



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 20, 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

**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**

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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.

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, July 20th

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning

Masses - Main Hall)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms (Church)

2:30 PM - 3:

Monday, July 21st

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

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 110/Library)

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

Tuesday, July 22nd

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)

4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF
(Mary's House)

Wednesday, July 23rd

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM 'That Man Is You' - Summer Series - AFF (Main Hall)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group
Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, July 24th

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Mini Hall)

Friday, July 25th

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

Saturday, July 26th

Queen Bee Quilters Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses - Narthex)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19th

5:30 PM †Pam Jessen, M. J. 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

Monday, July 21st

8:30 AM †Virgilio Saquin, †Paul Gosselin, Geri Mills

Tuesday, July 22nd

8:30 AM †Ernie Heeb, †Cody Owen, †Elizabeth
Addington

Wednesday, July 23rd

6:30 PM †Betty Pitre, Dan & Connie Zmurk, Izaak
LaBauve - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, July 24th

8:30 AM †Henryka Narloch, †Jeremias Pulumbarit, Living
& Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano -
Enriquez Family

Friday, July 25th

8:30 AM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, Ofelia Valdez, Gloria
McCormack

Saturday, July 26th

5:30 PM †Sam De Los Santos, David Gautreaux -
Birthday Blessings, Justin Karam - Birthday
Blessings, Jose & MaryLou Duplan -
50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, July 27th

7:30 AM †Regino & †Eva Rios, †Betty Pitre, †Mac
Thornhill

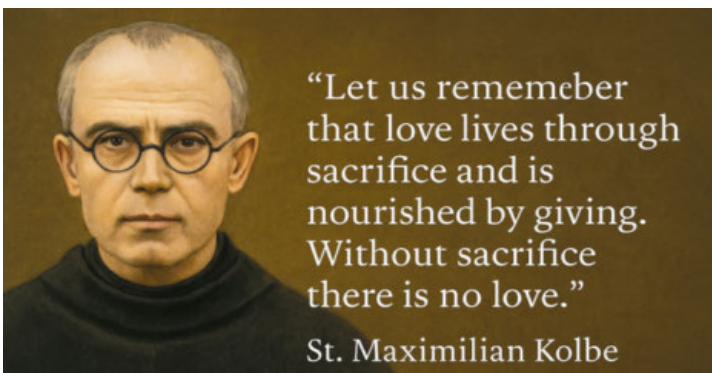
9:30 AM †Joseph Brandon Huy, †Robert Burns, Sr.,
†Jerry Schrader

11:30 AM †Mary Ann Sanchez, †Gayle Camet, †Barbara
Camet

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: June 21, 2025 - June 27, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: *\$0

Weekly Budgeted Amount: *\$0

Difference: \$0

Future Development & Maintenance: \$254.00

Food Pantry: \$902.00

Special/2nd Collection: Corpus Christi Sunday/

St. Mary's Seminary \$37,584.33

**All weekly offertory collections for this week went to support St. Mary's Seminary*

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

Aug 3 - Future Development and Maintenance

August 10 - Infirm Priests

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,788,432.87

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of July 10, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$107,320.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 246

Total Number of Gifts Received: 508

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 July 10, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$640,833.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,646

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,

This is the fourth and final write-up on the **"Teaching Mass."** Allow me to continue with the Nurturing Rhythm from last week by sharing some thoughts on the Communion Rite, the Our Father, and the Sign of Peace.

We prepare to eat and drink at the Lord's table with those words taught to us by Jesus: *"Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."*

Keenly aware that communion is both the sign and source of our reconciliation and union with God and one another, we make a gesture of union and forgiveness with those around us by offering them a sign of peace. The priest then shows us the Body of Christ and invites us to come to the table:

"Behold the Lamb of God... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

The members of the assembly now approach the altar in procession. As God fed our ancestors in the desert on their pilgrimage, so God gives us food for our journey. We approach the priest or minister who gives us the Eucharistic bread with the words, *"The Body of Christ,"* and we respond, *"Amen."* We then go to the deacon or minister with the cup, who gives it to us with the words, *"The Blood of Christ,"* to which we again profess our *"Amen."*

During this procession, we usually sing a hymn, which unites our voices, minds, and hearts, even as the Body and Blood of Christ unite our bodies. We then pray silently in our hearts, thanking and praising God, and asking for all that this sacrament promises. The priest unites our prayers in the Prayer After Communion, to which we respond, *"Amen."*

4. PROPHETIC AND MISSIONING RHYTHM

We are commissioned to go forth and dance God's dance for the world to see. By dancing this dance, we evangelize others about God's glory, grace, and blessing in our lives.

Finally, we prepare to go back into the world in which we will live for the coming week. The burdens we laid down at the door of the church for this Eucharist we now must bear again, but we do so strengthened by this Eucharist and by this community.

After the final blessing, the priest or deacon dismisses the assembly: *"Go in peace."* And we give our liturgical *"yes"* by saying, *"Thanks be to God."*

We leave the assembly and the church building, but we carry something with us. What happens in our lives during the week gives deeper meaning to the ritual actions we celebrated at Mass, whether it's family life or serving the poor. It is only in relation to our daily lives that the full meaning of the Mass becomes clear to us.

This is God's dance - the dance of the Kingdom. Building this Kingdom makes us dance according to His rhythm, His rules. We are called not to allow the world to change us, but, guided by His Spirit, to change the world.

Shall we dance?

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.



OCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our OCIA 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.

AROUND THE PARISH

Family Dinners with Our Priests

The Bringing Them Home Committee has begun monthly dinners where parish families can share a meal and fellowship with Father Thomas! The first dinner, hosted by the Buratti family, was a wonderful evening of faith, conversation, and community. Upcoming dates will be available starting in September – stay tuned for details!



Brady Family



Baker Family



Central Texas Flood Relief

Catholic Charities and social service agencies are stepping up to bring support and relief to those affected by the deadly floods in Central Texas. You can see a list of items needed and where to donate at www.archgh.org/news/centexfloodrelief

You can also make a financial gift to Catholic Charities of San Antonio at bit.ly/help4484. Additionally, Archbishop Joe Vásquez is requesting continued prayers for the flood victims, those still missing, the families impacted and first responders helping with recovery efforts. You can read his statements at www.archgh.org/archbishops-corner

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

Mini reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to His feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, He basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did He do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to Him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma
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July 20, 2025
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits His friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to Him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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The OCIA: A Journey of Faith

Since Jesus invited His first followers to “Come, follow me,” the image of a journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us, faith is a journey marked by moments of conversion along the way... we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration, and community - five basic elements that are present in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly called RCIA). The OCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community. The purpose of the OCIA is literally “the making of Christians,” for as Tertullian wrote in the 4th century, “Christians are made, not born.”

Join us on this journey...

You are cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian faith by attending the **Evangelization Sessions**, beginning Thursday, September 4th.

This invitation is extended to:

- Anyone who has never been baptized and/or has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- Anyone who was baptized Catholic as a child but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
- Anyone who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith

We welcome all inquiries and look forward to accompanying you soon.

Please email **Eby Kurian**, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA, at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org or call 281-710-8876.


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



A LETTER FROM FATHER THOMAS

Schedule Update for High School and Middle School Faith Formation and Youth OCIA!

At the end of the school year, I invited Tim Colbert, the Director of the Archdiocesan Catechesis and Evangelization Office, and his team to help us evaluate our youth religious education program. Based on the recommendations they made, we are broadening our Youth Program to embrace the fullness of a comprehensive youth ministry. I am grateful for our youth directors, Trey Brock and Sarah Kennepohl, as well as many catechists and parents, for their leadership, commitment, love, and support of our youth.

In the next school year, to better serve the needs of our growing parish, High School Faith Formation will now be held on Sundays after the 4:30 PM Mass. Confirmation Year 1 and 2, as well as The Deep, will meet for Faith Formation from 5:45–7:00 PM. This slight shift in schedule for high schoolers will allow us to go through our lessons after having worshipped together at Mass. Last year, High School Faith Formation was before the 4:30 PM Mass. This change in time will also allow some of our catechists who serve at the 4:30 PM Mass, as well as some of the teens who are in the choir, band, or other ministries, to arrive early as needed.

With High School Faith Formation being moved to 5:45 PM on Sundays, Jr. High Faith Formation will now be on alternating Wednesdays from 5:45–7:00 PM. Our Jr. High Coordinator, Sarah Kennepohl, will use this change in schedule as an opportunity to engage more closely with the Wednesday evening Mass as part of the curriculum. This midweek shift offers a dedicated atmosphere, fewer scheduling conflicts with extracurriculars, and a refreshed energy that helps students engage more deeply with their faith journey.

Youth OCIA will be moved to Thursday nights from 5:30–6:30 PM. This change allows us to have more space on Sundays, as well as tailor more specialized catechesis for our Candidates, Catechumens, and First Communicants.

This new schedule not only supports a more focused learning environment but also strengthens our parish community across all age groups. We are excited about what is ahead and hope these changes make it easier for families to participate and stay spiritually connected.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil

See Page 10 for Faith Formation Registration Details and Links



21 JULY
AYC PARENT MEETING
5:30-6:30 pm

23 JULY
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
5:30-6:30 pm

25 JULY
Day 1 of AYC

27 JULY
Last day of AYC

AYC 2025

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) gathers over 1,500 participants from all over the local Church. AYC is the largest evangelizing event for older adolescents that the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization hosts annually.

Participants will experience the diversity of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! They will have the opportunity to share and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through daily Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, dynamic talks, and other prayer experiences.

MORE INFORMATION

Trey Brock, Youth Director | 281-482-1391 (ext. 317)
tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org

AROUND THE PARISH

REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN JULY 15 - AUGUST 31, 2025
KINDERGARTEN - 12th GRADE

Important 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.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR GRADE LEVEL DIRECTOR

- K-5th Grades: Carol Stuart — CStuart@maryqueenchurch.org
- 6-8th Grades: Sarah Kennepohl — SKennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org
- 9-12th Grades: Trey Brock — TBrock@maryqueenchurch.org

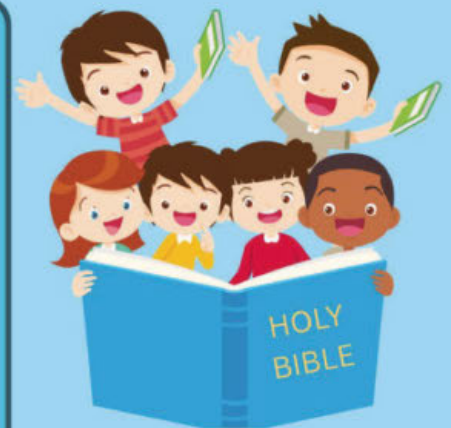
HOW TO REGISTER

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
Use the appropriate link below to register your child:

K - 5th Grade:
tinyurl.com/MQCC-FF1



6th - 12th Grade:
tinyurl.com/MQCC-FF3



IS YOUR CHILD UNBAPTIZED, MISSING SACRAMENTS, OR HASN'T ATTENDED FAITH FORMATION CLASSES?

We're here to help! Children in 2nd grade through 12th grade who need Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation should contact Carol Stuart at cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org to learn more.



Come join Elementary Faith Formation and teach our youngest parishioners!

Contact: 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 to volunteer today

Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale JULY 26 - 27 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 September 27, 2025 at the Women's Ministry Luncheon at Mary Queen. Winner need not be present to win.

**Tickets on sale after all Masses
July 26 - 27**

Altar Server — TRAINING —

The final two altar server training sessions will be on July 31 and August 7 from 6:00 - 7:00/7:30 PM

For questions please contact Kara Pohlkamp at kara.pohlkamp@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AFTER WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 9 - 10



Calling all Catechists, Volunteers & Teen Volunteers!!

Please consider joining Jr High Faith Formation for the 2025-26 year!!

Looking for Core Team leaders, members, hospitality crew, music leaders, game enthusiasts and Holy Spirit filled speakers.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY 5:45-7pm

Please contact:

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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.

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

August 3 Bulletin - July 21 Deadline
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Mary Magdalene

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the Resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing His body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the Resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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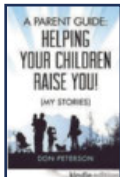
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