

Corpus Christi
June 22, 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

**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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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
**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, June 22nd

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Vacation Bible School Camper's Mass
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Mystagogy - Confirmation Teens - YFF (Youth Center)

Monday, June 23rd

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 - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Lector Training (Church)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, June 24th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Wednesday, June 25th

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM 'That Man Is You' - Summer Series - AFF (Main Hall)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, June 26th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Summer Altar Server Training (Church)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Mini Hall)

Friday, June 27th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)

Saturday, June 28th

Guadalupe Radio Network Promo Table (After Mass)
Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 21st

5:30 PM †Frank & +Alma Berger, †Maria Brosas, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Jim & Phyllis Tinney

Sunday, June 22nd

7:30 AM †Jerry Schrader †Vivina Perkins, †Jim Walls
9:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family, Greg & Charlene Otto - Wedding Anniversary Blessings
11:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, †Paul Gosselin, Lincoln Nguyen - Confirmation Blessings, John Paul Eby - Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, June 23rd

8:30 AM †Gary Jessen, Mary Leba - Birthday Blessings, Scott Chester - Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, June 24th

8:30 AM †Josie Ditta, Brett & Kyle Van Meter - Birthday Blessings, †Mac Thornhill

Wednesday, June 25th

6:30 PM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez Family, Tyler Post - Birthday Blessings, Harrison Otto - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, June 26th

8:30 AM †Claire Souliere, †Catherine Walbe, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam

Friday, June 27th

8:30 AM †Charles Ganter, Sr., †Norma Garcia, Matt Winters - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, June 28th


5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, June 29th

7:30 AM †John Cordary, Sr., †William Jarema, Queen Bee Quilters
9:30 AM †Antonio Pina, †Daniel Huynh, Dolores Richards
11:30 AM †Corazon Villamin, Rick & Dane Valdez, Dolores & Andrea Richards
4:30 PM Linda Banecker, †Nancy Green, †Matt Pena



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 21 - 22

Second Collection - St. Mary's Seminary

This annual collection is taken up for the support of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the religious communities which staff some of our parishes. God has blessed us with an increase in seminarians, so it is more important than ever that funds are available to support their formation. Please give generously!

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: May 24, 2025 - May 30, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$28,418.65

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$47,990.00

Difference: (\$19,571.35)

MP-Debt Reduction: Diverted to Building Together Campaign

Future Development & Maintenance: \$339.00

Food Pantry: \$3,952.00

Special/2nd Collection: La Salette Missions Appeal
\$20,058.43

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

June 22 - Corpus Christi Sunday - St. Mary Seminary

June 29 - Peter's Pence Collection

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,777,763.45

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of June 6, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$93,004.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 222

Total Number of Gifts Received: 420

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 May 16, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$638,964.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,625

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,

On June 22nd, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is Latin for “the Body of Christ.” At its core, the solemnity is a celebration of the tradition and belief in the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Very often after Mass, when I stand at the narthex by the door to greet parishioners, I hear people saying, “Father, that was a beautiful Mass.” I also hear from people of other parishes who come and tell me about how beautiful their Mass was in their own churches. This makes me pause and think for a moment: What do you mean when you say that it was a beautiful Mass? Is it the beautiful music? Or is it the great homily by the priest? Are you referring to the beautifully decorated church and the altar? Are you referring to the handsome and beautiful altar servers—or is it the priest who is handsome, young, and energetic? Or is it the beautiful flowers and the smell of the incense? What really makes you say that the Mass is good?

My next question would be: Is there a Mass that is not good—not rich, low, and not high? The truth is that all Masses are good and beautiful. The beauty, greatness, goodness, height, and depth of the Mass do not come from human beings. There is no difference whether the Mass is celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome or in a small chapel in a remote village. Whenever, wherever, and by whomever the Mass is celebrated, all of them hold equal value, goodness, greatness, and beauty—because the Mass is the action of God. The Mass is the Word of God. Therefore, wherever God is present, there is a great celebration of a good Mass.

We Catholics believe in the Real Presence of God in the Eucharist. We don't come to church just to hear the beautiful music or to listen to an eloquent homily from the priest, but to experience the action of God. That is why the priest repeats what the Lord said at the Last Supper: “This is my body. This is my blood.” I have heard many young people say that the Mass is boring. They don't understand much, and there is nothing to take home after the Mass. I am 62 years old and have been a priest for 31 years, and I humbly admit that I don't understand everything. But I can say this with confidence: I feel blessed, loved, and cared for. When your faith is strong, the Mass will be the most beautiful part of your day. So, my advice would be: keep on coming, keep on participating, and keep on receiving Jesus. There is no need to fully understand—just have faith. At the end of the day, all you want is to be like Jesus.

Many blessings,

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



WELCOME
Join us for
CASINO NIGHT
June 21, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Main and Mini Halls

Presented by
Knights of Columbus #8494

Poker
Black Jack
Roulette
Craps
Texas Hold Em
Silent/Live Auction
Raffle for Winners
Snacks
Beer, Wine & Soda

\$40 PER TICKET
INCLUDES \$1,000 IN CHIPS
& 2 BEVERAGE TICKETS

Dinner Tickets
Sold Separately

PROCEEDS BENEFIT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES

Altar Server — TRAINING —

The Altar Server Ministry is open to youth finishing 3rd grade through high school who have received their First Communion. Training sessions are held in the Church on the following days:
June 26; July 10, 15, 31; and August 7
from 6:00 - 7:00/7:30 PM.

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 kara.pohlkamp@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Information Meeting Saturday, July 19 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM Mini Hall

The Second Vatican Council chose the term "People of God" to renew emphasis upon the vital role of the laity in the life and mission of the Church. Each baptized Catholic has responsibility for building up the Kingdom of God, as each is called to the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Jesus Christ. Parish pastoral councils undertake a vital task of co-responsibility with the pastor to foster the spiritual growth of our faith community. Our archdiocese requires every parish to have this council.

The Mary Queen Pastoral Council is a consultative body whose primary responsibility is to provide counsel to Fr. Thomas on matters related to pastoral plans and policies. Our council consists of 10-12 members. New members are discerned onto the council annually with each member serving 3 years. This year, that discernment process will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025. A call for nominations will be issued in August.

Mary Queen is indeed a community, inspired by faith and love, that lives, worships, teaches, welcomes, and supports one another in imitation of Christ. Our continued spiritual growth lies in part on parishioners willing to serve on the council. **On Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 9-11 AM, an information meeting will be held.** Everyone wanting to learn more about our pastoral council is encouraged to attend. Even if you are not at present interested in or available to serve on the council, please consider attending. Your better understanding of how our council operates will benefit our parish community.

Please contact Don Goins at justdongoins@gmail.com, Steve Elsner at stephenelsner@comcast.net or Fr. Thomas with any questions you may have. May the Holy Spirit be with you!

Two New Lector Trainings

Monday, June 23, 2025

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:30 PM in the Church



Lectors are called to be a means of grace, a channel through which God can touch and change those who hear the Word. Lectors are truly ministers of God, instruments that God can use to accomplish His Divine Will.

*If you feel called
to this ministry, welcome!*

We are excited to grow this beautiful opportunity to serve. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Dolores Richards at deelola@yahoo.com.

We want to ensure we have enough training guides for all participants.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: Stupid, you've done it again.

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

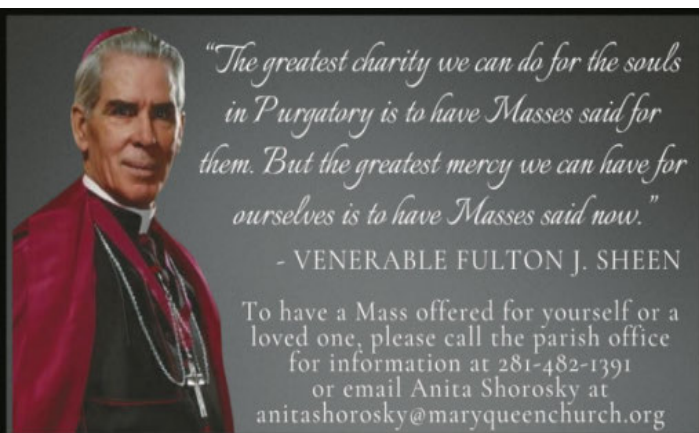
I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma
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June 22nd, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Sunday June 22:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday June 23:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday June 24:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 **Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday June 25:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday June 26:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday June 27:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday June 28:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday June 28: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!
THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

Join us for the Summer Series of 'That Man is You!' at Mary Queen, held every Wednesday morning from 6:00 am – 7:00 am in the Main Hall through August 20th.

The theme of 'The Battle Over the Bride' will help men grasp the depth and beauty of the Church's vision of love and marriage by considering 7 "moments" in the Catholic Nuptial Mass, provides a mystical vision of the beauty of love that lies hidden behind the "mundane details" of everyday life, and relates stories from around the globe of couples who have lived the mystery of love to its very end.

It will enable men to take the next step in male leadership. By attaining clarity of thought and developing integrity of action regarding the Church's vision of love and marriage, men are able to transform their homes into the foundation for a new springtime of Christianity.

Summer is the perfect time to bring a friend. Invite a man in the pew, a neighbor, family member or co-worker!

Come to TMIY and join the band of brothers!

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or 281 - 710 - 8876.

To sign-up for the TMIY Summer series
scan the QR code



or visit

<https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/ThatManIsYou>



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the normative process by which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and sacramental life. Rooted in Sacred Scripture, guided by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and sustained by prayer and the support of the Christian community, this journey mirrors the ancient catechumenal formation of the early Church (cf. RCIA, nos. 1-5).

This process is intended for:

Unbaptized adults, who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

Baptized non-Catholic Christians, who desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through a profession of faith, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Baptized Catholics, who have not yet completed their sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion).

Questions? Please contact Eby Kurian to learn more at 281-710-8876 or ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org



COLLEGE STUDENTS
&
YOUNG ADULTS
ARE INVITED TO

Eucharistic Adoration

with
Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
EBY KURIAN, DIRECTOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION & RCIA -
EKURIAN@MARYQUEENCHURCH.ORG OR 281-482-1391 X319



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation
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\$50
per camper

Jr High
Summer Camp
"ENCOUNTER"
Bible Timeline for Middle School by Ascension

July 14 - 17
Monday - Thursday
10am - 2pm
Reserve your spot today
skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org

Hey Jr. Highers! Are you ready for an amazing summer experience that combines fun, friendship, and spiritual growth? Join us for the Jr. High Summer Encounter Bible Study Camp! Camp Details:

Dates: July 14th - 17th, 2025 (Monday-Thursday)
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM daily
Location: Mary Queen Church Youth Center
Who: All Jr. High students!
Cost: \$50 per camper- lunch provided

Reserve your spot today by emailing
skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org

Vacation Bible School Campers

Sunday, June 22nd
at the 9:30 Mass:

Wear your camp shirts!

We will sing at the culmination of Mass!



Never stop learning and educating yourself

Dear Catechists:

Are you aware the archdiocese has classes you can attend online or in person to learn more about our beautiful faith?

Please see the link below and consider taking a class online or in person this summer. Each class has different lengths of time...some are just one hour!

You will need to create a free Capernaum account to see what is available.

Some classes you may be interested are:

Intro to Scripture: New Testament
Intro to Scripture: Old Testament
Formation toward Christian Ministry

<https://www.archgh.org/capernaum>

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING DAY 2025

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 | 8AM-5PM

St. Dominic Chancery Campus | 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021



Youth Ministry Training Day is filled with prayer, workshops, and formation for adults (18+) and youth (10-12th grade) serving in a parish youth ministry.

The event is fully bilingual with keynotes and two workshop tracks (six workshops) in Spanish.

8 TRACKS | 24 WORKSHOPS

SCAN HERE

Calling all current and aspiring youth ministry volunteers!

Make a lasting impact in the lives of young people by equipping yourself with the tools and wisdom to guide them in their faith journey. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just starting out, this training day is designed to inspire, empower, and prepare you for meaningful ministry. Expect engaging sessions, practical insights, and a community of passionate mentors. Come ready to grow, connect, and strengthen your calling—because the next generation is counting on us! Please contact Sarah Kennepohl, Jr High Coordinator to sign up: skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org



AROUND THE PARISH



Patriotic Quilt Display

QUILTS BY QUEEN'S BEE QUILTERS
JULY 4 - JULY 6

PLEASE JOIN US IN VIEWING THE ANNUAL DISPLAY OF OUR HANDMADE, MAJESTIC MILITARY & PATRIOTIC QUILTS! THE DISPLAY WILL BE SET UP ON JULY 4TH AND AVAILABLE AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN THE PARISH HALL.

QUILTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, WAITING FOR YOU TO COME AND SELECT YOURS! ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY AND MARY QUEEN CHURCH. QUEEN'S BEE QUILTERS WILL BE DELIVERING MANY OF THESE QUILTS TO LOCAL VETERANS IN THE FALL.

QUILT RAFFLE!!

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE JUNE 28 - 29 AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES FOR A GORGEOUS "SERENITY GARDEN" QUILT BY MARYJEAN CHATRON & BUSY BEES, QUILTED BY MARCIA BRENNER FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS & QUEEN'S BEE QUILTERS!

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 6 FOR \$20. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2025 AT THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON AT MARY QUEEN. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



Prayerfully Consider Serving on the Next Women's ACTS Retreat Team

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Mary Queen Women's ACTS Retreat, November 13-16, and we're inviting women who have previously attended an ACTS retreat (at Mary Queen or elsewhere) to prayerfully discern serving on the team.

The scripture guiding this retreat is from Malachi 3:20:
"But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

Teaming is a beautiful opportunity for spiritual growth, sisterhood, prayer, and service. Team meetings begin **Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Main Hall.** All team members are encouraged to attend Mass beforehand to spiritually ground our time together.

Please download your form at <https://bit.ly/WomensACTS> or by scanning the QR code and return to Clarissa Silva at cjpsilva97@gmail.com

Discernment forms are due by Friday, July 11.

To request a form or ask questions, please contact:

- Clarissa Silva, Director - cjpsilva97@gmail.com | 713-553-3777
- Katie Langehennig, Co-Director - katie.langehennig@me.com | 832-444-1299
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- Deacon Max Silva, Spiritual Companion

Let the Holy Spirit guide your "yes." We'd love to journey with you.



SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA

Join us for our next meeting on
Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM
in the Mini Hall.

This month's speaker is
Fr. Philip Wilhite, Pastor of St.
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All are welcome to attend this informative
meeting and the small social which follows.

Anyone considering membership,
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to these outstanding students recognized for their service, leadership, and commitment to the faith! Pictured from left to right are Hannah Browne, Ailis Zermeno, Angelle Nguyen, William Langehennig, Joaquin Krancher, Rebekah Guerin, Cristian Salinas, and Ruby Martinez. Pictured at right are Victoria Cassat and Valdemar Tamez.

Hispanic Ministry Scholarship

- Hannah Browne
- Valdemar Tamez

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- Ruby Martinez

Ramirez-Hernandez Scholarship

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Be the Light Volunteer Award (sponsored by the Duong Family, for service in Elementary Faith Formation)

- Angelle Nguyen
- Ailis Zermeno

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- Angelle Nguyen

Women's Ministry "Be the Light" Scholarship (sponsored by the Duong Family)

- Cristian Salinas

Women's Ministry Scholarship Recipients

- Victoria Cassat
- Rebekah Guerin
- Joaquin Krancher
- William Langehennig
- Angelle Nguyen
- Valdemar Tamez



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Marriage Preparation

MINISTERS TRAINING

We invite all parish leaders to our upcoming Marriage Preparation Ministers Training—a 30-hour formation program designed to equip ministers with the knowledge, skills, and pastoral heart needed to effectively accompany and prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage and begin their journey toward a holy and lasting union.

Training: June 27 & 29, 2025 | from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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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



*In Honor of the
Arellano-Enriquez Family*

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*Please pray for the
repose of the soul of*

Mac Thornhill

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.



PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS PRAYER TEAM

Mary Queen Catholic Church

A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team

Do you carry in your heart a deep compassion for those who are suffering—physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially? For those living in poverty, without shelter, or burdened by loneliness?

The **Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry** walks alongside many who are hurting and broken. We now invite our parish community to become prayerful companions in this ministry by lifting up these beloved children of God to the Lord in prayer.

As a member of the **Social Concerns Prayer Team**, you will receive regular emails with specific names, intentions, monthly prayer themes, and Scripture passages to guide your intercession. There are no meetings—only a shared spiritual commitment to pray intentionally, from your own home and on your own schedule.

Let us unite in prayer, trusting that our Loving God hears the cries of the poor and works through the faithful prayers of His people.

To join or learn more, please contact Chris at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391

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Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

Contact: Sherri Lindsey, Communications Coordinator
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Send bulletin submissions by noon on the deadline dates listed below.

June 29 Bulletin - June 16 Deadline
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July 13 - June 30 Deadline
July 20 - July 7 Deadline



Sign Before the Gospel

Question: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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Everyday Stewardship

Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this

Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

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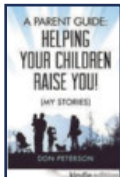
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