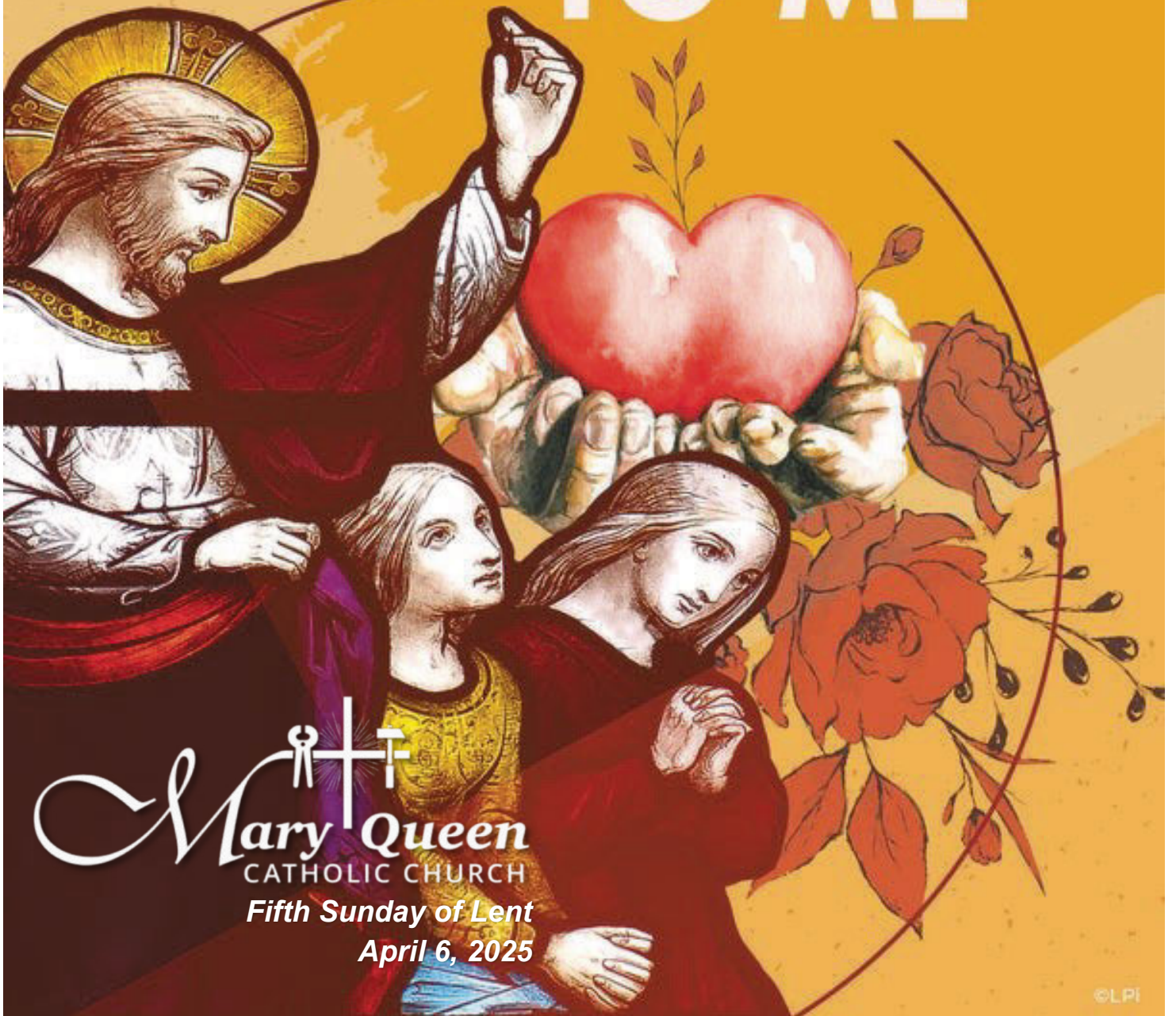


5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

RETURN TO ME




Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

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



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M.S.



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**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, April 6th

Crew 452 - Easter Lily Fundraiser (After Morning Masses)

Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

Men's ACTS Bake Sale (After All Masses)

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Baby Shower - Gabriel Project - Service Project (Main Hall)
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 23 (Youth Center)
3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Post Confirmation Session - YM (Mary's House)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Year 2 Confirmation Group Acknowledged Mass (Church)
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Jr. High Faith Formation Lesson 12 - YM (Youth Center)

Monday, April 7th

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

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Workshop (Mini Hall)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gabriel Project Meeting (Room 110/Library)
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Class (Youth Center)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Mary's House)
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 - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Taize Prayer Service (Church)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, April 8th

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 - 7:00 PM Bible Infusion Play - EFF (Youth Center)
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" - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Epic Series - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, April 9th

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)
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Infusion Play - EFF (Youth Center)
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)
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings (Mary's House)
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 (Mini Hall)
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Festival Planning Meeting (Room 114/115)

Thursday, April 10th

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

9:30 AM - 11:15 AM Lectio: Eucharist Series - AFF - (Mini Hall)
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM First Holy Communion Interviews - EFF - (Main Hall)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Purification & Enlightenment Sessions - AFF - (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bay Area Serra Club Business Meeting (Room 114/115)
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

Friday, April 11th

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)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Supper Club (Room 114/115)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Women's Ministry (Church)

Saturday, April 12th

Festival Gala/Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Lenten Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM OCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat (Main Hall)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Youth First Reconciliation - YM (Church)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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
4:30 PM †Alma Berger, †Hector Tobon, †Manuel Villamin

Monday, April 7th

6:15 AM †Ana Phuong Ngo, †Gioan Kim Tuynh Ngoc Nguyen, †Daniel Huynh
8:30 AM Charlotte Alexander, Nancie Luu, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Smart & Briggs Families

Tuesday, April 8th

6:15 AM †Rosemary Austgen, †Richard Clair Krause, Jayne Pesl
8:30 AM †Dan Foster, George Pesl - Birthday Blessings, Ron & Rebecca Reeves - 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Wednesday, April 9th

6:15 AM †Amy Ganter, Landon Tinney, Respect Life
6:30 PM †Edgar Poyatos, Jr., Paula Wick, Chris Matulis - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 10th

6:15 AM †Ronald Smith, †Brian Phifer, †Fr. Lionel Lacasse, M.S.
8:30 AM †Marissa Ledesma-Laurel, †Maria Trevino, Elodia Jimenez - Birthday Blessings

Friday, April 11th

6:15 AM †Mike Vukelich, †Richard & †Ruth Hodges, †Dorothy Donegan -Barrow
8:30 AM †Marissa Ledesma-Laurel, †Maria Trevino, Elodia Jimenez - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, April 12th

8:30 AM †Norman Donegan, †Toni Langehennig, Charlotte Alexander
5:30 PM †Darrell Whitehouse, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Scruggs & Arcotta Families

Sunday, April 13th

7:30 AM †Beatrice Cornish, Nancie Luu, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family
9:30 AM †Joan Radous, †Nestor Cruz, Blair Pierce - Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Glen Pearson Stromme, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: March 15, 2025 - March 21, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$46,525.11

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$42,697.00

Difference: \$3,828.11

MP-Debt Reduction: \$144.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$344.00

Food Pantry: \$5,513.89

Special/2nd Collection:

Black & Indian Missions: \$5,114.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 6 - Easter Flowers

April 13 - Future Development & Maintenance

April 17 - Holy Thursday

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,593,161.49

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,724,575.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 430

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of March 28, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$55,028.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 173

Total Number of Gifts Received: 254

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 28, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$632,719.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,563

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



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.

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8:7

My Dear Parishioners,

This is a powerful line spoken by Jesus. The Pharisees place Jesus in a dilemma in the gospel passage, where a woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. Jesus responds to them by touching their conscience: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus’ approach is not legal like that of the scribes and the Pharisees but is moral and personal. Towards the end of the gospel, He condemns the sin of adultery, but He forgives the sinful adulteress. In other words, He teaches us: “To hate the sin,” but love and forgive the sinner because He says: “Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you.” He is compassionate because He gives us another chance to repent and sin no more and challenges us to a life of holiness.

First, let us look at this woman. She was humiliated. She had committed sin, was caught, and was publicly presented to all as a sinner. How did she react? She did not resist. She did not remain in denial. She did not get angry. She did not fight back. Instead, she stood there humiliated, awaiting her punishment with a sorrowful heart. Humiliation over one’s sins is a powerful experience that has the potential to bring forth true repentance. “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her,” Jesus is not justifying her sin. Rather, He is making it clear that no one holds the right of condemnation. No one. Not even the religious leaders. This is hard teaching to practice for many people in our world today. It is commonplace for the headlines in the media to almost present us compulsively with the most sensational sins of others. We are constantly being tempted to be outraged at what this or that person has done. We easily shake our heads, condemn them, and treat them as if they were dirt. In fact, it seems that many people today see it as their duty to act as the “watchdogs” against every sin they can dig up on others.

Let us reflect this week upon whether we are more like the Pharisees or Jesus. Would we have stood there in the crowd wanting this humiliated woman to be stoned? How about today? When we hear about the manifest sins of others, do we find ourselves condemning them? Or do we hope that mercy is shown to them? Let us seek to imitate the compassionate heart of our divine Lord; and when our time of judgment comes, we also will be shown an abundance of compassion.

Have a blessed Lent!

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZE

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



Monday, April 7th
7 PM in the Church



PALM SUNDAY:
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY:
7:00 PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WASHING OF THE FEET
ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY:
3:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM - LITURGY OF THE PASSION
VENERATION & COMMUNION

HOLY SATURDAY:
EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 PM

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

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



MAY 3 & 4, 2025

Springtime
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FEATURING COL. MIKE HOPKINS
SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT 7 P.M.
IN THE MARY QUEEN MAIN HALL

TICKETS: \$75

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**ON FAITH,
HOPE
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RESILIENCE**



SUNDAY, MAY 4
THE FUN STARTS AT 11 A.M.

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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.



BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.

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April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 8

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 9

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 10

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 11

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 12

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



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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.

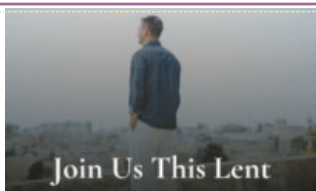
For more information and to register, contact - Eby Kurian.



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 guests 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



6

APRIL

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

13

APRIL

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

19

APRIL

EASTER VIGIL
Rehearsal
10:00-11:30 AM

19

APRIL

EASTER VIGIL
Mass
8:00-10:00 PM

Today's Lesson

Nothing we do is separated from our interior state. Everything we do is the result of our interior state. Our interior state is what drives all of our exterior actions — either good or bad. This is what the Catechism means when it teaches that the soul is "the innermost aspect of man" (CCC, ¶1363). In his highly influential book, *Soul of the Apostolate*, Jean-Baptiste Chautard writes that "good works should be the overflow of the interior life" (pg. 52). In short, if our interior life is cultivated, good works will flow from us; if our interior life is neglected, our works will reflect that neglect.

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Holy Triduum Play

4th & 5th Grade Parents & extended family

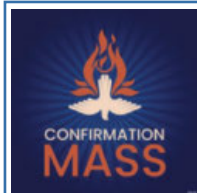
You are encouraged to attend:

Our 4th and 5th grade play

Date: Tuesday, April 8 or Wednesday, April 9th

Time: During your child's Elementary Faith Formation class

Location: St. Charbel Youth Center



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



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

JR HIGH REMAINING LESSONS:

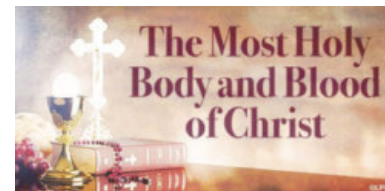
SUNDAY 4/6- FINAL LESSON!!
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Other Events:

Fridays during Lent - "Lent One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens" book study
meetup @5:30pm 4/11- final meet-up!!

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



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

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

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

Elementary Faith Formation

Last Day of Class

Tuesday: April 8th

Wednesday: April 9th

AROUND THE PARISH

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.

April 12/13:	Oil, Sugar, May, Mustard, Ketchup Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap
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“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

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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Divine Mercy Novena and Holy Hour

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina.....(186)

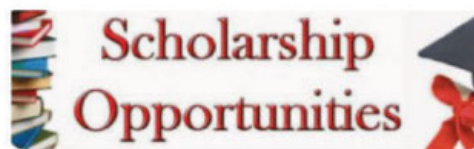
* Call upon My Mercy for sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: “O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You.” (1397)*You always console Me when you pray for sinners, The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of

sinners. Know My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.

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. Remaining eight days of Novena, April 19 - 26, will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3:00 PM.

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”



WOMEN'S MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

- * Open to High School Seniors, College undergraduate & graduate students
- * Applications due May 5, 2025 at 6 pm CST
- * Fill out application at <https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry> OR 2025 WM Scholarship

BE THE LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP - \$500

- Sponsored by the Duong Family
- * Open to High School Seniors, College undergraduate & graduate students
- * Applications due May 5, 2025 at 6 pm CST
- * Fill out application at <https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry> OR 2025 WM Scholarship



SCAN ME

SUZIE BLAKE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD - \$500

- * Open to High School Seniors
- * Applications due May 5, 2025 at 5 pm
- The Mary Queen Women's Ministry is seeking nominations for deserving high school seniors who show good leadership traits at home, in church, in the community and at school. A student with this character will receive a \$500 scholarship.

If you know a graduating high school senior who has these qualities, please write a letter of recommendation describing this student for the Suzie Blake Outstanding Leadership Award.

Letters of recommendation must be dropped off at the Mary Queen reception desk by May 5 at 5 pm. Please address the letters to Women's Ministry, Suzie Blake Outstanding Christian Leadership Award. Contact Yvette Camarillo at camfambunch@gmail.com with any questions.



La Salette Laity Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent April 6th

Written by
National Laity Committee Member,
Joanne Simpson
Marietta, Georgia

In today's Gospel, we begin with a seemingly simple statement that could easily be overlooked: "Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area." While the Gospel doesn't explicitly say why Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, we might imagine that it was a moment for him to pray, to seek strength and clarity for the challenges ahead in his earthly journey.

Upon returning to the temple, Jesus is immediately confronted by the scribes and Pharisees, who bring a woman caught in adultery, quoting the law which prescribes stoning as the punishment. But Jesus doesn't engage in their trap. Instead, he cuts straight to the heart of the matter. He invites those without sin to cast the first stone. In this moment, Jesus does not condemn the woman, but instead offers her forgiveness.

This Gospel resonates deeply with the message of Mary at La Salette: to pray, turn away from sin, and return to Christ. No sin is too great to be forgiven. With a conversion of heart, we experience the depth and abundance of Christ's love, a love that is always ready to heal and restore.



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 one 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: sachenr@aol.com
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Co-Director: Dan Levin: (832) 975-9959; e-mail: dan.lev2016@gmail.com
Spiritual Companion: Paul Robison: (713) 416-1585; e-mail: probisonjr@proton.me

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

Use the link below or scan the QR code to register.

bit.ly/4iNnyEc



Mary Queen Council 8494
Announces 2024-2025
College Education Grant Applications

The Knights of Columbus Mary Queen Council 8494 are again pleased to announce College Education Grant Applications for the school year beginning in the fall of 2025. They will be available at the reception desk during regular office hours or you may use the following link for an electronic copy. They are also available to download from the Mary Queen website under the Knights of Columbus Ministry page.

<https://bit.ly/3XEclh3>

Education Grants will be awarded to graduation high school students and college students who demonstrate financial need. Guideline and requirements for the education grant applicants are included on the first page of the application. **Application deadline:** Fully completed applications and transcripts must be received by end of day, **May 5th, 2025.**

Contact Terry Clark at 281-992-0444 with any questions you may have.



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contact: lasalettevocations@gmail.com for more information or for the Zoom link



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US Coast Guard:

Cadet 3/c Manon Murphy

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

Thank you and God Bless America!

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



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

Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. 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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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/employment-opportunities.

Email Resume to: jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org



MARY QUEEN TALENT SHOW

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.



**April 26th
2-4PM
St. Charbel Youth Center**

MORE INFO AND SIGN UP →

Signups available until **April 16th!**



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 13 - Already Submitted
April 20 - April 2
April 27 - April 9
May 4 -



Priesthood Question

Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you. Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

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Everyday Stewardship

Some celebrities do a lot to help out various causes that are meaningful to them. Sometimes they give of their time, talent, or treasure, while other times they create giving opportunities for the rest of us to be generous. The celebrity then does much to highlight the cause, and the hope is that enough people will give to make a difference.



I never judge another's motive when they choose to give to or support a cause. However, I hear many times a criticism levied against seemingly rich people who start a fundraiser and ask the rest of us to give: "Since they have so much money, they could simply give all the money needed themselves!" This exclamation often comes with disdain and a tone of superiority. This sentiment also comes frequently from those who have chosen to give little to nothing to the cause themselves.

Stewardship begins with the person in the mirror. You and I are accountable to each other, but at the end of the day, the only one who knows the true level of our generosity is God. As this Lent draws to a close, it is time to take a good long look in the mirror. You probably aren't famous, so there probably won't be a crowd of people to question the level of your sacrifice, devotion, and generosity this Lent. Of course, God knows and so does that person looking back at you in the mirror.

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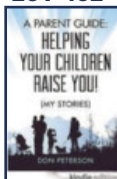
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