



Mary Queen  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*July 13, 2025*

## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church  
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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 13th

### Monday, July 14th

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jr High Encounter Summer Camp (Youth Center)  
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)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

### Tuesday, July 15th

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jr High Encounter Summer Camp (Youth Center)  
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)  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Summer Altar Server Training (Church)  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Small Group Leader Discernment Meeting (Main Hall)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF  
(Mary's House)

### Wednesday, July 16th

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM 'That Man Is You' - Summer Series - AFF (Main Hall)  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jr High Encounter Summer Camp (Youth Center)  
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, July 17th

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jr High Encounter Summer Camp (Youth Center)  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Jr High Encounter Summer Camp Pool Party  
(Mary's House)  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Encounter - Praise And Worship Eucharistic Adoration -  
AFF (Church)

### Friday, July 18th

- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary - Waas (Chapel)

### Saturday, July 19th

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pastoral Council Information Meeting (Mini Hall)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Quinceanera Mass - Mendoza - Visiting Priest  
Fr. Guthrie (Church)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, July 14th

- 8:30 AM †Woodley & +Della Credeur, †Alfredo &  
†Concepcion Buenaventura, Jenn Post -  
Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday, July 15th

- 8:30 AM †Stanislawa Zielke, †Antoinette Guzzetta, †Gary  
Jessen

## Wednesday, July 16th

- 6:30 PM †Edward Stifter, Living & Deceased Loved Ones  
of Vera Smart, David Leos - Birthday Blessings,  
Sara Genoa - Birthday Blessings

## Thursday, July 17th

- 8:30 AM †Jose & +Rosa Bosch, Living & Deceased Loved  
Ones of Vinnie Saccomanno, Leona Popp -  
Birthday Blessings

## Friday, July 18th

- 8:30 AM †Mac Thornhill, †Maria Nguyen Thi Luu, Sonia  
Villamin, Shelton & Benita Waas - 50th Wedding  
Anniversary Blessings

## Saturday, July 19th

- 5:30 PM †Pam Jessen, M. K. Kurian - Birthday Blessings,  
Clint & Dottie Carlin - Wedding Anniversary  
Blessings

## Sunday, July 20th

- 7:30 AM †Luppino Family, †Jerry Schrader, Sonia  
Villamin  
9:30 AM †Lucia Vung Bui, †Peter Lap Houg, Lucia  
Boone  
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
4:30 PM †Tony Diotalevi, †Regino Rios, †Eva Rios

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: June 14, 2025 - June 20, 2025

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$52,408.14

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$44,351.00

**Difference:** \$8,057.14

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$689.00

**Food Pantry:** \$1,902.00

**Special/2nd Collection:**

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

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

**Aug 3** - Future Development and Maintenance

## Building Together Campaign

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$1,787,234.40

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

**Total Number of Individual Pledges:** 436

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2025 DSF Summary as of July 1, 2025**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$104,395.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 240

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 486

**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 July 1, 2025**

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

**Total Amount Paid:** \$640,429.00

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

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 2,642

**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,

In the last two weeks' bulletins, I shared with you two different rhythms in the celebration of the Mass—the Gathering Rhythm and the Storytelling Rhythm. This week, let us reflect on the third rhythm, which Fr. Paul Bernier calls the *"Nurturing Rhythm."* This is the part of the Eucharist that corresponds to the Communion Rite. During this time, we are fed no ordinary food, but rather the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ! If we are open to the grace, it slowly changes us to become more and more like Christ Himself. We are nurtured to become one with the Trinity! This cultivates our local Church to become supportive and welcoming in every aspect of ministry.

After the readings, we move to the table of the Eucharist. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we (1) set the table, (2) say grace, and (3) share the food. We eat and drink. At Mass, these ritual actions are called:

1. the Preparation of the Gifts
2. the Eucharistic Prayer
3. the Communion Rite

#### Preparation of the Gifts:

The early Christians each brought some bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today, a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made through our monetary contributions. Members of the parish take up a collection from the assembly and bring them to the priest at the altar along with the bread and wine to be used for the sacrifice.

The Eucharistic Prayer which follows brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. The prayer begins with a dialogue between the presider and the assembly. First, the priest greets us with: *"The Lord be with you."* He then asks if we are ready and willing to approach the table and to renew our baptismal commitment, offering ourselves to God: *"Lift up your hearts."* We respond that we are prepared: *"We lift them up to the Lord."* We are invited to give thanks to the Lord our God. And we respond: *"It is right and just."* To *"give thanks"* translates the traditional Greek verb which now names the whole action: *Eucharist*.

#### Preface and Acclamation:

The priest enters the Preface, a prayer which prepares us to come before the face of God. As the wonders of God are told, the assembly cannot hold back their joy and sing aloud: *"Wow! Wow! Wow! What a God we have!"* In the ritual language of the Mass, this acclamation takes the form: *"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory."*

The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist—and continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

We look forward to that glorious day and raise our voices with those of all the saints who have gone before us as the priest raises the consecrated bread and wine and offers a toast—a doxology, a prayer of glory to God in the name of Christ: *"Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, for ever and ever."* Our *"Amen"* to this prayer proclaims our assent and participation in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

### 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

## 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 15th, July 31st, and August 7th**  
**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)

## 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](mailto:justdongoins@gmail.com), Steve Elsner at [stephenelsner@comcast.net](mailto:stephenelsner@comcast.net) or Fr. Thomas with any questions you may have. May the Holy Spirit be with you!



## HISPANIC MINISTRY BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY  
JULY 20TH**

**AFTER MORNING  
MASSES**



Egg & Sausage Burritos  
Egg & Chorizo Burritos  
Egg & Potato Burritos  
Tamales Donuts  
Coffee & Lemonade

**KIDS ZONE**  
Coloring Books  
Cornhole  
Games  
Hula Hoops

## SUPPORT THE MARY QUEEN HISPANIC MINISTRY!



**Come join Elementary Faith Formation and teach our youngest parishioners!**

Contact: [Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org) to volunteer!

We meet approximately 20 times during the year from late September-April, and offer engaging sessions that help children grow in their understanding of God, the Bible, prayer, and living their faith joyfully!

## Class Times & Openings:

**Tuesday | 4:00-5:15 PM**

3rd Grade - 1 opening  
4th Grade - 1 opening  
5th Grade - 1 opening

**Wednesday | 4:00-5:15 PM**

Kindergarten - 1 opening  
1st Grade - 2 openings  
2nd Grade - 1 opening  
3rd Grade - 2 openings

**Tuesday | 5:45-7:00 PM**

Kindergarten - 1 opening  
3rd Grade - 2 openings  
4th Grade - 2 openings

**Wednesday | 5:45-7:00 PM**

Kindergarten - 1 opening  
2nd Grade - 2 openings

## \*Permanent subs are also needed\*

A position is needed at each of these time slots. The volunteer picks which day and time works for them to attend. They attend each week, and this volunteer is willing to be flexible and able to assist in a class as needed.

Contact [Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org) to volunteer today

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

**Mini Reflection:** As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?

## Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't want to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we see, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma  
©LPi

**July 13, 2025**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 10:25-37**

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir  
©LPi

## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

**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

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42







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Mary Queen Catholic Church

# YOUNG ADULTS

College students & Young professionals

All Young Adults of ages 18 & above are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 PM Mass at Mary's House from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian or scan the QR code to join the Mary Queen Young Adults Flocknote group



**Rosary on the Beach**

SATURDAY AUGUST 2



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

CAR POOL FROM MARY QUEEN - 7:00 AM

FIRST SATURDAY HOLY MASS - ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA - 8:00 AM

FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST & ROSARY ON THE BEACH

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



## 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)

## Sacrament of Confirmation *for Adults*

Please join us in praying for these five young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, June 4th, during the Archdiocesan Rite of Confirmation for Adults with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church.

Alija Garcia      John Garza  
Julia Patton      Rafael Rivas  
David Sanders

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire them as they live out their faith with renewed grace and conviction.

With joy and thanksgiving,  
Mary Queen OCIA & Adult Confirmation Team

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Please contact Eby Kurian to learn more at 281-710-8876 or [ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org)



## JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation  
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Upcoming Events

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 style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">15 JULY</p> <p>Youth Faith Formation Registration Opens</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">16 JULY</p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 5:30-6:30 pm</p>
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">17 JULY</p> <p>BASKETBALL GAME vs. St. Bernadette's 2:00-4:00 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">17 JULY</p> <p>Praise &amp; Worship @ Mary Queen 6:30-7:30 pm</p>

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPENS ON JULY 15

More Information

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

## REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION IS OPEN

### JULY 15 - AUGUST 31, 2025

### KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Please note:** *There is a separate registration process for Sacraments (First Holy Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation). You will need to sign up for both registrations. Reach out to your grade level director for more information if you have not previously received an invitation to sign up for Sacraments.*

Classes are filled on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Use the appropriate link below to register your child (*note: links will not work until July 15th*):

#### Kindergarten – 5th Grade:

[maryqueencatholicchurch.org/eff-registration05](http://maryqueencatholicchurch.org/eff-registration05)

#### 6th – 12th Grade:

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#### **Questions? Contact the Director for Your Grade Level:**

**K–5th Grades:** Carol Stuart —  
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**9–12th Grades:** Trey Brock —  
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**Has your child not attended Faith Formation Classes or not been baptized, and you want to find out more? Call us or join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to adults.**



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This opportunity is designed to support Catechists in their Catechetical ministry with practical, simple ways of passing down the Faith while using the Archdiocesan Curriculum and Lesson Design. These hours of training will be counted as electives toward your Catechist record. This event is free to all. *Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, as space is limited.*

**UPCOMING CLASSES:**

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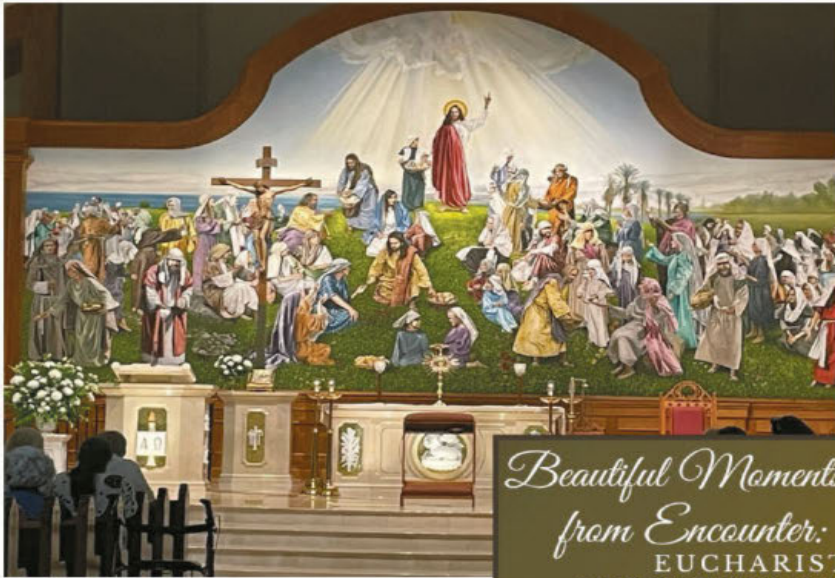
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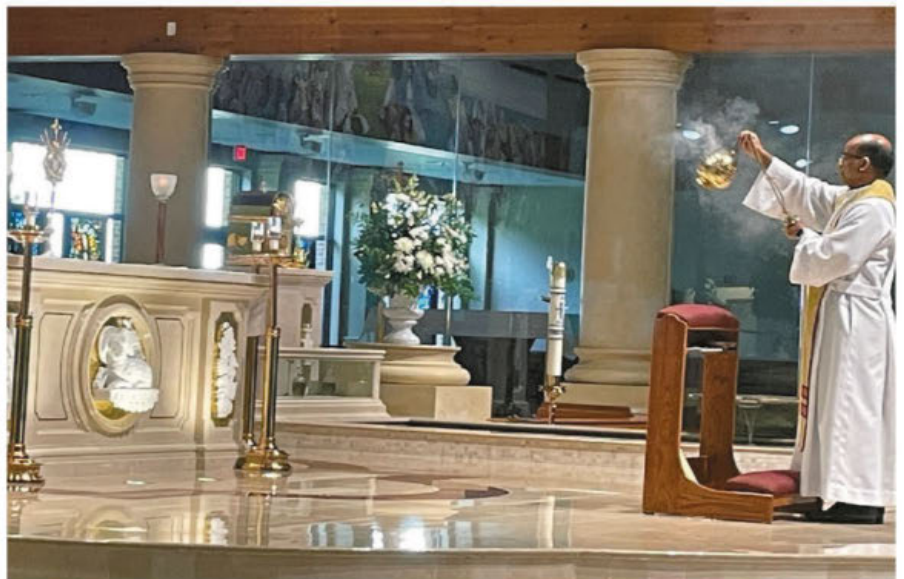
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**Tuesday, August 19**  
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Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson

**Tuesday, October 14**  
6pm-9pm  
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**Saturday, November 1**  
One Day Retreat  
St. Dominic Center, Houston

Join us this fall for Verbum Tuum, a four-part spiritual formation program tailored for young adults eager to discover the mission that God is inviting them to pursue. This initiative is perfect for those seeking guidance on how to discern and follow God's call in their life. For more information or to register, visit: <https://houstonvocations.com/events>

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Bulletin, eNews, website, or social media

**Contact: Sherri Lindsey, Communications Coordinator**  
**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 27 Bulletin - July 14 Deadline  
August 3 Bulletin - July 21 Deadline  
August 10 Bulletin - July 28 Deadline



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

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### US Coast Guard:

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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](mailto: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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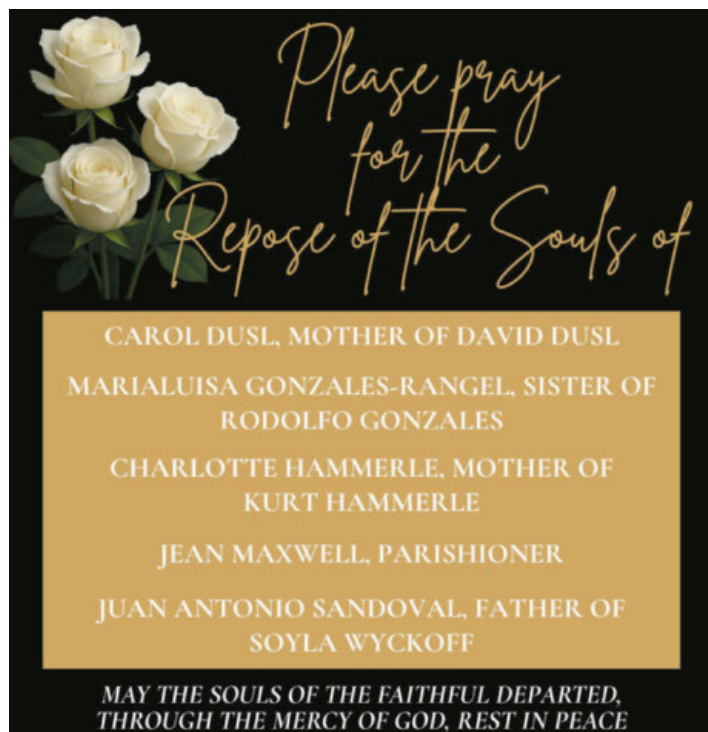
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*Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*



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.



## SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA



### What is Serra Club?

Serra is a global organization, but every Serran will tell you that they spend most of their energy at the grassroots level, as part of their local Serra Club. In collaboration with the local diocese, clubs organize and promote a huge array of events and programs—prayer for vocations, dinners for clergy, vocation curriculum in Catholic schools, events for altar servers, and literally thousands of other programs.

We are passionate, creative, and energetic Catholics! While we pray and work for vocations, we are also keenly aware of the value of friendship and mutual support. Our clubs are places of deep friendship, where men and women enjoy camaraderie while growing in faith. We're mission-oriented, but also committed to personal growth in holiness.

Serra was formed in 1935 when a small group of lay people in Seattle decided to form an organization to promote and foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. As a result, they chose Father Junipero Serra, the great missionary, as their patron and named the organization Serra Club of Seattle.

Serra International is the only lay organization aggregated to a primary pontifical work. This extraordinary status was conferred in 1951. Our special relationship with the Holy Father was renewed again at the 2017 Serra International in Rome, during which more than 600 Serrans gathered with the Holy Father to focus on our work of promoting vocations throughout the global Church.

Today, there are more than 500 Serra Clubs around the world in 30 countries, comprised of thousands of lay Catholics. We are men and women of all ages and from all walks of life. We have a variety of professional backgrounds. Many of us are retired, though we have many younger members as well. All of us have one thing in common: ***we love our Catholic faith, and we are dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations.***

**Interested in joining us or learning more? We invite and encourage everyone to attend a meeting! Serra Club of the Bay Area meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Mary Queen. A program of speakers is scheduled every 4th Thursday of the month. With our chaplain Fr. Thomas, we are planning a "Come and See" program soon.**

**Please contact Frank Bejarano at  
fjbejara@hotmail.com or Adela Castro at  
amcastro1@verizon.net to learn more!**



### What Is Mammon?

#### Question:

When Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon," what does he mean? What is mammon?

#### Answer:

When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."?

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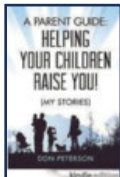
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