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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, May 11h

 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
 Year 2 Confirmation Group Acknowledged (Church)

 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
 Youth First Communion (Church)

Monday, May 12th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gabriel Project Meeting (Room 110/Library)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Special Friends Program (Main Hall)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting (Room 110/Library
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 - Court of Honor (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, May 13th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)
4:30 PM	Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Friendswood ISD Band Banquet (Main Hall)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Troup 452 - Troup Committee Meetings (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Epic Series - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, May 14th

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)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Jr High Youth Council Meeting (Youth Center)
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 Retreat Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Women's Ministry Meeting (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions
	AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, May 15th

9:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Lectio: Eucharist Series - AFF - (Mini Hall)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Rehearsal - YM (Church)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	OCIA Team Meetings - Mystagogy Sessions - (Main Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bay Area Serra Club Business Meeting (Mini Hall)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Friday, May 16th

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Crew 452 - Court of Honor (Main Hall)

Saturday, May 17th

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Confirmation 2025 (Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 12th

8:30 AM **†**John Revell, Souls of the Unborn, Fr. Jim Kuczynski - 52nd Anniversary of Ordination

Tuesday, May 13th

8:30 AM +Grace Rowland, +Betty Wegner, Alex Anastas - Birthday Blessings

Wednesday, May 14th

6:30 PM **†**Don LaBorde, **†**Fr. Moe Linehan, Respect Life, Bill & Sara Genoa - Anniversary Blessings

Thursday, May 15th

8:30 AM **†**Daniel Jansky, **†**Nathaniel Labrie, **†**Edgar Hartmann

Friday, May 16th

8:30 AM **†**Eddie Bagat, **†**John Crasto, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Mullen & Stimson Families

Saturday, May 17th

5:30 PM **†**Ascrizzi Family, Caroline Saccomanno, William & Sara Genoa - 64th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, May 18th

- 7:30 AM **†**Carmen Cononie, **†**Jerry Schrader, Tinney Grandchildren
- 9:30 AM **†**Norbert Popp, Emily Camacho Birthday Blessings, Living & Deceased Loved One of the Heeb & Garst Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Vera Smart
- 11:30 AM MJ & Roni Kurian 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings, Scarlett Alvarez - 1st Communion Blessings, Audrey Brege - 1st Communion Blessings
- 4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Offertory: April 19, 2025 - April 25, 2025 This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$57,845.18 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$52,569.00 Difference: \$5,276.18 MP-Debt Reduction: \$126.00 Future Development & Maintenance: \$504.00 Food Pantry: \$2,832.00 Special/2nd Collection: Home Missions: \$4,555.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

May 18 - La Salette Missions Appeal

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$1,661,364.03 Total Amount Pledged: \$1,726,075.82 Total Number of Individual Pledges: 431

Diocesan Services Fund 2025 DSF Summary as of May 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00 Total Amount Paid: \$75,724.00 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 196 Total Number of Gifts Received: 343 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 May 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$637,068.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,601 Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 275 Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

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

Make the switch from envelopes to online giving!

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





Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

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

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

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

FORMED

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

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

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

FLOCKNOTE



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

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

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at

https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

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

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

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



Sacraments

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



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK) High School Faith Formation (CAST)





Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

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



RCIA for Adults

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



Sunday Bulletin

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



Become a registered parishioner!

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



Ministries

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



Social Concerns Ministries

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

Need additional information?

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

What a joyful and grace-filled time it has been for our parish community! This past fall, 85 of our young students embarked on their sacramental journey, beginning with First Reconciliation. With the loving support of their parents, who attended each class to help prepare their children, and the guidance of our dedicated team, the children deepened their understanding of God's mercy and forgiveness.

As the new year began, we shifted our focus to First Holy Communion. Parents and children attended each class together, strengthening their faith and growing in knowledge. The preparation was carried out in two groups: one at 4:30 PM, led by Carol Stuart, and the other at 6:30 PM led by Dianne and Rick Valdez.

I am incredibly grateful to Carol Stuart, Dianne and Rick Valdez, Andrea Richards, and Jessica Rivera-Rudak for their unwavering support in preparing our students. Their dedication has been a tremendous blessing to our parish.

On May 10, 2025, our 85 First Communion candidates received the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time. What a beautiful and sacred day it was! Surrounded by family, friends, and our parish community, these young hearts encountered Jesus in the Eucharist in a deeply meaningful way. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers, that their love for Jesus in the Eucharist may continue to grow.

On May 11, we have 13 youth receiving their First Holy Communion at 4:30 Mass. They recently made their first confessions and have spent significant time preparing for these two beautiful sacraments.

On May 17, we have 74 teens being confirmed here at Mary Queen by our Auxiliary Bishop, Italo Dell'Oro. These teens have spent two years preparing for Confirmation, which will give them "special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶1303). These teens have been part of a long journey, which has consisted of much prayer, study and reflection, and service. Confirmation though, being that it is the sacrament by which one "receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly" (CCC, ¶1305), is not the end of the journey.

For our 74 teens being confirmed and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will have many options during the Summer and especially in the Fall to continue their formation. Many of them will go to camps and retreats that will strengthen their faith and teach them how to better live out their vocation as Catholic men and women. We also have a post-Confirmation program that will allow them to dive deeper in faith and help them to be better witnesses and disciples in the world. Our post-Confirmation program is specifically ordered towards helping our teens live out what Our Lord says in John 9:5: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Thanks to Carol Stuart and Trey Brock for providing the above information. Blessings.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.



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 (<u>tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org</u>).



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.



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

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

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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

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

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

<u>bit.ly/4iNnyEc</u>



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

WE DON'T FOLLOW STRANGERS

Mini Reflection: I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you do know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

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PRAY & REFLECT

May 11th, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir ©LP

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 11

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30 Monday, May 12 Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday, May 13 Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday, May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17 Thursday, May 15 Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20 Friday, May 9 Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 Saturday, May 10 Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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Lenten Eucharistic Series

Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible by Dr. Brant Pitre continues 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 ENCOUNTER PRAISE AND WORSHIP FLICHARISTIC ADDRATIO



Please mark your calendars this summer for three Thursday nights of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship for all the Families from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

> June 19 July 17 August 21



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



We have reached the 4th period of the OCIA process, which is the Neophyte year. All those who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Easter Vigil are called neophytes in this period, until the anniversary of their initiation next Easter. All those who made the Profession of Faith and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Easter Vigil are called newly received .The final period of regular weekly formation extends through the Easter season until May 15th on Thursday nights. This post-baptismal catechesis is called Mystagogy. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in the appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. The neophytes now share with Christ, and his Body in the Mary Queen parish community, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. Now they have access to all the means of sanctification. We as Mary Queen parish community pledge to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic worldview. Please pray for all those who God has called us to join us as we continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



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MAY

5:00-6:30 pm

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MAY

Happy Mother's Day "The Virgin Mary . . . is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ' ... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶963

More Information

Trey Brock, Youth Director





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



Congratulations to Our First Holy Communion Class!

We joyfully congratulate the 85 children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May this sacred step in their faith journey draw them ever closer to Jesus and His love. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and grace.

Vacation Bible School Campers



12:00pm Location: Main Hall

CAMPERS: Please bring the following with you this week:

- A water bottle labeled with your name
- Wear SPF lotion
- · Pick up your t-shirts day one
- Walk your child into the main hall and come pick them up from the main hall each day

DAY ONE: All parents please plan to remain for 15 minutes

AROUND THE PARISH



52ND ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION We are greatly blessed to have you here at Mary Queen and with deep gratitude, thank you for your 52 years of dedicated service to the priesthood.

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Sunday May 18th, after morning Mass in the Parish Hall. Join us and support the Mary Queen Hispanic Ministry.

> Eggs & sausage Burritos Eggs & chorizo Burritos Eggs & potatoes Burritos Tamales Donuts

Coffee & Lemonad

==== Kid Zone === Coloring books table Cornhole Games table Hula hoops

Looking forward to see you all!



Please allow us to introduce our two new representatives to the Archdiocesan Youth Council. Isabella Hernandez and Simon Kinsworthy were nominated to represent on behalf of Mary Queen Youth Council for 2025-26. This program practices leadership skills to encourage the spiritual and personal growth of their peers. In addition to committee assignments, they will also help develop faith-filled events for all of Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Congratulations to Isa and Simon!!

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

Contact: Sherri Lindsey, Communications Coordinator email: mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org phone: 281-482-1391 x 334

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

May 18 - Already submitted May 25 - May 14 June 1 - May 21



Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

Altar Server

The Altar Server Ministry is open to youth finishing 3rd grade through high school who have received their First Communion. Training sessions are from 6 – 7/7:30 PM (depending upon number of servers who come) in the Church on the following days: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, 31; and August 7. No additional dates will be added.

To become an altar server, the child needs to attend three sessions, not necessarily in consecutive weeks. Current servers need to attend one session as a refresher. There is no need for registration. For questions please contact Kara Pohlkamp at <u>kara.pohlkamp@gmail.com</u>



With great joy, we welcome these Neophytes and Newly Received who received their Sacraments in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil!









Neophytes & Newly Received with the OCIA Team

COMMUNITY EVENTS



What if one weekend could help you hear God's voice more clearly?

If you're a young adult wondering about your path—especially if religious life has ever stirred your heart—this is your invitation. Join us **June 19–22, 2025**, for a **Come & See Weekend** with the Missionaries of Our Lady La Salette. It's four days of real connection, community, prayer, laughter, discernment, and peace.

> "You did not choose me, but I chose you." (John 15:16)

Step into the rhythm of La Salette life. Ask big questions. Share meals. Sit in silence. Laugh with brothers in ministry. Open your heart to whatever God might be unfolding.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: An Experience for Married Couples

Remember the joy your Marriage holds and know that God rejoices in your love.

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, May 16-18 at Holy Name Retreat Center (430 Bunker Hill Rd., Houston, TX). Call Brian &

Tina Little (281-773-4014,

btlittle2@me.com) or go to

houstonme.org to apply.



Make a commitment this Lent to take time for your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship.

Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience (May 16-18 or July 11-13).

Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or <u>btlit-tle2@me.com</u> for more information. Or go on-line to <u>www.houstonme.org</u>.

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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, CPO Carl Caluya, 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 Adrian Alva Enrique Arellano Jose Manuel Arellano Allie Arribe Christine Austgen

Florencio Bernardo Lucia Boone Georgia Braun Iliana Briones Bob Burns

Valerie Cardenas Mary Carney Elba Circelli Barbara Craig Cody Crosson Ora Curdie

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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

In Honor Of All Students Making Their First Holy Communion May 10th through May 16th

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.





The Tradition of Genuflection

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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Everyday Stewardship Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't

willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves. If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

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