

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

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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, May 4th

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Mary Queen Spring Festival**

Monday, May 5th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Convalidation - Grandlfo/Mills (Church)
 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 - Troop Meetings (Youth Center)
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Mary's House)
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, May 6th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM SGL Appreciation Dinner - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Epic Series - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, May 7th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall)
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity (Room 110/Library)
 5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Sacramental Prep Class With Parents - YM (Youth Center/ Main Hall)
 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings (Mary's House)
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions
 AFF (Mini Hall)

Thursday, May 8th

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

Friday, May 9th

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 Crossover (Main Hall)
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Laity Supper Club (Mini Hall)

Saturday, May 10th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Holy Communion Mass - EFF (Church)
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Troop 452 Crew Meeting (Youth Center)
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 5th

8:30 AM †Woodley & †Della Credeur, †Josie Ditta, †Maria Cordova

Tuesday, May 6th

8:30 AM †Mary Alice Mazzarella, †Alberto Aristizabal, †Maria Cordova

Wednesday, May 7th

6:30 PM Lidia Guerra, †Maria Trevino, Lucia Boone

Thursday, May 8th

8:30 AM †Armandina Leos, †Jose & †Rosa Bosch, †Katherina Tampus

Friday, May 9th

8:30 AM †Marvin & †Dorothy Fikac, Belen Tampus, Megan Stifler - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, May 10th

5:30 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Jerry Brannen, †John Savedra, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Sunday, May 11th

7:30 AM †Goldie Witucki, †Sam De Los Santos, Mothers of the Chavez Family
 9:30 AM †Eugene Shed, †Lucille Gleeson, †Gloria Cruz, Debbie Trabanino - 70th Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Edward Mallini, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: April 12, 2025 - April 18, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$43,706.51

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$43,780.00

Difference: (\$73.49)

MP-Debt Reduction: \$11600

Future Development & Maintenance: \$6,091.00

Food Pantry: \$1,517.00

Special/2nd Collection:

Holy Land/Good Friday: \$5,455.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

May 11 - Future Development & Maintenance

May 18 - La Salette Missions Appeal

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,608,324.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,726,075.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 431

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of April 25, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$71,079.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 191

Total Number of Gifts Received: 321

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 25, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$636,843.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,598

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

Month of May- Month of Mary!

My Dear Parishioners,

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. It is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not worship her, but as Catholics we honor her. There are four Marian dogmas, divinely revealed truths about Mary. They are Mary's Divine Motherhood, the Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity and the Assumption. In spite of what we and who we are, in spite of our woundedness, in spite of our political division, in spite of our economic crisis, in spite of our problems at home, there is always hope and God shows us that hope through Mary.

Looking back on my childhood days, I can undoubtedly say that prayer, especially our family devotion to the Blessed Mother was the centerpiece of growing up in my family, which contributed to my vocation to priesthood. We could never be excused from the daily family prayer, which lasted close to an hour in the evenings, and we never missed praying the rosary. It was literally true for that the "family that prayed together stayed together." We are a happy family together. While I was growing up in India, we went to our parish to pray the rosary every evening in May, followed by a special novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Besides this devotion, what I remember most is the custom of sharing a special meal prepared for the season. Traditionally known as "pachoru," a traditional Christian delicacy in Kerala, it is raw rice cooked in coconut milk with jaggery syrup served after the prayer every evening in May.

Here at Mary Queen, we began the month-long celebration with a "May Crowning" on May 2nd at 8:30 am Mass. Although I was away leading a pilgrimage to Italy during this Jubilee Year, I saw children as well as the adults who processed with the celebrant holding flowers in their hands and crowning the beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother placed on a pedestal in the sanctuary of the church. Devotion to Mary is an integral part of Catholic identity. Because of our devotion to her, many people ask for help in the most difficult moments of life as any child would with his or her mother. Mary cares for all of us daily without fail, interceding for us even in the tiniest matters. We have the beautiful practice of praying the rosary after the daily Mass in church every day and on weekend morning Masses, which all of us are welcome to participate in. May the Blessed Mother intercede for us in our journey of faith.

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!



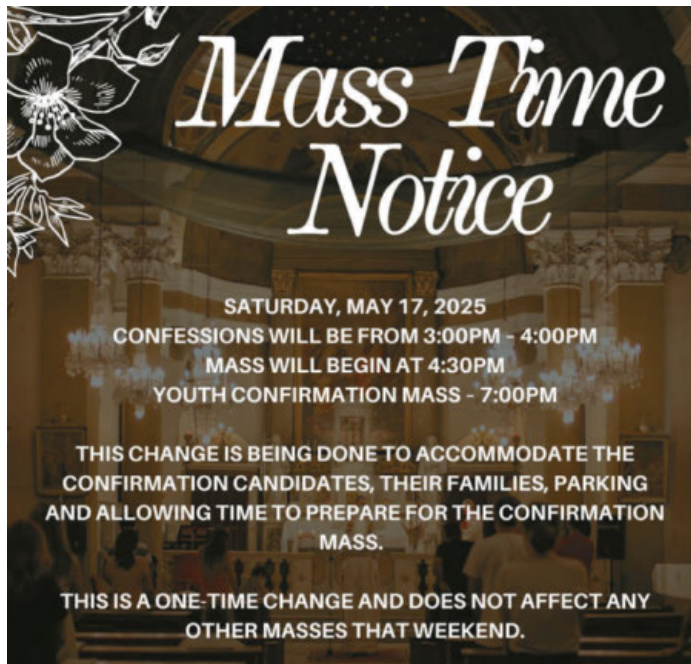
Social Concerns Ministries

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

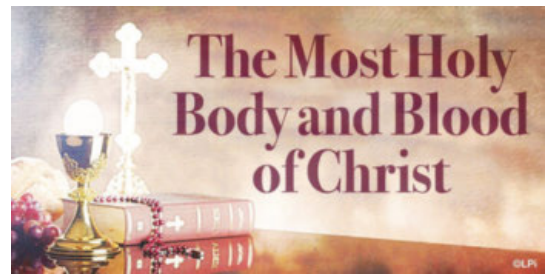


Mass Time Notice

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.

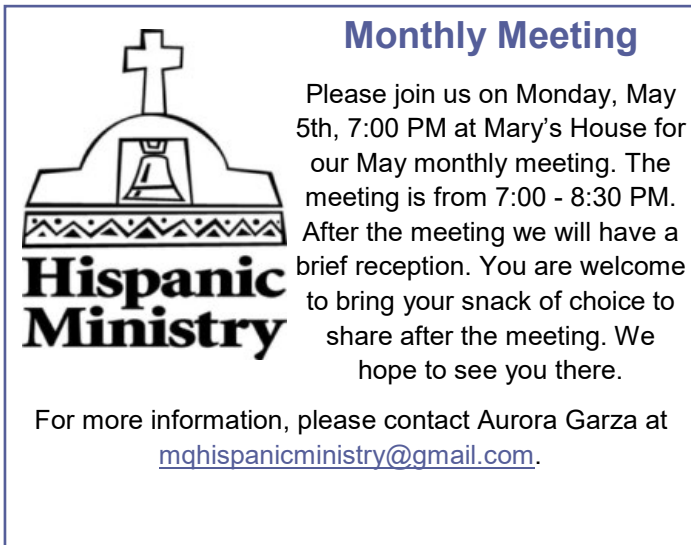


Sacrament of First Holy Communion

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

Rehearsal: Thursday, May 8 @ 6:30 PM in the church
 Sacramental Date: Saturday, May 10 @ 10:00 AM

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they make their final preparations for this Holy Sacrament.



Monthly Meeting

Please join us on Monday, May 5th, 7:00 PM at Mary's House for our May monthly meeting. The meeting is from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. 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 mqhispanicministry@gmail.com.



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.

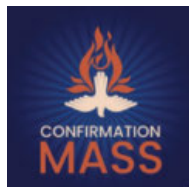
For additional information or questions, please contact:

Director: Stephe Harrison: (713) 252-3253; e-mail: sachenv@aol.com
 Co-Director: Justin Birmingham: (281) 732-4892; e-mail: jbirm78@gmail.com
 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



The Youth Formation Team is looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Confirmation Mass on Saturday, May 17th at 7:00 PM.

If you would like to help us with this event please contact Trey Brock (tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org).

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

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PRAY & REFLECT

May 4th, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

John 21:1 - 19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 4

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

Monday, May 5

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 6

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn
6:30-35

Wednesday, May 7

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, May 8

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 9

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 10

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-3



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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!

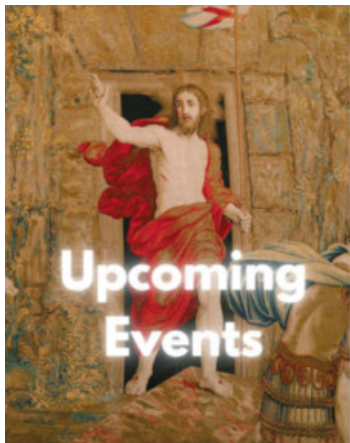
Registration is FREE! Please contact: Eby Kurian to sign up



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



Happy Easter

"All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life. Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the human family to rise again! In his eyes, every life is precious! The life of a child in the mother's womb, as well as the lives of the elderly and the sick, who in more and more countries are looked upon as people to be discarded."

— Pope Francis (April 20, 2025)

More Information

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

**7
MAY**

Year-end eval
5:45-7 PM

**11
MAY**

4:30 Mass
All youth welcome

**15
MAY**

Confirmation
Rehearsal
5:00-6:30 PM

**17
MAY**

CONFIRMATION
7:00 PM with
8p. Italo

Jr. High Faith Formation



JR HIGH ARK

JR COUNCIL MEETING & MOVIE NIGHT

9 MAY
5:30-9PM
Friday

JOIN US IN THE YOUTH CENTER



"All Jr High Youth and Catechists are welcome to attend"
Please reach out to skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org if you have any questions!



Elementary
FAITH FORMATION

Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation

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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

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION MASS - 7:00PM

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



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.



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. Thanks to all of you who made this event possible and we are already looking forward to next year.



Scholarship Opportunities

Last week for our Mary Queen Ministry Scholarship opportunities. If you qualify and would like to submit your application for one of these scholarships please do so as soon as possible so you do not miss the deadline.



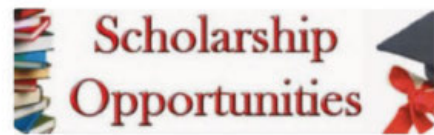
Mary Queen Council 8494
Announces 2024-2025
College Education Grant Applications

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.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

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

* Applications due May 5, 2025 at 6 pm CST

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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.

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:
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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



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Please pray for the
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In Memoriam

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

Prayer List Requests

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



Archbishop Vásquez's Statement on the Death of His Holiness, Pope Francis

United with His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, the priests, deacons, men and women religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese, I am deeply saddened at the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis, this morning in Rome.

Pope Francis's life and ministry centered on walking alongside the poor and marginalized, sharing the life-affirming message of the Gospel not only with them but also through them to the entire Church. His deep commitment to supporting all individuals in their happiness and struggles will leave a profound and enduring influence on the Church as it embarks on its continued pilgrimage of faith, hope, and charity.

As pilgrims of hope, we take solace during this Easter season in the Resurrection of Our Lord. Let us offer our prayers for His Holiness, Pope Francis, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

May the Lord embrace him in His merciful arms. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

I also ask you to pray for Cardinal DiNardo, and the entire College of Cardinals, during this time.

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email: mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org
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Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

May 11 - Already Submitted
May 18 - April 30
May 25 - May 7



Responding to God

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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Everyday Stewardship

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

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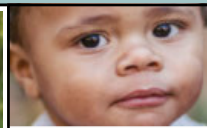
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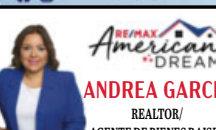
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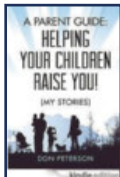
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