# EASTER SUNDAY

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'Queen CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.



**Pastor** Rev. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S.

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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 20th

Easter Sunday Masses: Sunrise 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)

#### Monday, April 21st

Easter Monday - Pastoral Offices Closed 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, April 22nd

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)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
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 23rd

| 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM  | That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)     |
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| 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)           |
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall)                     |
| 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  | Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)               |
| 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM  | Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) |
| 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  | Troop 452 Merit Badge Class (Room 114/115)           |
| 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 (Marv's House)                                   |

#### Thursday, April 24th

9:30 AM - 11:15 AMLectio: Eucharist Series - AFF - (Mini Hall)3:00 PM - 4:00 PMDivine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)6:30 PM - 8:00 PMOCIA Team Meetings - Mystagogy Sessions - (Main Hall)7:00 PM - 9:00 PMBay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Mini Hall)

#### Friday, April 25th

3:00 PM - 4:00 PMDivine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)3:00 PM - 6:00 PMMary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)7:00 PM - 9:00 PMHispanic Ministry - Bilingual Rosary (Chapel)

#### Saturday, April 26th

#### MQ Festival Committee Talks (At All Masses)

Parish Festival Raffle Tickets Selling (After All Masses)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PMYouth Talent Show - YM - (Youth Center)3:00 PM - 4:00 PMDivine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)4:00 PM - 5:00 PMReconciliation (Church)



## MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, April 19th

8:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

#### Sunday, April 20th

6:00 AM +John Finnegan, +Betty Stacy, Eric Kim

- 7:30 AM **†**Jerry Schrader, **†**Isabel Pulumbarit, **†**Robert Mireles
- 9:30 AM **†**Ronald Hopple, Sonja Schmaltz, Majel Braden
- 11:30 AM +Catherine Walbe, +John Revell, +Paul Gosselin

#### Monday, April 21st

8:30 AM **†**Martha Dosiek, Rodney Gregory, George & Mildred Pesl – 72nd Wedding Anniversary Blessings, Mary Reviere – Birthday Blessings

#### Tuesday, April 22nd

8:30 AM **†**Mark Willenborg, **†**John Revell, **†**Anthony Avillanoza

#### Wednesday, April 23rd

6:30 PM +Anthony Ngo, +Mary Ngo, Steve & Cindy Willenborg – Wedding Anniversary Blessings

#### Thursday, April 24th

8:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †Willie Landry, †Jesus Avillanoza

#### Friday, April 25th

8:30 AM **†**Roger Stanfield, **†**Mary Le, Dan Barineau

#### Saturday, April 26th

5:30 PM **†**Scordamalgia Family, **†**Melbourn Berlinger, Ron & Rebecca Reeves – Anniversary Blessings

#### Sunday, April 27th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

- 9:30 AM **†**Tony Diotalevi, **†**Michael J. Dilick, Megan LaBauve – Birthday Blessings, Lito & Ludy Caluya – 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
- 11:30 AM **†**Albrecht Strochlein, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Leos & Curdie Families, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ron & Carol Willenborg
- 4:30 PM **†**Nancy Green, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Favalora Family



# TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: March 29, 2025 - March 31, 2025 This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$24,167.25 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$25,500.00 Difference: (\$1,332.75) MP-Debt Reduction: \$20.00 Future Development & Maintenance: \$123.00 Food Pantry: \$650.00 Special/2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services: \$5,950.00

#### **Upcoming Special/2nd Collections**

**April 20** - Easter April 27 - Home Missions Collections Mary 11 - Future Development & Maintenance

#### **Building Together Campaign**

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$1,597,819.05 Total Amount Pledged: \$1,726,075.82 Total Number of Individual Pledges: 431

Diocesan Services Fund 2025 DSF Summary as of April 10, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$66,268.00 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 187 Total Number of Gifts Received: 286 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 April 10, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$635,313.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,581 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 <a href="https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1">https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1</a>.

### 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/.

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### **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,

I remember my emotions seeing the Grand Canyon in Arizona for the first time about 25 years ago; my whole being was thrilled by the awesomeness of it all. I took hundreds of photos trying to capture the vision, the emotions, the experience, and the wonder of it. Later I realized the futility of such photos when I came home and tried to explain to friends what my experience had been. It was a huge hole in the earth. For those who do not understand, no words are possible, and for those who do understand, no words are necessary. That is the sense we have when reading the resurrection story. It tells of a deeply mysterious fact, but we cannot quite capture what its impact was within the hearts of Jesus' followers, that first Easter day. God is alive; He is risen. He fulfilled his promise. They will persecute me; they will crucify me. But on the third day I will rise again. The tomb is empty on the third day. Resurrection is the greatest miracle of all miracles. Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. Are we like Mary Magdalene who told the others the news of resurrection? Or are we, like the apostles who responded immediately by running to the tomb to see for themselves.

The discovery of the resurrection of Jesus for me came in moments of darkness and desolation when I cried out to God for help. What could block us from seeing the reality of the resurrected Jesus? It could be an addiction, a compulsion, or some hidden and dark secret that was never shared with anyone. We all have our moments when we cry out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" But God does not forget or forsake us, and the darkest hour is just before the dawn. As pope Francis declares, "We are called to be people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can all have hopeful joy and hope and go out to share it with the world.

The season of Easter is a season for rejoicing. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. Easter means that we are not meant to stay here forever. We want to be reunited with God someday, which is the purpose and goal of our lives. Heaven is our final destiny. We are for God, and we are meant to return to God. If you are one of those who left the Lord during the dark hours of life, if you are one of those who abandoned God during the good Friday of your life, if you are one of those who rejected and betrayed God, today is the best day to reunite with him. Let us be like Mary Magdalene or like Peter and the other disciples. We must be excited and run to announce the good news. We must be excited to spread the good news of our salvation. St. Augustine said, we are Easter people and alleluia is our song. So let us sing with one voice: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed and Happy Easter to all of you.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





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.

# MARY QUEEN TALENT SHOW



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

## MORE INFO AND SIGN UP

Signups available until April 16th!





The Pastoral Offices will be closed for Easter on the following days:

Easter Monday: Offices closed all day.

The Pastoral Offices will resume normal hours on Tuesday, April 22nd.



#### Women's Ministry Blessing & Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for Mass on April 27th at 9:30 am.

There will be a special blessing for the Women's Ministry ~ all women of the parish followed by a Ladies Luncheon at:

B1895 Tavern at 11am

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 and is open to ALL WOMEN in the parish.

We hope you will join us!

Visit the Women's Ministry page on the website, scan the QR code below or contact Joanna Krancher with any questions.

joannakrancher@gmail.com 713-591-1162



## **PRACTICING CATHOLIC**

#### THE SEARCH

**Mini Reflection:** Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

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## **PRAY & REFLECT**

#### April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday John 20: 1-9

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir ©LP

# **DAILY READINGS**

#### Sunday, April 20 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-1

Monday, April 21 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-1 Tuesday, April 22 Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-1 Wednesday, April 23 Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-3 Thursday, April 24 Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Friday, April 25 Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-1 Saturday, April 26 Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 Next Sunday: Acts 5:12 46/De 118:2 4, 42 45, 22 24 (4)/Du 4:0, 11a, 12 42

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



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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

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



Thank You for Your Hospitality and Generosity

Thank you for volunteering for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election!

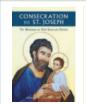
It was a beautiful liturgy where we had the privilege to witness the renewal of our Catholic Faith and growth in our Church! These new Elect and Candidates continue their Journey of Faith as they move to the third stage in the OCIA process called 'Purification and Enlightenment'.

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



#### Today's Lesson

Today is Psalm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter and the beginning of Holy Week. Today, the Church commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when olive and palm branches were strewn in his path. At the very core of Christian theology is mystery and paradox. No matter how hard we try to comprehend God, we're left a little bit unfulfilled. Nevertheless, our lives are more and more fulfilled only when we enter into the mystery and paradox that Christianity is. Easter Sunday and the Resurrection only come after Good Friday and the Crucifixion. Therefore, in order to rise with Christ, we must die with Him too. The joy of Resurrection cannot happen without the sorrow of Crucifixion.

#### **More Information**

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



EASTER VIGIL

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.

## Happy Easter from Jr. High ARK





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

Catechists - Thank you

Dear Catechists,

As we wrap up the 2024–2025 Faith Formation year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your time, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our K–5th grade students.

Week after week, you've shared your faith, your creativity, and your love with our children-planting seeds that will continue to grow in their hearts for years to come. Your presence has made our classrooms a place of joy, learning, and spiritual growth.

Whether you were leading lessons, guiding activities preparing materials, or simply offering a kind word and a smile, you made a difference. This program couldn't happen without you, and we are truly blessed to have you as part of our Faith Formation family.

Thank you for saying "yes" to this ministry. Your generosity has touched not just the students, but their families and our entire parish community.

With heartfelt appreciation Carol Stuart

## Elementary Faith Formation

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Faith Formation is excited to create a volunteer team for the 2025–2026 school year dedicated to planning and hosting events for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade—offering engaging, faith-filled experiences beyond the classroom.

We're looking to host 4–6 events throughout the year, including our end-of-year celebration featuring Bible Infusion, our 4th and 5th Grade play.

> If you're interested in being part of this fun and meaningful team, we'd love to hear from you! cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org

# **AROUND THE PARISH**



#### **Divine Mercy Novena and Holy Hour**

The following is taken from the Diary of St. Faustina, "Divine Mercy in My Soul" (1512)\* Today, during Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus, in the midst of His sufferings, as though dying on the cross. He said to me, My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET – The remaining eight days of Novena April 19 - 26 will be prayed in the St. Joseph Chapel at 3:00 PM, 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"



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.





La Salette Laity Reflection for the Easter Sunday, April 20th

> Written by Laity Member, Ralph Detri Attleboro, Massachusetts

"When Christ...Your Life Appears"

As a LaSalette Laity studying the words of the 'Beautiful Lady', I sometimes encounter the daunting responsibility that changing my interior life entails. This Lenten Season drew me to feel the pains of passion associated with relinquishing my illusions of self sufficiency, judgement and sometimes indifference to the needs of others. As those attitudes died, I could feel the stirrings and beginnings of new life by imitating, internalizing and surrendering to Jesus.

On this glorious Easter Day, we witness through today's readings that the Paschal Mystery has been actualized. The sacrificial Christ has conquered death. The darkness and emptiness of the tomb has transformed to the light of new and eternal life. In this victory, "our hope has arisen," and we too, through His resurrection, can share in His glory. We can celebrate a new feast by eliminating 'malice and wickedness' and enjoying 'sincerity and truth' within ourselves and towards others.

Our Easter celebration of joy, new life and surrendering ourselves, allows us to embrace the process of reconciliation. We can renew ourselves and dedicate our lives to the Risen Christ as implored by Our Lady of LaSalette.



#### 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, May 11, 2025, by 5:00 PM.

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



You are invited to join us in prayer and participate in the Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary that will be held on Friday, April 25th, at 7:00pm, at St. Joseph's Chapel. After the rosary we will have a potluck dinner in the Main Hall and play Loteria (Mexican Bingo) Please bring a dish to share.

Thank you and God Bless!

Hispanic Ministry



#### 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:

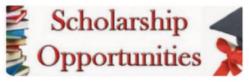
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Mary Queen Parish Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat Thursday, May 29th through Sunday, June 1st, 2025 Christian Renewal Center 1515 Hughes Rd. Dickinson, TX 77539

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

bit.ly/4iNnyEc





#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY SCOLARSHIP - \$1,000

\* Open to High School Seniors, College undergraduate & graduate students

\* Applications due May 5, 2025 at 6 pm CST

Fill out application at <a href="https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry">https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry</a> 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 <u>https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry</u> OR 2025 WM Scholarship



#### 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.



# Family of the Month



#### The Richards

John M. Richards III was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, but grew up in Corpus Christi. His family moved to Houston when he was in Jr. High School. John attended Texas A&M, while Dolores Zamora Richards, who was born and raised in Galveston, Texas, attended Lamar University.

John, a mechanical engineer, met Dolores, a chemical engineer in 1980 while working at Monsanto Chemical Company. They married in 1982 and have three children, a son and two daughters, as well as two grandchildren.

Dolores has attended Mary Queen since 1984, before their son, John IV was born. John III was not a cradle Catholic but has always been involved through his wife and children. There were many times when John attended mass with his altar server son while Dolores would go to a different mass with the girls.

John enjoyed volunteering at every VBS from 1999 until 2009 while his children and wife were involved. When Dolores volunteered with Meals on Wheels for Mary Queen, he was a supportive substitute when needed. He also continues to volunteer at the spring festival for Mary Queen. John also enjoyed the few times he helped with the Fourth of July parade. He also enjoyed helping the Knights with cooking corn for the fish fry's. Dolores coordinates the Lectors, is a EMHC, and a wedding coordinator for Mary Queen. Dolores has also served on the Pastoral Council for Mary Queen.

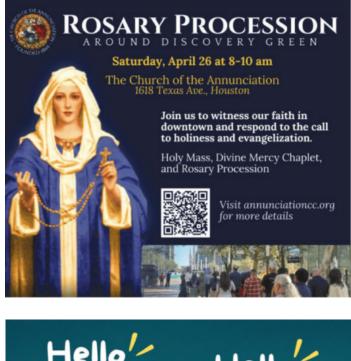
In 2012, during Lent, John decided to attend mass regularly with his wife. During this time, he felt Mary Queen was where he belonged. He entered the RCIA program and was in the first group to be confirmed during Easter Vigil in the new church. His son was his sponsor. Since being confirmed in the church, John has been serving as an EMHC at 9:30 mass.

All of John's children were raised in the parish. They received their sacraments and baptism through confirmation at Mary Queen. His son, John M. Richards, IV was married in the church in 2016.

John IV graduated from Texas A&M and is an electrical engineer. He is married to Hilary, with two girls, Paige and Claire. John and Dolores' older daughter, Katherine, lives in Austin and has a passion for culinary arts and enjoys traveling. Their younger daughter, Andrea, graduated from Sam Houston State University with an accounting degree and is currently employed by Mary Queen as the Faith Formation Administrative Assistant.

John and Dolores are very happy with both their parish family and their family at home. They will celebrate 43 years of marriage this summer.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**





#### **Texas Catholic Herald**

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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, SSgt Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, A1C Phillip Downey, 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, MSgt William Richey, 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!

# WE PRAY FOR...

Charlotte Alexander Enrique Arellano Jose Manuel Arellano Allie Arribe Christine Austgen

Florencio Bernardo Lucia Boone Iliana Briones Bob Burns

Valerie Cardenas Mary Carney Rose Castano Elba Circelli Maria Cordova Barbara Craig Cody Crosson Ora Curdie

Gracie Davis Ditta Family

Gilbert Enriquez Juan Enriquez Patrick Ezeli

Guadalupe Flores Dakota Foster Linda Garcia Alonzo Ponce Garza Alley George Pat Goodale Juan Gonzales Marina Gosselin Donna Grizzaffi Lynda Gregory Barbara Gurley Henry Gutierrez

Elizabeth Hall Larry Hall Charlotte Hammerle Cathy Hart Denise Hernandez Leo Hernandez

Greg Jeter Curtis Jorgenson

Cecilia Lentine Eric Lewis Chris Lobue Johnny Lobue Sue Lobue Edward Lockwood Sara Lockwood Elena Longoria Gary Lorance Nancie Luu Jeanette Marinow Sarah McConnell Kerri McLeif Kerri & Dale McLeod Chris Miller Diane Mireles Jesse Montgomery Gregorio Montoya Larry Munzenmaier

Mary Catherine Natali

Diane O'Connor

Beatrice Pedraza George Pesl Janie Pesl Jennifer Pham Betty Pitre Mark Pitre Rene Portocarrero Steve Rathweg Andy Rivera Margo Robinson Irma Rocha Bill Rollins Angela Rosay Suzanne Rouen

Rev. Raul Salas, OMI Caroline Saccomanno Joe Sambrano Pat Scroggin Special Needs Families

Kimberly Taylor Bianca Tellez Landon Tinney Rose Trevino Deacon Chuck Turner

Unborn In The Womb

Audrey VanBuren

Sharon Wagner 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



### **EMHC Formation Session: April 26**

Join us Saturday, April 26 for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Session.

The Office of Worship is hosting a formation session in both English and Spanish. Early registration is \$30 until Sunday, April 6 at midnight.

Learn more here and register here.

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.

May 4 - April 16 May 11 - April 23 May 18 - April 30



#### Discernment

#### Question:

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

#### Answer:

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

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#### **Everyday Stewardship**

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman,



and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we

celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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