



Mary Queen  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 6, 2025

• 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**‘THE KINGDOM OF  
GOD IS AT HAND.’**

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are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, July 6th

## Monday, July 7th

- 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. High "Encounter" Summer Camp Volunteer Meeting (Youth Center)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Ministry Luncheon Planning With Knights of Columbus (Room 114/115)  
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)  
7:15 PM - 8:45 PM Pastoral Council Members Meeting (Room 114/115)

## Tuesday, July 8th

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)  
4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Committee Meetings (Youth Center)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF (Mary's House)

## Wednesday, July 9th

- 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)  
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Fall Parish Picnic Meeting (Room 110/Library)

## Thursday, July 10th

- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Summer Altar Server Training (Church)  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

## Friday, July 11th

- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM La Salette Supper Club (Main Hall)

## Saturday, July 12th

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

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, July 7th

- 8:30 AM †Jerry Schrader, †Daniel & †Yadira Zermeno, Jan Sellers, Margaret Young - Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday, July 8th

- 8:30 AM †Jerry Gleeson, Matthew Gray - Birthday Blessings, Jacob Scruggs - Birthday Blessings

## Wednesday, July 9th

- 6:30 PM †Daniel Jansky, †Custodio Salanatin, Sr., †Catherine Severino

## Thursday, July 10th

- 8:30 AM †Elizabeth Cahoon, Carol Willenborg - Birthday Blessings, Edna Ching - Birthday Blessings

## Friday, July 11th

- 8:30 AM †Albert Radous, Tom Mayer, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Lee & Paula Pierce

## Saturday, July 12th

- 5:30 PM †Robert Pina, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of George & Mildred Pesl, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Scruggs & Arcotta Families

## Sunday, July 13th

- 7:30 AM †Maria Trevino, †Mark Corona, Katlyn Stifter - Birthday Blessings  
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
11:30 AM †Frank Sanchez, †Marie MacKenzie, Aida Poyatos - Birthday Blessings  
4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Darrell Whitehouse, Joe Buchanan

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: June 7, 2025 - June 13, 2025

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$39,409.40

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$43,168.00

**Difference:** (\$3,758.60)

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$4,152.00

**Food Pantry:** \$1,037.00

**Special/2nd Collection:** Catholic Communications  
\$5,034.00

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**July 6** - Future Development and Maintenance

**July 13** - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

## Building Together Campaign

**Parish Goal:** \$3,500,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$1,786,547.84

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$1,832,025.82

**Total Number of Individual Pledges:** 436

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2025 DSF Summary as of June 25, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$205,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$102,525.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 236

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 470

**Total Number of Mary Queen Households:** 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of June 25, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$1,886,649.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$640,021.00

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$590,383.32

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 2,638

**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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org).

## LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

I had the opportunity to meet Fr. Paul Bernier, a Blessed Sacrament priest, when he visited the La Salette Shrine in Silang, Cavite in the Philippines several years ago. His book on the Eucharist was quite inspiring while I was studying Theology, so allow me to continue reflecting on the significance of the Mass.

**2. The Storytelling Rhythm** – Human beings love a good story. Storytelling is not merely about those who lived during the Old Testament or in the time of Jesus and His teaching, but also about how our stories echo theirs. We can discover that we are not unique in our struggle to understand the will of God for our lives. We can learn that God's mercy and love are infinite, even though understanding this takes a lifetime. These stories are important because they teach us that we are not alone, and that our lives matter to our Creator.

**Liturgy of the Word** – When we gather at a friend's home for a meal, we always begin with conversation, telling our stories. At Mass, after the rites of gathering, we sit down and listen as readings from the Word of God are proclaimed. These are the stories of God's people. On Sundays, there are three readings and a psalm. The first reading will be from the Hebrew Scriptures, except during the Easter season. We have not generally been famous for our Bible reading, and yet the Mass has always been fundamentally biblical. Even some Catholics might be surprised to learn how much of the Mass is taken from the Bible: not only the three readings and the psalm, and the obviously biblical prayers such as the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the Lord's Prayer, but most of the words and phrases of the prayers of the Mass are drawn from Scripture.

**Standing for the Gospel** – Because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel, it has long been the custom to stand in attentive reverence to hear these words. We believe that Christ is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. The priest will again greet us with "The Lord be with you." He then introduces the Gospel reading while marking a small cross on his forehead, lips, and heart with his thumb, silently praying that God cleanses his mind and heart so that his lips may worthily proclaim the Gospel. In many places, the congregation performs this ritual action along with the priest.

**Homily** – This means more than just a sermon or a talk about how we are to live or what we are to believe. It is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and especially in the readings from Scripture that have just been proclaimed. The homily takes that word and brings it to our life situation today. Just as a large piece of bread is broken to feed individual persons, the Word of God must be broken open so it can be received and digested by the congregation.

**Creed** – Now we stand and together recite the Creed. The Creed is more than a list of things we believe. It is a statement of our faith in the Word we have heard proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily, and a profession of the faith that leads us to give our lives for one another, as Christ gave His life for us.

**Universal Prayer** – The intercessions help us become who God is calling us to be. We are the Body of Christ by Baptism. We pray that our assembly truly comes to resemble the Body of Christ—a body at peace, with shelter for the homeless, healing for the sick, and food for the hungry. We pray for the Church, for nations and their leaders, for people in special need, and for the local needs of our parish—and the petitions usually fall into these four categories.

**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**

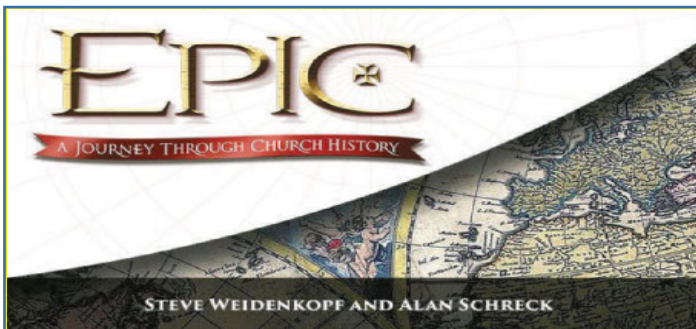
We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

### **Need additional information?**

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## A New Catholic Church History Series for Adults!

### Epic: A Journey Through Church History by Steve Weidenkoff

*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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:houwgm@comcast.net)**

## 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:

**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](mailto:kara.pohlkamp@gmail.com)**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cjpsilva97@gmail.com) | 713-553-3777
- Katie Langehennig, Co-Director – [katie.langehennig@me.com](mailto:katie.langehennig@me.com) | 832-444-1299
- Jennifer Mabe, Co-Director – [jlgdvm2b@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



## ENCOUNTER

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**JULY 17 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**IN THE CHURCH**

**Parish families are invited to a special Eucharistic Holy Hour  
that is family-friendly!**

**The Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship will take  
place on two Thursday nights:**

**July 17 & August 21**

**From 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**In the Church**

**This is a beautiful opportunity to teach children how to love  
and listen to Jesus and for your family to grow together in  
faith as the domestic church. Come spend time with the One  
who loves us most and help your children build a lifelong  
friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist!**

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

**Mini Reflection:** Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

## On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

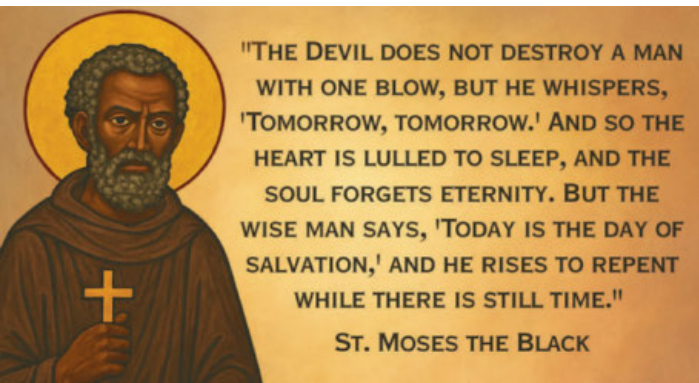
Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

*Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.*

Oh, and again: don't complain.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma  
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**July 6, 2025**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir  
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## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

**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

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37





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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](mailto: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](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org)



**Rosary on the Beach**

**SATURDAY JULY 12**

Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation is inviting all the College Students & Young Professionals to Galveston Beach!

CAR POOL FROM MARY QUEEN - 7:00 AM  
SATURDAY HOLY MASS - QUEEN OF PEACE, LA MARQUE - 8:00 AM  
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST & ROSARY ON THE BEACH

For more information - Eby Kurian - [ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org)





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**July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus:**  
"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

<p><b>9 JULY</b></p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>15 JULY</b></p> <p>Youth Faith Formation Registration Opens</p>
<p><b>16 JULY</b></p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17 JULY</b></p> <p>BASKETBALL GAME vs. St. Bernadette's</p> <p>2:00-4:00 pm</p>

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

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## 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

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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**  
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# AROUND THE PARISH



## 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  
Snacks/lunch service  
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?

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taking a dog on our road trip!



Snacks in the Italian Vatican Cafe!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Catholic Engaged Encounter

2025



**From the Office of Family Life Ministry:**

**Catholic Engage Encounter**

**August 2-3, 2025**

**Cameron Retreat Center (Houston)**

Join us in a wonderful two-day experience where the bride and groom who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony get to know each other on a deeper level and are given tools that will strengthen their future marriage even more. This retreat begins on Saturday, August 2nd at 8 a.m. and ends on Sunday, August 3rd at 5 p.m. (approximately).

Your registration includes one night's accommodation, materials, and meals. Cost: \$250. For more information contact the Office of Family Life Ministry at 713-741-8776.

Register at <https://archgh.swoogo.com/EngagedEncounter25>

**Before the Vows**

**August 30 and September 20, 2025**

**Cameron Retreat Center (Houston)**

Embark on a sacred journey to become the hero of your own story, feel God's loving embrace, and elevate your marriage to His divine plan. Attend both the Super Saturday and the Retreat to fulfill your marriage preparation. Cost: \$250. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life Ministry at 713-741-8776.

Register at <https://archgh.swoogo.com/BeforetheVows2025>



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES**

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### **US Marine Corps:**

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### **US Coast Guard:**

CAPT TJ Loftis, Cadet 2/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 [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

**Thank you and God Bless America!**



# WE PRAY FOR...

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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*



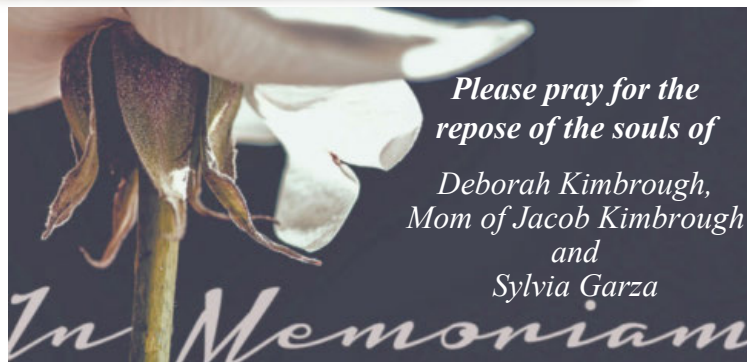
*In Memory of*  
† *Daniel Jansky*

*July 5th through July 11th*



*Please pray for the*  
*repose of the souls of*

*Deborah Kimbrough,*  
*Mom of Jacob Kimbrough*  
*and*  
*Sylvia Garza*



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](mailto: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.



Each year, Mary Queen's Pastoral Council along with Father Thomas select an individual or couple, 21 years of age or older, who have given their time and talent over the past year (2024 - 2025) to make Mary Queen Church a more vibrant gospel community. We are currently seeking nominees for this annual award.

The recipient must be a registered member of Mary Queen. Members of the Pastoral Council or the Pastoral Staff cannot be nominated. The Pastoral Council will confirm the good works of all the nominees with the Pastor and Parochial Vicar before the final selection of the recipient(s).

### **Nominations are due by Tuesday, August 26th**

The Annual Service Award Nomination forms may be found at the welcome desk in the church narthex, in the parish hall, by scanning the QR code, or on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/MQ-Service-Award>



For questions, please contact Tami Jernigan at [tamijern5@gmail.com](mailto:tamijern5@gmail.com).

Please return completed forms to the nomination box at the front desk or by email to [Tamijern5@gmail.com](mailto:Tamijern5@gmail.com)

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**Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media**

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**New email: [mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:mqcomms@maryqueenchurch.org)**  
**phone: 281-482-1391 x 334**

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

July 20 Bulletin - July 7 Deadline  
 July 27 Bulletin - July 14 Deadline  
 August 3 Bulletin - July 21 Deadline



## **Carry Your Cross**

### **Question:**

As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

### **Answer:**

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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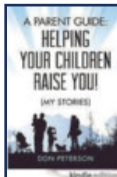
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