

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:18-19

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM (*Livestreamed)

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:30 PM Wednesday

Daily Rosary

After 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

Welcome to Mary Queen!

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

Mission Statement

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

2025 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2025.

If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 29th

Guadalupe Radio Network Promo Table (After Morning Masses)

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Monday, June 30th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Building Committee Meeting (Room 110/Library)

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

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

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Mary Queen Lector Training (Church)

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

Tuesday, July 1st

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)

Wednesday, July 2nd

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)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity (Room 110/Library)

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, July 3rd - Pastoral Offices Closed

Friday, July 4th - Pastoral Offices Closed

6:00 AM - 3:00 PM Knights of Columbus BBQ Celebration

Queen Bee Quilters Patriotic Quilt Display (After All Masses through Sunday)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM First Friday Adoration 9 AM/Benediction 5PM (Chapel)

Saturday, July 5th

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 30th

8:30 AM †Joseph Swiader, †Mac Thornhill, Joshua Karam - Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, July 1st

8:30 AM †Phaolo Thinh Pham & †Maria Chanh Nguyen, †Stephen Prindiville, †Daniel Jarema, †Connel Masterson

Wednesday, July 2nd

6:30 PM †Kim Montz, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Gautreaux Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ron & Ruth Paras, Grace Maria Eby - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, July 3rd

8:30 AM †John Revell, †Nhien Nguyen, †Gary Jessen, Joseph Samuel Eby - Birthday Blessings

Friday, July 4th

8:30 AM †Buck Gregory, †Eric Buenaventura, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

Saturday, July 5th

8:30 AM †Mike Vukelich, †Maria Cordova, Gerry Kovach

5:30 PM †Dan Foster, †Gilberto Gomez, Patsy Jansky

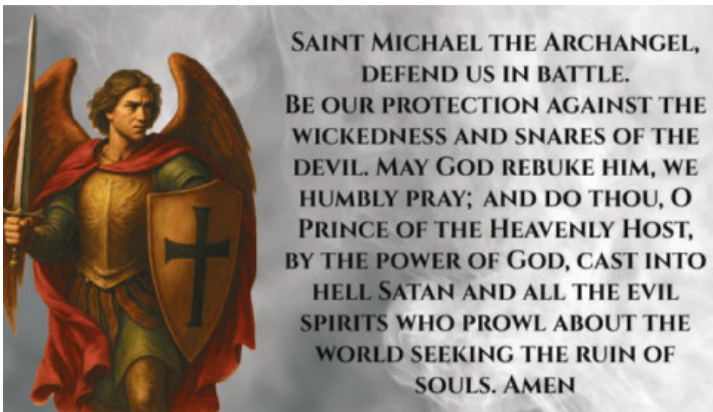
Sunday, July 6th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

9:30 AM †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St. George, †Rita Marron, †Joseph Brandon, Huy Nguyen

11:30 AM †Toni Brown, †Matt Pena, Freddy & Yvette Camarillo, Enmanuel & Olga Cabrera - 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

4:30 PM †George Valooran, †Elizabeth John, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: May 31, 2025 - June 6, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$46,947.42

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$48,790.00

Difference: (\$1,842.58)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,759.00

Food Pantry: \$2,252.00

Special/2nd Collection: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception \$4,932.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

June 29 - Peter's Pence Collection

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,778,423.45

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of June 13, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$100,046.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 230

Total Number of Gifts Received: 440

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 June 13, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$639,661.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,633

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,

The need for a "Teaching Mass" was strongly expressed by Mary Queen parishioners during our Listening Sessions when I first arrived here. For the next few weekends, you will find articles in the "Pastor's Message" column based on the book *Eucharist – Celebrating Its Rhythms in Our Lives* by Father Paul Bernier. He writes:

"It is helpful to think of the liturgy as a dance God invites us to join. We are affected by what we do. To speak of the liturgy as a dance is to realize that it is God who pipes the tune, who sets the basic rhythms. For each of us the dance will be different, reflecting the differences in our bodies, our lives, our relationships. Only in the liturgy do all of life's rhythms come together."

Father Bernier goes on to describe five different rhythms found in Eucharistic celebrations. Let us reflect on the first of four such rhythms this week.

1. The Gathering Rhythm: This is seen in the "dance" in which each family and each person works to show up for Mass. When we gather, we gather as a united family. We gather around the altar as sons and daughters of God. We gather as one family, having one creed, one faith, one baptism. This is a holy time in which our differences melt away, and we become one body worshipping our Creator. Coming together—assembling—is at the heart of our Sunday worship. The purpose of these rites is to bring us together into one body, ready to listen and to break bread together.

Greeting: In many churches today, there will be someone at the door to greet you as you arrive for Sunday Mass. We all like to be greeted and welcomed when we gather for a celebration. When friends come for a meal or a party, we greet them at the door and welcome them into our home.

Use of Holy Water: One of the first things Catholics do when they come to church is dip their right hand in holy water and make the sign of the cross. This ritual is a reminder of our Baptism: we were baptized with water and signed with the cross. At every Mass, we renew our promises to die to sin.

Genuflection: In medieval Europe, it was customary to go down on one knee to genuflect before a king or person of rank. This secular mark of honor gradually entered the Church, and people began to genuflect to honor the altar and the presence of Christ in the tabernacle before entering the pew. Today, many people express their reverence with an even older custom and bow to the altar before taking their place.

Posture and Song: When the Mass begins, everyone stands. Standing is the traditional posture of the Christian at prayer: it expresses our attentiveness to the word of God and our readiness to carry it out. Often, we begin by singing together. What better way to gather than to unite our thoughts and our voices in common words, rhythm, and melody?

Greeting (at the Altar): The priest will ask us to begin with the sign of the cross—again reminding us of Baptism—and will greet us, saying, "The Lord be with you." It is both a wish and a profound statement of faith. It is an ancient biblical greeting: Boaz returned from Bethlehem (Ruth 2:4) and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" The ritual response to this greeting is always the formula, "And with your spirit," by which we return the hello, the good wishes, the statement of faith.

Penitential Rite and Gloria: All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to gather us together into a worshiping assembly. Sometimes we are asked to pause and recall our common need for salvation. Sometimes the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest" is sung or recited at this point. The *Gloria* has been a part of the Mass since about the sixth century!

Opening Prayer: At the close of this first part of the Mass, the priest will ask us to join our minds in prayer. After a few moments of silence, he will collect our intentions into one prayer, to which we all respond "Amen"—a Hebrew word meaning "So be it."

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

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

*Tickets on sale after all Masses
June 28 - 29th*



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.

EPIC

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

STEVE WEIDENKOPF AND ALAN SCHRECK

A New Catholic Church History Series for Adults!

**Epic: A Journey Through Church History
by Steve Weidenkopf**

This is our story, our family.

As Catholics, we are the inheritors of holy men and women who over two thousand years built a great civilization and spread the gospel throughout the world.

The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. In this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in two thousand years of Church history, presented in twelve easy-to-remember color-coded time periods.

You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. You will also learn about the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century. Throughout, you will be gaining an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our Church.

The better we know our history, the better prepared we will be to face the future.

**Beginning on July 8th on Tuesdays for 20 weeks from
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Mary's House.**

**For more information and to register, please contact:
Mike Warth - houwgm@comcast.net**

**Pastoral Offices will be closed
July 3rd & 4th
in observance of Independence Day**

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Mini Reflection: People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, "Who do you say that Jesus is?" We know the answer. Will we speak up?

Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Some say.

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

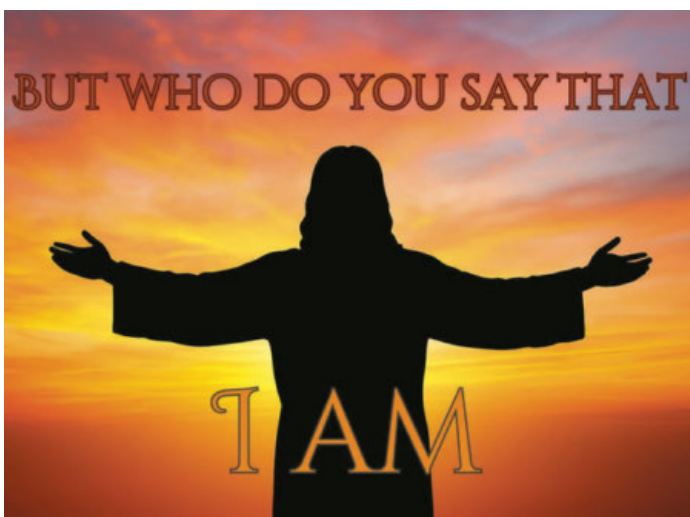
People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say.

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, *we know.*

But will we answer?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma
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June 29th, 2025

Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Matthew 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: 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

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



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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:
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**29
JUNE**

Solemnity of
St.'s Peter
and Paul

**2
JULY**

YOUTH BIBLE
STUDY
5:30-6:30 pm

**9
JULY**

YOUTH BIBLE
STUDY
5:30-6:30 pm

**15
JULY**

Youth Faith
Formation
Registration
Opens

Message about Martyrdom:

"Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death. The martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united by charity. He bears witness to the truth of the faith and of Christian doctrine. He endures death through an act of fortitude. "Let me become the food of the beasts, through whom it will be given me to reach God." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2473

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION OPENS ON
JULY 15**

More Information

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tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org



Vacation Bible School

**With heartfelt gratitude,
we extend our deepest thanks
for the tremendous success of
this year's Vacation Bible
School at Mary Queen!**

**To our incredible VBS Core Team, your dedication,
planning, and joyful spirit made every moment
meaningful and unforgettable.**

**To the many volunteers—especially those who generously
took time off from work to serve—we are profoundly
grateful for the love and energy you poured into each day.
Your witness of faith in action was a powerful gift to our
children.**

**We are especially grateful to the teens who gave up a
week of their summer to foster faith, friendship, and fun.**

**A very special thank you to those who brought their
vintage cars—your kindness created a fun and
unforgettable moment that thrilled the kids and added
something truly special to the week!**

**Because of each of you, our children experienced the joy
of the Gospel in a vibrant, memorable, and faith-filled
way. Thank you for helping them grow in love for Jesus
and His Church!**

God bless you all!

Mary, Queen of Heaven - pray for us!

Jr. High Faith Formation

\$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! Mark your calendars - registration opens soon!

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**

AROUND THE PARISH



New Lector Training

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.



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.

Discernment forms are due by Friday, July 11.

Please download your form at <https://bit.ly/WomensACTS>

or by scanning the QR code
and return to Clarissa Silva
at cjpsilva97@gmail.com



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
- Jennifer Mabe, Co-Director – jlgdvm2b@hotmail.com | 281-725-7785
- Deacon Max Silva, Spiritual Companion

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



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**



First Friday Mass

Friday, July 4th at 8:30 am

*followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am to 5:00 pm*

WHY ATTEND FIRST FRIDAYS?

TO HONOR THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS,
MAKE REPARATION FOR SIN, AND RECEIVE THE
SPECIAL GRACES HE PROMISED TO THOSE
WHO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION ON NINE
CONSECUTIVE FIRST FRIDAYS—INCLUDING
THE GRACE OF FINAL REPENTANCE.

First Saturday Mass

Saturday, July 5th at 8:30 am

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Bible Timeline for Middle School by Ascension

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Be a Part of Something Incredible – Volunteer for Summer Encounter!

Calling all passionate, fun-loving, and faith-filled individuals! We're gearing up for an unforgettable Jr. High Summer Encounter Bible Study Camp, and we need YOU to help make it extraordinary!

This is more than just a camp—it's a chance to pour into the lives of young hearts, guide them on their faith journey, and witness moments of joy, growth, and connection.

As a volunteer, you'll get to:

- Lead and support Bible study sessions and discussions
- Organize and participate in epic games and activities (yes, swimming included!)
- Build authentic connections with awesome Jr. High students
- Be a positive role model in a faith-centered environment
- Whether you're a seasoned leader or just have a heart to serve, there's a place for you on our team.

Looking for adult & high school volunteers in the following areas:

Bible study
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Games & music
Crafts/cooking
Sign in & check out

Let's create a summer of impact, inspiration, and a whole lot of fun—together!

Dates: July 14th - 17th, 2025 (Monday-Thursday)

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM daily

Location: Mary Queen Church Youth Center & pool

Volunteer meeting: Monday July 7th at 6pm

Ready to jump in?

Email Sarah at skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org to let me know which area you are interested in and let's get started!

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.

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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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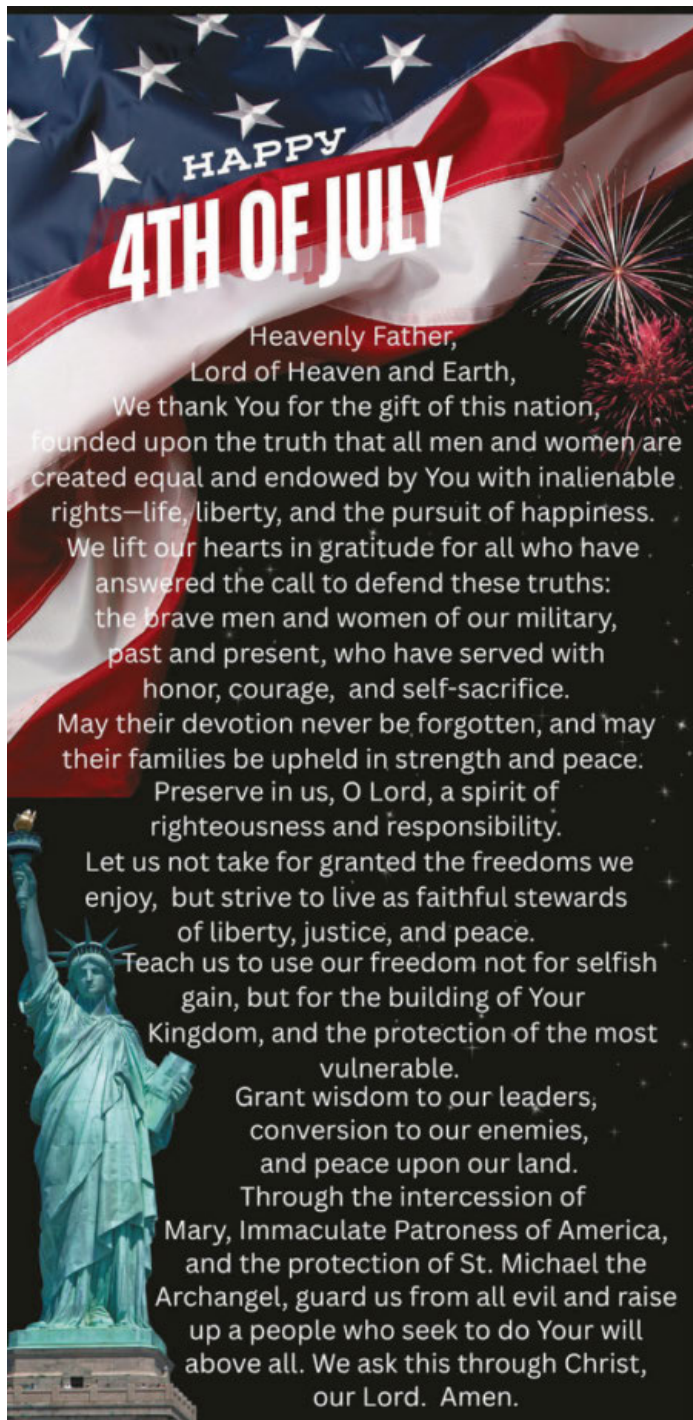
*Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Betty Pitre*



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.



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Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

Contact: Sherri Lindsey, Communications Coordinator

New email: mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org

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

July 6 Bulletin - June 23 Deadline
July 13 Bulletin - June 30 Deadline
July 20 Bulletin - July 7 Deadline
July 27 Bulletin - July 14 Deadline



St. Paul Conversion

Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org. ©LPI

Everyday Stewardship



When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

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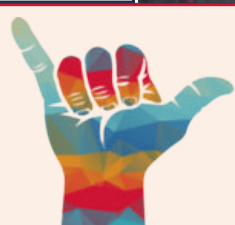
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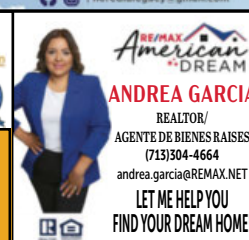
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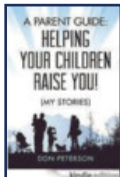
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