Of His goodness. PSALM 34 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.

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 30th

Coffee & Donuts - Pastoral Council (After Morning Masses)Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)9:30 AM - 11:30 AMOCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)3:00 PM - 4:20 PMHigh School Faith Formation Lesson 22 (Youth Center)3:45 PM - 6:00 PMPost Confirmation Sesson - YM (Mary's House)

Monday, March 31st

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 - 7:30 PM Special Friends Guardianship Presentation (Mini Hall) 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall) Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony (Chapel) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 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, April 1st

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

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	"Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking
	With Purpose (Main Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms)
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Holy Triduum Play Rehearsal - EFF (Youth Center)
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, April 2nd

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 Prayer Group (Room 110/Library) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall) 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity (Room 110/Library) Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms) 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Holy Triduum Play Rehearsal - EFF (Youth Center) SAacramental Prep & Church Tour - YFF - (Church) 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Elementary Faith Formation (Classrooms) 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings (Main Hall) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, April 3rd

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

 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM
 Lectio: Eucharist Series - AFF - (Mini Hall)

 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
 First Holy Communion Classes - EFF - (Main Hall)

 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 OCIA Team Meetings - Purification & Enlightenment Sessions - AFF - (Main Hall)

Friday, April 4th

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Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM			
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Main Hall)		
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	First Friday Family Night (Youth Center)		

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Youth Ministry (Church)

Saturday, April 5th

- Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses) Lenten Daily Mass - 8:30 AM Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses) Men's ACTS Team Bake Sale (After All Masses) 6:30 AM - 11:30 AM 2nd Annual Creation Care Fun Run
- 4:00 PM 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 ÅM **†**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

Monday, March 31st

- 6:15 AM +Luba Corona, +Billy talley, +Thomas Reese, Jr.
- 8:30 AM **†**Donald Joseph Sixta, Dan Barineau, Steve Ridout Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, April 1st

- 6:15 AM **+**Fred Albers, **+**Richard Aguela, **+**Maria Keshi D'Rozario, Jayne Pesl
- 8:30 AM **†**George Whittet, Marleen Whittet, Charles Ganter Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, April 2nd

- 6:15 AM + Molly Ganter, Lucia Boone, Daniel Paul Avila
- 6:30 PM **†**Frank & **†**Carlotta Garza, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Scruggs & Arcotta Families, Leslie Karam – Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 3rd

- 6:15 AM **†**Florencio Patrimorio, Jr., John Richards, Mildred Pesl
- 8:30 AM **†**Ernie Heeb, **†**John tam Pham, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Vera Smart

Friday, April 4th

- 6:15 AM +Gary Reagan, +Eugene Gaidouske, +Antone Houng Thien Le
- 8:30 AM **†**GH Sorrell, **†**Antone Houng Thien Le, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Tedd & Mary Anastas

Saturday, April 5th

- 8:30 AM Mary Queen Ministries, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez Family, Chris Meaux – Birthday Blessings
- 5:30 PM **†**Msgr. Bennie Patillo, **†**Michael & **†**Carmela Stillisan, Camicce Gregory

Sunday, April 6th

- 7:30 AM **†**Joseph Tri Huu Pham, **†**Ana Truong Ngo, Thomas & Rene Tacquard
- 9:30 AM **†**James Fields, **†**Msgr. Bennie Patillo, Desmond D'Rozario – 50th Birthday Blessings, Megan Gray – Birthday Blessings
- 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: March 8, 2025 - March 14, 2025 This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$44,134.77 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$38,295.00 Difference: \$5,839.77 MP-Debt Reduction: \$1,129.32 Future Development & Maintenance: \$574.23 Food Pantry: \$1,862.00 Special/2nd Collection: Ash Wednesday (Diocese Social Ministries): \$6,620

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: \$1,574,990.32 Total Amount Pledged: \$1,724,075.82 Total Number of Individual Pledges: 429

Diocesan Services Fund 2025 DSF Summary as of March 21, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$421,796.00 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 165 Total Number of Gifts Received: 224 Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

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

IGNITE Campaign 2022 IGNITE Summary as of March 21, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$631,960.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,559 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 <u>www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign</u>.

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 <u>baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org</u>.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



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 <u>www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org</u>.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th at 7pm, Mary Queen hosted again this year the Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion. It was presided by His Excellency Bishop Italo Del Oro. There were more than 1600 people that came from 29 parishes that included the catechumens, candidates, godparents, and sponsors along with some of their family members. In the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, I am told that during the Easter Vigil Masses on April 19, 2025, approximately 3,000 catechumens will be newly initiated into the Catholic Church and 750 candidates will enter full communion.

There are 21 catechumens who celebrated the Rite of Election from Mary Queen parish. Of the 21 Elect, 3 are children, 8 are youth and 10 are adults. This rite officially admitted them to the order of Elect to receive the Easter Sacraments. They are no longer catechumens but God's Elect to become Catholics on Easter Vigil. Along with these 21 Elect, there were 21 candidates who were recognized in the same Rite of Election. These candidates are baptized in different faith traditions, whose baptism is recognized by the Catholic Church. They do not need to be baptized again but to be received into full communion with the Church. They will celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive their First Holy Communion, and be confirmed in the Sacrament of Confirmation. What an immense joy for our faith community. Please continue to pray for them as they are prepared for the Easter Sacraments.

As part of their preparation, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) instructs that there will be three Sundays with Rites of Scrutinies. These rites will help the Elect to deepen their conversion and strengthen their faith. With God's grace and our prayers for them, they are to uncover and heal their weaknesses and sinful tendencies, and to strengthen their resolve to follow Christ. These three rites are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. Each scrutiny is thematically linked to the Gospel readings for that Mass, with the first focusing on Christ as the living water, the second on Christ as the light of the world, and the third on Christ as the resurrection and the life.

As pastor, I am delighted that our faith community is growing in numbers. The OCIA team that consists of 20 members, plays such a significant role in the faith journey of our Catechumens and candidates. I also want to recognize Trey Brock and Carol Stuart, whose dedication and commitment is so commendable in journeying with the youth and children in faith. The Adult Faith Formation director, Eby Kurian, who oversees the OCIA program shared with me that this year we have the highest number of Elect and candidates for the Easter Sacraments. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters as they are preparing themselves for a new journey of faith.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS







Easter Sunday Masses

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 8:00 PM

> EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 AM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

THE APOLOGY

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

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PRAY & REFLECT

March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 30

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 Monday, March 31

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 1

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday, April 2

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 4

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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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 for this Lenten Series.



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

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Thank You for Your Hospitality and Generosity

Thank you for volunteering for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election!

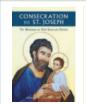
It was a beautiful liturgy where we had the privilege to witness the renewal of our Catholic Faith and growth in our Church! These new Elect and Candidates continue their Journey of Faith as they move to the third stage in the OCIA process called 'Purification and Enlightenment'.

Mary Queen again welcomed our guest with joy and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and patience, this Liturgy would not been as successful without you help. Let's continue praying for one another, the Elect, and Candidates we are accompanying.

May this Lent be a prayerful and contemplative season so that we may arrive at the joy of Easter refreshed and ready!

From the Mary Queen OCIA team and our Elect and Candidates thank you for your support in this process and commitment to Mary Queen parish.

In Jesus & Mary, Eby Kurian



On Wednesday, March 19th, Mary Queen celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph - Holy Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary through an Act of Consecration to St. Joseph after the 6:30 evening Mass. We were gifted St. Joseph oil from the St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, Canada.



JR HIGH & High School



Today's Lesson

"The chief fruit of the Eucharist is an intrinsic union of the recipient with Christ" (Ott, Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma, 418). The effect that Holy Communion produces in the souls who receive worthily is to unite them with Christ. The Blessed Sacrament, in other words, empowers us to be other Christ's in the world. This is why St. Thérèse of Lisieux's spiritual director, Fr. Almire Pichon, said that "each Christian is another Christ" (Seeds of the Kingdom, 118). With this in mind, a Christian ought to be aware of Christ's presence in the chapel as well as in their home, school, workplace, etc. If the chief fruit of Holy Communion is an "intimate union with Christ Jesus" (CCC, ¶1391), awareness of this union should not disappear after Mass ends.

More Information

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



The Youth Formation Team is looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Confirmation Maass on Saturday, May 17th. If you would like to help us with this event please contact Trey Brock.





JR HIGH REMAINING LESSONS:

SUNDAY 4/6- FINAL LESSON!!

Other Events: Fridays during Lent – Lent One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens meetup @5:30pm 4/4 and 4/11

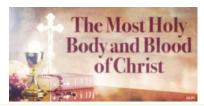
Friday 4/4- Youth Night Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Jr High will do candle procession- must attend at least one rehearsal!) Please encourage youth to join us for this beautiful tradition!!

Please see the ARK monthly newsletter for more details on all upcoming events!!

For more information, contact: Sarah Kennepohl, Jr High Coordinator 281-482-1391 Ext. 100 skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation 281- 482-1391 Ext. 333 cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

As we prepare our children for this sacrament there are some important dates to remember.

Next Class: Thursday, April 3 (4:30 or 6:30) Interviews: Thursday, April 10 (4:00 to 6:00) Rehearsal: Thursday, May 8 @ 6:30 PM in the church Sacramental Date: Saturday, May 10 @ 10:00 AM



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

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

Sponsored by Elementary Faith Formation

AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Penance Service

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions."

~ Psalm 51

St. Mary, LaPorte - Tuesday, April 1 St. Hyacinth - Thursday, April 3

All services begin at 7:00 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.

Whenyou 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.

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

"Almsgiving is good and salutary when to it is united the amendment of the heart from pride, malice, envy, slothfulness, indolence, gluttony, fornication, falsehood, deceitfulness, and other sins. But if the man is not careful to amend his heart, trusting only to his alms, then he will obtain but little benefit from them, for he builds with one hand and destroys with the other."

-St. John of Kronstadt



Divine Mercy Novena and Holy Hour

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina concerning the Feast of Divine Mercy......"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment" (699)* To emphasize the importance of these two sacraments of mercy, Our Lord made their reception a necessary condition for obtaining His promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those observing the Feast of Mercy. (742) I

demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first - by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer.Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy....

Our Lord spoke these words to St. Faustina.....(1317)write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of Judgement. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel on Good Friday, April 18, following 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross. Remaining eight days of Novena April 19 - 26 will be prayed at 3:00 PM in the St. Joseph Chapel, including Easter Sunday.

On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27, at 3:00 PM there will be a Holy Hour with Adoration, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction in the St. Joseph Chapel.

*Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, "Divine Mercy in My Soul"



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 mghispanicministry@gmail.com



La Salette Laity Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Lent March 30th

Written by Laity Member, Carol Stuart Mary Queen Catholic Church, Friendswood, Texas

The message of La Salette, a Marian apparition in 1846, shares similarities with the parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Both stories convey themes of repentance, forgiveness, and divine mercy.

In La Salette, the Virgin Mary appeared to two children, urging them to share the message with others to turn away from sin, especially the abuse of God's name and neglect of the Sabbath. She expressed sorrow over humanity's rejection of God's love and called for conversion and a return to faith. Mary's message emphasized reconciliation with God through repentance.

Similarly, in the parable of the Prodigal Son, a young man wastes his inheritance on indulgence and sin, leading to his downfall. He eventually returns to his father in repentance, acknowledging his wrongdoings.

Both stories highlight the boundless mercy of God and the importance of returning to Him after straying. The message of La Salette calls for spiritual renewal, echoing the prodigal son's return to the father—a reminder that no matter how far one has fallen, redemption is always possible through repentance and God's forgiveness.

This lent let us imitate the father in the Prodigal Son, welcoming all back with open arms, offering forgiveness, and celebrating their return.



Registration is open for the 2025 Mary Queen Men's ACTS Retreat

Do you want to improve your relationship with Jesus? Are you hoping to renew yourself spiritually? Do you want to give new meaning to your prayer life? Would you like to build lasting friendships with member of Mary Queen Parish? Attending the Men's ACTS retreat answers yes to all of these questions and is on of the best gifts you will ever give to yourself.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

Director: Stephe Harrison: (713) 252-3253; e-mail: <u>sachenv@aol.com</u> Co-Director: Justin Birmingham: (281) 732-4892; e-mail: <u>jbirm78@gmail.com</u> Co-Director: Dan Levin: (832) 975-9959; e-mail: <u>dan.lev2016@gmail.com</u> Spiritual Companion: Paul Robison: (713) 416-1585; e-mail: <u>probisonjr@proton.me</u>

Mary Queen Parish Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat Thursday, May 29th through Sunday, June 1st, 2025 Christian Renewal Center 1515 Hughes Rd. Dickinson, TX 77539

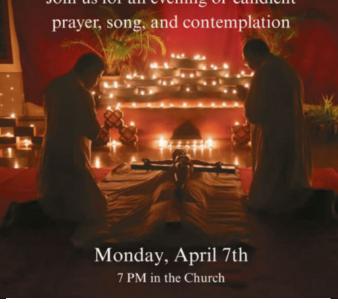
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TAIZE Join us for an evening of candlelit prayer, song, and contemplation





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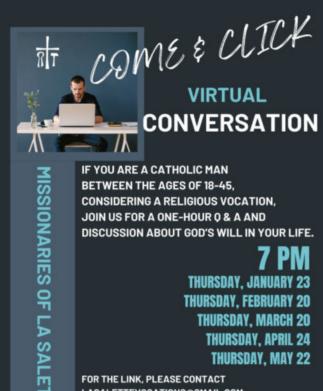
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

US Air Force:

SrA Jake Ainsworth, Maj James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, SrA Caleb Brysch, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, SSqt Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downev. Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Maj James Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, A1C Austin W. Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, 2d Lt Ethan McDonald, Maj Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Lt Col Zac Pendleton, 2d Lt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, Capt Chad Roberson, Capt Harrison Spexarth, 2d Lt Jackson Spexarth, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

US Army:

1LT Sarah Brock, SPC Andrew Burnett, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, 1LT Julian Monroig, MAJ Brandon Nesrsta, COL Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SPC Jesse Roberts, SSgt Emmanuel Thomas, MAJ Brian Y'Barbo, CPT Christopher Zavesky

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts, Cpl Joel Garza, 1stLt Jacob Perez, Lt. Col. Norman Renfro, PFC Edward Spitzenberger

US Navy:

LTJG Rylan Bashinski, MIDN 4/C Julian Brysch, PO1 Randall Carmicheal, CM3 Cullen Kelly, SN Gavin Ngo, MA3 Marcus Reyes, PO1 Anthony Rinehart, PO3 Kyle Shenkir, Jr., SN Rand Smith, CAPT Mike Svatek, LCDR John Zendt

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 <u>anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</u>. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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Florencio Bernardo Lucia Boone Iliana Briones Bob Burns

Valerie Cardenas Rose Castano Elba Circelli Barbara Craig Cody Crosson

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Audrey VanBuren

Bruce Wahl Nancy Walker Judith Wright

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 <u>reception@maryqueenchurch.org</u>. 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.

JOIN OUR STAFF

Mary Queen Catholic Church is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

Part Time Communications Coordinator

The candidate must possess a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Communications or a related field. Strong computer skills and experience with graphic design, social media and website management, and excellent writing skills are necessary.

To view full job descriptions and information on how to apply, visit our website at

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/employmentopportunities.

Email Resume to: jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org

Mary Queen Youth Council is hosting a talent show for the Mary Queen Youth! We are looking for current 9th-12th graders to be a part of the show, and everyone is welcome to come and watch the show for free! There will be donation boxes to support future Youth Council events





MORE INFO AND SIGN UP

Communications Requests -Guidelines & Deadlines Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

Contact: Albert Cipolla, Communications Coordinator email: acipolla@maryqueenchurch.org phone: 281-482-1391 x 334

Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

April 6 - Already Submitted April 13 - March 26 April 20 - April 2 April 27 - April 9

Lent Question



Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I

could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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Everyday Stewardship

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.



Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

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