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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 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 27th

Coffee & Donuts - Pastoral Council (After All Morning Masses - Main Hall)

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Monday, July 28th

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 29th

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 30th

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 31st

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Summer Altar Server Training (Church)

Friday, August 1st

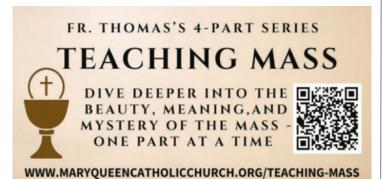
8:30 AM First Friday Mass (Church)
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30 AM First Saturday Mass (Church)

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Private Baptisms - Karam and Lunney (Church)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Monday, July 28th

Tuesday, July 29th

8:30 AM †Renita Labrie, †Jenn Bartram, Rolando Villamin

Wednesday, July 30th

Thursday, July 31st

8:30 AM †Marian Ganter, †Adolf Wehner, Ray & Marie Valadez - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Friday, August 1st

8:30 AM †Simon Kucera, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone, Maryanne Post - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30 AM †Rose Mary Hitt, +Mike Vukelich, +Joanne Chagra

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 AM **†**Tomas Labrador, **†**Juan Antonio Sandoval, Victims of Central TX Flooding

9:30 AM †Dr. Charles & +Philomena St. George, †Sam De Los Santos, Tedd Anastas - Birthday Blessings

11:30 AM †Frances Hewitt, †Carol Marie Dusl, †Linda England

TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

Offertory: June 28, 2025 - July 11, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$80,510.55 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$80,933.00

Difference: (\$422.45)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$6,616.00

Food Pantry: \$4,619.00

Special/2nd Collection: Peter's Pence \$5,947.00

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: \$1,789,829.68

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of July 15, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$109,519.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 250
Total Number of Gifts Received: 521

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 15, 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.

- Go to the following link https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
- 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!



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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In every community, there are members who, due to age, illness, or circumstance, are unable to join the wider congregation in worship and fellowship. These treasured members of our faith family, often known as the homebound, remind us daily of the sacred responsibility we share as followers of Christ: to reach out, to comfort, and to be present for one another.

Today, I wish to write about the profound ministry of visiting the homebound—why it matters, how it touches lives, and how we may all become instruments of God's love in this gentle but vital way. First, I would like to thank our **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound**, who generously offer their time to bring Holy Communion every Sunday morning after the 7:30 Mass to many members of our parish who are unable to go to church. Their exemplary ministry brings comfort and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

On the second, third, and fourth Fridays of every month, **Fr. Jim** goes to three different nursing homes to offer Mass for the Catholic residents. *Friendship Haven, Village on the Park,* and *Morada* are within our parish boundaries. Fr. Jim is assisted by many volunteers from our parish who give their time generously to set up and help with music during the Mass. There are times when Fr. Jim anoints or hears confessions while there. I am grateful that Fr. Jim has taken on this beautiful ministry, which he loves to do.

The call to visit and care for those who are isolated is woven throughout Scripture. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus says, "I was sick, and you visited me." This passage is more than a command; it is an invitation to recognize Christ in the faces of those who wait patiently in the quiet corners of our community. From the earliest days of the Church, believers gathered not only in temples but in homes, bringing support, encouragement, and prayer to all—especially the most vulnerable.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer those who are homebound is the gift of **presence**. In a world that moves quickly, where technology sometimes replaces true connection, a personal visit says, *You are not forgotten. You are cherished*. It is not the eloquence of our prayers nor the length of our stay that matters most, but our willingness to pause, listen, and share in another's life, however briefly.

In God's family, no one is ever truly alone. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, carrying light into the homes and hearts of all God's children. The ministry of visiting the sick and bringing Holy Communion is not just a duty; it is a **privilege**—a grace-filled encounter with Christ Himself in the suffering members of His Body. It is a beautiful witness to the truth that in every stage of life, especially in moments of illness or vulnerability, God is near and His Church is present.

May every visit, great or small, be a testament to the enduring love that binds us together as one body, one spirit, and one eternal fellowship in Christ.

Amen.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



First Friday Mass

Friday, August 1st at 8:30 am

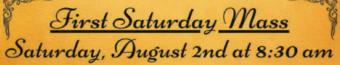
followed by

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

WHY ATTEND FIRST FRIDAYS?

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



WHY ATTEND FIRST SATURDAYS?

TO HONOR THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, MAKE REPARATION FOR SIN, AND RECEIVE THE GRACES SHE PROMISED TO THOSE WHO COMPLETE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS—INCLUDING ASSISTANCE AT THE HOUR OF DEATH.

Learn more about the
First Nine Fridays and the
First Five Saturdays devotions here:





TRAFFIC NOTICE FOR 7:30 AM PARISHIONERS!

ROTARY FIGGY TRIATHLON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 STEVENSON PARK

On Sunday, August 3rd, the Friendswood Rotary Club is hosting a kids triathlon at Stevenson Park. As part of the event, the intersection of Cedarwood and Castlewood will be temporarily blocked by police for the safety of the participants.

This will impact parishioners attending the 7:30 AM Mass, as access from Castlewood will be restricted. The bike portion should be finished before the 9:30 AM Mass, but we recommend avoiding this intersection in case there are delays.

Thank you for your understanding and support of this community event!

Hispanic Ministry Monthly Meeting

Please join us on Monday, August 4th,
7pm at Mary's House for our May
monthly meeting. The meeting is from
7:00 – 8:30pm. After the meeting we
will have a brief reception. You are
welcome to bring your snack of choice
to share after the meeting.
We hope to see you there.

For more information, please contact Aurora Garza at mghispanicministry@gmail.com

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

Mini reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?). We don't always know if we should (It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all). We don't even know if we want to (It's nighttime! He might be angry!).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So knock.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma ©LPi

PRAY & REFLECT

July 27, 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col3:1 -5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



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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







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.

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Don't delay - register today!

SEE PAGE 10 FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION & LINKS



27 JULY

Last day of AYC

6 10 AUGUST

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

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

30

JULY

High School Core Team Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm

AYC 2025

High School Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 21. We will meet every Sunday from 5:45-7:00 PM this year. If your teen desires to prepare for Confirmation, please sign them up ASAP! We have a special team dedicated to truth and teaching the Catholic Faith in all its fullness. Also, if your teen has already been confirmed and desires to go deeper in their faith, have them sign up for our post-Confirmation program The Deep. And finally, anybody looking to become Catholic is invited to join OCIA. Here at Mary Queen, we use the Church's philosophical and theological wisdom to uncompromisingly teach the Catholic Faith and prepare high school youth to live out their baptismal vocation.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

More Information

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



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.

Please contact: skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org



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

Tuesday | 5:45-7:00 PM

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

Wednesday | 4:00-5:15 PM

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



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 <u>CStuart@maryqueenchurch.org</u>
- 6-8th Grades: Sarah Kennepohl <u>SKennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org</u>
- 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 5th grade who need Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation should contact Carol Stuart at <u>cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org</u> to learn more. Children in 6th grade through 12th grade who need Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation should contact Trey Brock at <u>tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org</u> to learn more.



BRINGING THEM HOME THROUGH

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

What better way to grow closer as a parish family than around the dinner table? Bringing Them Home Through Faith and Fellowship invites parish families to welcome Father Thomas – and often Father Trey and Father Jim – into their homes for an evening of conversation, connection, and prayer.

Each visit begins with introductions and a blessing of the host family's home, followed by a shared meal. Whether casual or formal, potluck or plated, the heart of this evening is simply sharing stories, laughter, and faith in a personal and welcoming setting.

August dates are full, but September and future dates will be available soon!

Families interested in hosting can register by scanning the code or visiting our website at www.bit.ly/dinner-with-our-priest to be contacted with upcoming dates.





Don't miss a special screening of THE KING OF KINGS on Saturday, August 30th at 7:00PM in St. Charbel Youth Center, hosted by Mary Queen Adult Faith Formation Department!

This timeless classic brings the life, ministry, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the big screen in a stunning cinematic experience. Beloved by audiences for generations, this film was praised by none other than Charles Dickens' son, who called it "the most remarkable religious motion picture ever made."

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and inspiration as we journey through the greatest story ever told. Tickets: \$ 8 Adults | Kids 12 & Under - Free!

Get yours here: https://bit.ly/KingofKingsMQ

Questions? Contact Eby at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

Altar Server

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



PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS PRAYER TEAM

Mary Queen Catholic Church

A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS







DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY



SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM ST. HELEN PEARLAND, TX

Couple \$64 Childcare \$5/child

Register by August 11 to grab an Early Bird discount



REGISTER HERE!

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org/pearland



Texas Catholic Herald

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

US Air Force:

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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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





We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.



Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



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.

Please return completed forms to the nomination box at the front desk or by email to Tamijern5@gmail.com

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August 10 Bulletin - July 28 Deadline August 17 Bulletin - August 4 Deadline August 24 Bulletin - August 11 Deadline

Weddings



Question: This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things.

Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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