



Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday

**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**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

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 27th

Festival & Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Festival Committee Talks (At All Masses)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Women's Ministry Corporate Mass (Church)

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Chapel)

Monday, April 28th

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 119)

6:30 PM - 8:15 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 Den Meetings (Classrooms)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 110/Library)

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

Tuesday, April 29th

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM JOYful Lights Study Group (Mary's House)

4:30 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 30th

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)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Quinceanera Parent Meeting (Youth Center)

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 (Mary's House)

Thursday, May 1st

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

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Mystagogy Sessions - (Main Hall)

Friday, May 2nd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM First Friday Family Night (Main Hall)

Saturday, May 3rd

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

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Festival Gala (Main Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Strohlein, 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

Monday, April 28th

8:30 AM †Arthur Vascik, †George Brinkley, Addison
Gregory

Tuesday, April 29th

8:30 AM †Harold Doiron, †Elizabeth Addington †Toni
Brown

Wednesday, 30th

6:30 PM †Sylvia Nimon, †Edgar Valen, †Joseph Swiader

Thursday, May 1st

8:30 AM †Sadie Aquilina, †Josie Ditta, Meera Karam -
Birthday Blessings

Friday, May 2nd

8:30 AM †Albert Hitt, †Virginia Lynn Yust, Al & Marie
Stryk - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, May 3rd

8:30AM †Albert Radous, †Sadie Aquilina, Mary Queen
Ministries

5:30 PM †Mike Vukelich, †Graciano Pina, Sr., Thomas &
Rene Tacquard

Sunday, May 4th

7:30 AM †John House, †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St.
George, +Maria Cordova

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

11:30 AM †Minnie Johnson, Charlotte Alexander, Irma
Rocha



**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: April 1, 2025 - April 11, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$68,138.14

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$79,850.00

Difference: (\$16,701.87)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$727.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,748.02

Food Pantry: \$4,549.00

Special/2nd Collection:

Easter Flowers: \$7,104.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

April 27 - Home Missions Collections

Mary 11 - Future Development & Maintenance

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,603,390.86

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,726,075.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 431

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of April 15, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$70,397.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 191

Total Number of Gifts Received: 306

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 April 15, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$636,062.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,588

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 275

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign.

**Make the switch from envelopes to
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Most houses are well alarmed nowadays. There were days when you could just leave the key in the door and let neighbors ramble in casually for a chat and a cup of tea. We are more fearful about our security than we used to be, and this fear and anxiety has led us to take more precautions to protect ourselves. Fear of others can often hold us back and stunt our growth.

In the gospel we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even after an excited Mary Magdalene came to them from the empty tomb announcing that she had seen the Lord, this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them, which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them over their fear. He said, "Peace be with you" and he did this by breathing the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new energy and hope, freeing them from fear, and releasing them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," he said.

Apostle Thomas was unmoved by the witness of the disciples who told him they too had seen the Lord. Thomas, it seems, was an even harder nut to crack than the other disciples. He is one of those people who insists on certain conditions being met before he makes a move, "Unless I see, I can't believe." Jesus accommodates himself to Thomas' conditions and says, "Put your finger here." The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. He takes himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

Today, the second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Thomas Aquinas once said, "Mercy is the greatest attribute of God." In other words, mercy is love in action. 'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven'. That gift and mission is given to all of us who have been baptized into the risen Jesus. Having been reconciled to the Lord we are all sent out as ministers of reconciliation. God calls us to be his agents of love and mercy. Mercy is looking after the needs of others. If we live in common nobody will be left out. Nobody will be left in need. If we live in common, there will be no poverty and no suffering. Society today is wounded by individualism and social injustice, indifference, and division. Many of us have the attitude of "mind your own business." We are invaded by too much exclusive privacy. That is why it is only right to say care is cure. As Saint Faustina says in the prayers of Divine Mercy: Let us be agents of God's love and mercy.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS



Sacraments

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



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

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



RCIA for Adults

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



Sunday Bulletin

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



Become a registered parishioner!

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



Ministries

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



Social Concerns Ministries

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

Need additional information?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Spring Festival WEEKEND

MAY 3 & 4, 2025

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

TICKETS: \$75 ON FAITH, HOPE AND RESILIENCE



SPONSORSHIPS & RESERVED TABLES AVAILABLE NOW!

Spring Festival SUNDAY, MAY 4
THE FUN STARTS AT 11 A.M.
FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT GAMES • & MORE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MARY QUEEN MINISTRIES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION




Join us on Friday, May 2nd at the 8:30 AM Mass as we honor our Blessed Mother with a beautiful May Crowning ceremony.

Bring flowers to adorn Mary and be part of this cherished tradition of love and devotion.



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



Divine Mercy Novena and Holy Hour

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – There will be a Holy Hour at 3:00 PM in the St. Joseph Chapel which will include Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina (699)*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon

souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy.The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

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"

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

WONDER, DON'T WONDER

Mini Reflection: It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

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April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, April 20

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

Monday, April 21

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 22

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 23

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 24

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 25

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 26

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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Lenten Eucharistic Series

Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible by Dr. Brant Pitre continue to meet on Thursdays from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the Mini Hall.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS (ADULTS) OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diandra Juarez, Johnny Walden, Hannah Chaka, Harmony Hernandez, John Burns, Kimberly Hubbard, Alex McFerren, Esther Escoto & Brandon Nguyen

who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Easter Vigil.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING and WELCOMING THE NEWLY RECIEVED MEMBERS (ADULTS) INTO THE

FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joshua Cortez, Victoria Falcon, Mark Ellis, Tabitha Beaty, Anthony Farmer, Randy Garcia, Amanda Vazquez, Logan Kuecker, Diego Rivera, Victoria Morales, Bailey Potts, Robert Cain, Matthew Delaney, Alexis Koch, Cynthia Burke & Tommy Gant

who made the Profession of Faith and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Easter Vigil.

With Love & Prayers from Mary Queen OCIA Team

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA – ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281 -710 - 8876



Thank you for praying for all the Elect & their Godparents, Candidates & their Sponsors in the OCIA Process and also for the Adult Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors as they all experienced a Holy Spirit Filled 'OCIA & Adult Confirmation Retreat' on Saturday, April 12th. All glory to God!



Spring 2025 Semester that started on Wednesday, February 5th continues to meet from 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM in the Main Hall.

This is the 8th Year of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is 'The Light of Men'. The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is FREE! Please contact: Eby Kurian to sign up



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 more information & to sign-up, please contact: Eby Kurian

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



Upcoming Events

**27
APRIL**

Communion Class
First Communicants
2:00-3:00 PM

**27
APRIL**

Mystagogy
Easter Vigil Youth
3:00-4:00 PM

**7
MAY**

Sacrament Prep
Year 2
5:45-7 PM

**11
MAY**

4:30 Mass
All youth
welcome

Happy Easter

"Here is the good news! Risen Jesus is the authentic 'Gospel of life.' He communicates divine life to man, the dignity of a child of God. From the apostles we have received this good news, which we must bring 'to the heart of every man and woman' by placing it 'in the innermost folds of the whole society.'" — St. Pope John Paul II (*Evangelium Vitae*)

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 Mass on Saturday, May 17th. If you would like to help us with this event please contact Trey Brock.



JUNIOR HIGH
FAITH FORMATION

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

- MAY 3RD 8PM-10PM- MARY QUEEN SPRING GALA
- WE NEED 10 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAR DISHES AT THE GALA. NEED TO WEAR WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK PANTS. PIZZA PROVIDED AT 8PM
- MAY 4TH PARISH FESTIVAL 11-4
- JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL ARE HELPING WITH THREE GAMES/RIDES: THE 68FOOT OBSTACLE COURSE, A 22FT INFLATABLE SLIDE AND A CASTLE WITH A BALL HOOP. (1 HOUR INCREMENTS)

If you want to help, contact:
skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org



Elementary
FAITH FORMATION

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

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



Mass Time Notices

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 THERE WILL NOT BE A 4:30 PM MASS DUE TO THE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
CONFESSIONS WILL BE FROM 3:00PM - 4:00PM
MASS WILL BEGIN AT 4:30PM
YOUTH CONFIRMATION MASS - 7:00PM

THIS CHANGE IS BEING DONE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, THEIR FAMILIES, PARKING AND ALLOWING TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE CONFIRMATION MASS.

THIS IS A ONE-TIME CHANGE AND DOES NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER MASSES THAT WEEKEND.



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.



Thank You

Catechists & Volunteers

For a wonderful year with Jr High ARK

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



Hispanic Ministry Monthly Meeting

Please join us on Monday, May 5th, 7pm at Mary's House for our May monthly meeting. The meeting is from 7:00 – 8:30pm. After the meeting we will have a brief reception. You are welcome to bring your snack of choice to share after the meeting.

We hope to see you there.

For more information, please contact Aurora Garza at mghispanicministry@gmail.com



MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH 5K/2.5K FUN RUN/WALK

The rain held off for the 2nd annual Mary Queen Creation Care Fun Run held on April 5th. The Creation Care Ministry seeks to promote environmental awareness as well as provide concrete ways for parishioners to care for God's Creation.

Fun run organizers want to thank t-shirt sponsors:

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Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministries*

Thank you again for your help in sharing this event with the parish!



This year's Creation Care Fun Run t-shirt was designed by Bethany Lozano. Bethany used her creative skills to combine a line drawing of the church done by Jose Camacho and creation care specific elements. Bethany is an Alvin high school 11th grader. The photo is of Bethany and her family at the fun run.

Thank you Bethany!

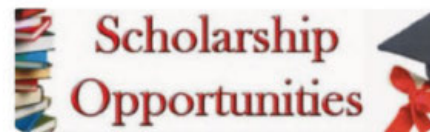


Mary Queen KC Council 8494 Thanks You All

The Knights of Columbus Council 8494 completed the final night of our Lenten Fish Fries on April 11th. We had a great Lenten season! Most of all, we appreciate and wholeheartedly thank you, our Mary Queen community of parishioners, for your support and enjoyment of our Lenten meals. You have made this another record year relative to plates served and net proceeds available for our charitable endeavors.

Of course, we also appreciate all the help and assistance we received from our Knights, our wives, and over 100 Mary Queen ministry volunteers. Regarding donations, thanks again to John Gannon for donating the billboard on FM 2351 and Blackhawk. This is a very generous contribution that helps us tremendously in getting the word out to the community. Additionally, "thank you" to those who donated desserts for sale throughout the six weeks.

We wish you all a blessed Easter and a prosperous remainder of 2025.



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

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- * Applications due May 5, 2025 at 6 pm CST
- * Fill out application at <https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry> 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 camflambunch@gmail.com with any questions.

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

Thank you and God Bless America!

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



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.



Fr. Thomas is leading a pilgrimage to Italy during this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope". They departed from Mary Queen on Monday, April 21st and will return on May 2nd. There are 50 pilgrims in the group. They will mostly visit the northern cities of Italy including Milan, Padua, Venice, Pisa, Florence Siena, Assisi and spending the last 4 days in Rome. Please keep them in your prayers as they have promised to keep the whole Mary Queen parish family in their thoughts and prayers.



TACO 'BOUT A BABY SHOWER!!

Please join us in the main hall on Sunday, May 18th after mass (9:30 am & 11:30 am) to purchase delicious breakfast tacos from the Hispanic Ministry and shower the Gabriel Project Ministry by donating baby items and/or giving monetary donations.

Parishioners are invited to show support by donating essential baby items such as diapers—sizes 1-6, baby wipes, baby toiletries—baby wash, baby lotion, baby laundry detergent, etc., or giving a monetary donation helps us to provide and purchase baby necessities for our Gabriel Project mothers and babies in need.

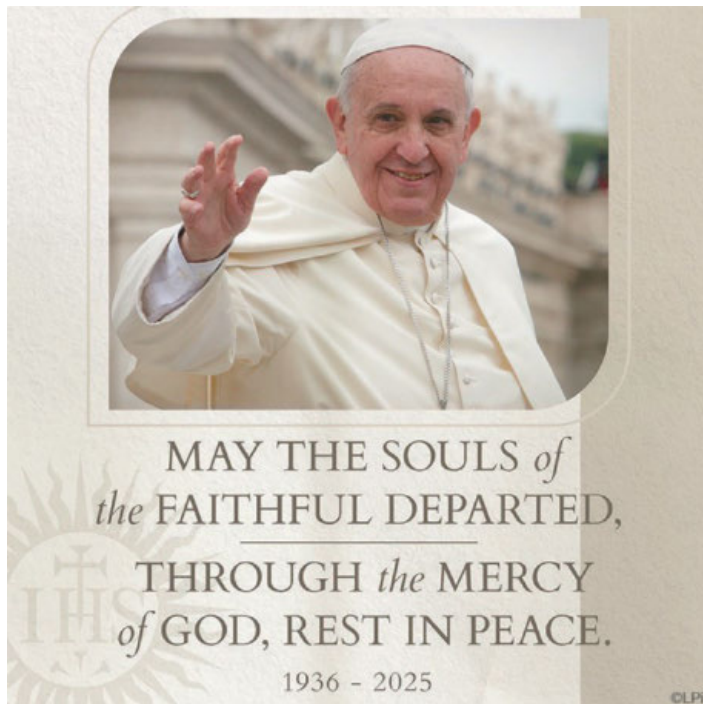
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Contact: Albert Cipolla, Communications Coordinator
email: mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org
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Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

May 4 - Already Submitted
May 11 - Already Submitted
May 18 - April 30



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If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.



When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

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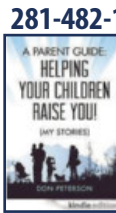
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