

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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



**Pastor** Rev. Thomas Vellappallil, M.S.



**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Trey Crespo, M.S.

### **Priest in Residence**

Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S.

### **Deacons**

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### Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Missionaries of **Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org www.lasalette.org

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

### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

### Sunday

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

### **First Saturdays** 8:30 AM

**Daily Mass** 

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

### Daily Rosary

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

### First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### **Welcome to Mary Queen!**

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

### **Mission Statement**

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

### 2025 Mass Intentions

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

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

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 3rd

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Private Baptism - Karam (Church)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Private Baptism - Lunney (Church)

### Monday, August 4th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gabriel Project Meeting (Room 110/Library)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Pilgrimage Meeting - Fr. Skip (Mini Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

### Tuesday, August 5th

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

### Wednesday, August 6th

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, August 7th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Parish Staff Meeting
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop (Mini Hall)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Summer Altar Server Training (Church)
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

### Friday, August 8th

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

### Saturday, August 9th

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial - Capone (Church)
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Bereavement Meal - Capone (Main Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### 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

### Monday, August 4th

8:30 AM †Joan Radous, †Rosalio Laurel, Sr., †Jacob Rhodes

### Tuesday, August 5th

### Wednesday, August 6th

6:30 PM †William Boyle, †John the Baptist - Tam Pham, Madeline Gregory

### Thursday, August 7th

8:30 AM †Nhiem Nguyen, †Elmer Johnson, Sarah Matthew

### Friday, August 8th

8:30 AM **†**Joseph Leba, Donna Karam - Birthday Blessings, Sara Genoa - Birthday Blessings

### Saturday, August 9th

5:30 PM †Darrell Whitehouse, Living & Deceased Loved
Ones of Roy & Tracy Glanville, Living &
Deceased Loved Ones of the Scruggs & Arcotta
Families

### Sunday, August 10th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
 9:30 AM †Cyntia Olivares, †Joseph Leba, Lucia Boone, Steven Ridout - Birthday Blessings
 11:30 AM †Rene Portocorrero, †Armando Burgos, Living &

Deceased Loved Ones of James and Connie
Stryk

4:30 PM †Maria Trevino, †Que Tran, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olivarria

## 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 <a href="mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org">anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org</a>.

### **FORMED**

To sign up for FORMED, visit <a href="https://www.formed.org/signup">www.formed.org/signup</a>

- 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 <a href="https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1">https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1</a>.

### **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 <a href="https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/">https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/</a>.

### **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 <a href="mailto:baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org">baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org</a>.

### 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 <a href="https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org">www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org</a>.



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### My Dear Parishioners,

At this point in the summer, our youth have been to Brave Camp and AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference), two retreats that Mary Queen has a long tradition of attending. We took over 60 teens to Brave Camp from June 23rd to 28th, and we had about 20 teens with us for AYC last weekend. There were about 300 teens, mostly from our deanery parishes, who went to Brave Camp. Fr. Trey accompanied them as the chaplain. There were 1,900 high schoolers who attended AYC from around the archdiocese. These retreats allow our youth to break away from their normal routines and encounter God in a unique way. At these retreats, the unity of our Catholic faith is put on display as our teens can meet other young Catholics around the archdiocese. They worship and pray together, listen to dynamic talks, and build lasting friendships. At Brave and AYC, the young Church is on full display and serves as a sure sign of hope for the future. It was an amazing experience for me as I joined the youth to be with them at AYC. What a beautiful experience to see the beauty and the power of faith expressed through our youth. It was so impressive to see their participation and love for the Eucharist in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church is alive. Please join me in thanking our youth directors and chaperones who generously commit their time and dedication to bringing our youth closer to God.

As the summertime brings us warmth and rest, our children are blessed with new opportunities for adventure, friendship, and growth. While the summer months bring joy and excitement, they also invite us to be especially mindful of our role as guardians, both for our children's safety and for their spiritual well-being. I encourage you to cherish this season as a time to nurture your children's faith. Don't forget to take them to church on Sundays. I have seen many parents doing that. They are my heroes. Share stories of hope and love from Scripture, pray together, and make space for conversations about God's presence in everyday moments. Whether on family walks, at the dinner table, or during moments of play, let your words and actions reflect Christ's love. At the same time, watch over your children's safety with loving vigilance. Teach them wisdom and care as they explore the world around them, be it swimming at the pool or at the beach, playing in the park, camping, or traveling with friends. Your guidance and presence are gifts that offer both reassurance and protection. May this summer be filled with laughter, growth, and lasting memories. Let us walk hand in hand with our children, leading them ever closer to the heart of God.

Many Blessings,

## Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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

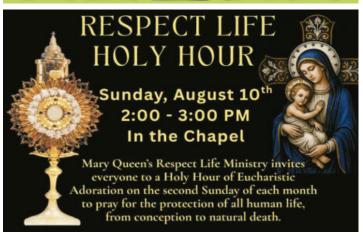


**FINAL MEETING** 

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

As a new school year begins, we invite all students to bring their backpacks for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during our Masses on the weekend of









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!

Scan here to get your tickets or go to https://bit.ly/KingofKingsMQ





Watch the trailer on YouTube at https://tinyurl.com/MaryQueen-king-of-kings

For more information: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA - ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

### **HELP RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY**

Our Food Pantry is currently out of **jelly, oatmeal, canned beans, and rice**, and we need your help to restock these essentials. The Food Bank has recently limited the number of items we can order, making your donations more important than ever.

Each week, we serve families and individuals in our community who rely on these staples to put meals on the table. Please consider bringing donations of these items this week. Every jar, bag, or can you share helps feed our neighbors and shows the love of Christ in action.

Thank you for your continued generosity and care for those in need!

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

**Mini reflection:** If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

### The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma ©LPi

## PRAY & REFLECT

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday**: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday**: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday**: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

**Next Sunday**: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



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What comes to mind when you think of a Catholic apologist? An author with a bestselling book? A radio personality that knows the answer to every question? What about yourself?

The purpose of this Bible study is to help you become an everyday apologist – an ordinary person who is able to share the beliefs of the Catholic Church in truth and love.

How is this study going to help you do this?

- Give you a vision for what apologetics is.
- Show you seven principles to use when you dialogue with others about faith.
- Outline seven key topics on the Catholic faith and give you specific Scripture verses and reasons for what the Catholic Church believes on these topics and why.

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. To join the Young Adults email group for updates and events, visit *maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/youngadults* or scan the QR code



### **Inquiries Welcome!**

You may have a friend or family member who has never been baptized or baptized in another Christian faith. An acquaintance or coworker may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church. Someone may indicate to you they are searching for a sense of community, or a desire to hear more of the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel.

They are all cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending an Evangelization session on Thursday, September 4th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Main Hall. This is their opportunity to ask questions about "All things Catholic" such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do. This is their opportunity to raise the issues that are on their minds or in their hearts. This is their chance to get information with no commitment!

Those who have never been baptized can investigate what it means to be a Catholic. Those baptized in another Christian tradition can explore the process to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. And those baptized Catholic as infants but were not raised as Catholic can learn about being Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist.

**The first step begins with you, today,** as you invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to explore what it means to be Catholic.

We encourage members of the Mary Queen community to consider being a part of the OCIA team whereby sharing your faith, you will receive the gift that comes by helping others grow in theirs. Finally, we ask you to consider being sponsors, to walk with and support the inquirers as they grow. Please welcome them warmly into our community.

Please email Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org & OCIA to sign up.

# JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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





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





6 AUGUST

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

5:30-6:30 pm

13 AUGUST

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 5:30-6:30 pm 10 AUGUST

High School Core Team Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm

14 AUGUST

OCIA 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



Elementary Faith Formation K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025
Time: Following the 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses
Location: Main Hall

For ALL Parents of Children in Grades K-5

Parent sign-in is required.

This is a one-time annual meeting, and all parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

We'll cover important information including:

What to expect this year
Class schedules
Attendance and absentee policies
Program updates and more!

If you have a child in Grades 4 & 5th and would like them to dismiss their younger siblings, a permission form will be completed at this meeting.

Let's start the year off strong—we look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org for more info!

# Calling all Catechists, Volunteers & Teen Volunteers!!

Looking for Core Team leaders,

members,

hospitality crew, music leaders, game enthusiasts and Holy Spirit filled speakers. Do you feel called to make a meaningful impact in the lives of youth? We're looking for passionate, Spirit-filled volunteers for our upcoming school year! Whether you're a seasoned leader or exploring a new way to serve, there's a place for you.

## Training, materials, and support provided! \* We're seeking:

Core Team Leaders – Lead small groups through Scripture, prayer, and real-life applications

Team Members – Support leaders, engage with students, and foster community

Hospitality Crew/Safety Monitors – Welcome youth, prepare snacks, and create a

safe environment

Music Leaders – Use your musical gifts to lead worship and praise

Game Enthusiasts – Plan and run fun, teen-friendly activities

Holy Spirit-Filled Speakers – Share short, impactful talks on faith, prayer, and life

Please contact: skennepohl@marygueenchurch.org

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

year!!

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

# AROUND THE PARISH



### HISPANIC MINISTRY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY AFTER MORNING MASSES

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

Coloring Books
Cornhole
Games
Hula Hoops

### SUPPORT THE MARY QUEEN HISPANIC MINISTRY!



### 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.





BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS FROM ENCOUNTER: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP - JULY 17, 2025









# Secod, Servingo August Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team Elder Care and Aging with Dignity

As a parish rooted in compassion and respect for every stage of life, we invite you to join us in prayer for our elders and all those who care for them. Aging is a sacred journey-one that should be met with dignity, love, and support. You are encouraged to put a copy of the below prayer where you will pray it every day this month.

PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS PRAYER TEAM

Mary Queen Catholic Church

Scripture reminds us: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (Psalm 71:9).

## A Prayer for Elder Care and Aging with Dignity

Loving God,

You are the source of life and the keeper of every season.

We thank You for the gift of our elders for their wisdom, love, and witness of faith.

As they grow older, may their dignity be honored.

Grant them peace in pain, strength in weakness, and joy in Your abiding presence.

Bless caregivers with compassion and families with patience.

Help our communities cherish each life, especially in times of frailty.

May we serve with mercy, respect, and love. Guide all aging hearts closer to You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### 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.

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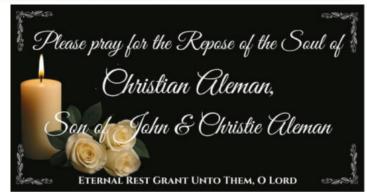
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Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen





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.

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# Q&A

### **Marian Feasts**

### Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer: Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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