

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

#### 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.

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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 10th

Walking With Purpose Information Table (At All Masses)

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale (After Morning Masses)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Women's ACTS Retreat Commissioning Mass (Church)

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Private Baptism - Cardenas (Church)

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Women's ACTS Team - Salt Covenant (Chapel)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour (Chapel)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM High School Faith Formation First Catechist Meeting (YC)

#### Monday, August 11th

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, August 12th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Bingo/Program (Mini Hall)
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)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Committee Meeting - Fr. Thomas (Library)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF

(Mary's House)

#### Wednesday, August 13th

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

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

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

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group

Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)

7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Women's ACTS Retreat Team Meetings (Main Hall)

#### Thursday, August 14th

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop (Mini Hall)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OCIA First Catechist Meeting - Youth Ministry (YC)

7:00 PM Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass (Church)

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

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

#### Friday, August 15th The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Pastoral Offices Closed

8:30 AM Mass (Church) 7:00 PM Mass (Church)

#### Saturday, August 16th

OCIA Witness Talks (At All Masses)

6:00 AM - 10:00 AM Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast -

Knights of Columbus # 8494 (Main Hall)

6:00 AM - 10:30 AM Mobile Food Distribution - Social Services (Back Lot)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial - Dusl (Church)

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bereavement Meal - Dusl (Main Hall)

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### 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

11:30 AM †Rene Portocorrero, †Armando Burgos, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of James and Connie

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

#### Monday, August 11th

8:30 AM †Elmer Johnson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Don & Becky Adam, Steve & Lisa VanMeter - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

#### Tuesday, August 12th

8:30 AM †Linda England, †Jeff Peterson, Aaron Arribe -Birthday Blessings

#### Wednesday, August 13th

6:30 PM †Jerry Adam, †Elmer Johnson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Rovan & Ming Torres

#### Thursday, August 14th

8:30 AM †Geoffrey Young, †Virginia Bossert, †Christian

7:00 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

#### Friday, August 15th

8:30 AM †Mary Ann Lowdermilk, †Diana Peters, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Mary & Hilman Reviere

7:00 PM †Patricia Bonar, †Jean Maxwell, Norman & Sharyn Stuart - 55th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

#### Saturday, August 16th

5:30 PM †Mary Campagna, †Pam Jessen, †Gary Jessen

#### Sunday, August 17th

7:30 AM Roberta Prindiville, Casualties of India Plane Crash Al-1711, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Pesl & Kloesel Families

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

11:30 AM Miller Family, Lindsey Family, Living &

Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family

Gautreaux

## TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

Offertory: July 12, 2025 - July 18, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,397.48 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$44,166.00

Difference: (\$3,768.52)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$375.00

Food Pantry: \$2,338.46

Special/2nd Collection: Peter's Pence \$6,430.00

#### **Upcoming Special/2nd Collections**

August 10 - Infirm Priests

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 7 - University of St. Thomas

#### **Building Together Campaign**

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,801,445.09

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

**Diocesan Services Fund** 

2025 DSF Summary as of July 24, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$110,334.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 251
Total Number of Gifts Received: 531

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

To make your gift or for more information, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf.

<u>www.archgn.org/usi</u>.

IGNITE Campaign 2022 IGNITE Summary as of July 24, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00 Total Amount Paid: \$640,943.00 Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32 Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,648 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 <a href="https://www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign">www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign</a>.

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.
- 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 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 <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

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

#### My Dear Parishioners,

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 our 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 will allow us to go through our lessons after having worshiped together at Mass. Last year, High School Faith Formation was held before the 4:30 PM Mass. This new 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 take place on Wednesdays from 5:45–7:00 PM. Our Jr. High Coordinator, Sarah Kennepohl, will use this change in schedule as an opportunity to engage closely with the Wednesday evening Mass as part of the curriculum. This midweek shift offers a more focused atmosphere, fewer scheduling conflicts with extracurricular activities, 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 free up space on Sundays and to 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're excited about what's ahead and hope these changes make it easier for families to participate and stay spiritually connected.

#### Many Blessings,

## Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





#### **HISPANIC MINISTRY BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY AFTER MORNING MASSES

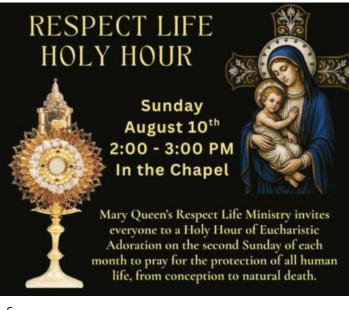
Egg & Sausage Burritos Egg & Chorizo Burritos Egg & Potato Burritos Tamales Donuts Coffee & Lemonade

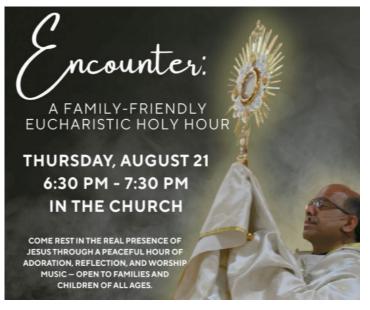
Coloring Books
Cornhole
Games
Hula Hoops

#### SUPPORT THE MARY QUEEN HISPANIC MINISTRY!









## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

**Mini reflection:** We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

#### Are You Talking To Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

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## PRAY & REFLECT

August 10, 2025 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:32-48

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag–previously unknown to them–were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

**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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday**: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1 **Friday**: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,

**Saturday**: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15 **Next Sunday**: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk

12:49-53

#### WORLD'S LARGEST ABORTION CLINIC - CLOSED!

The world's largest abortion facility – Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway in Houston – has permanently closed its doors. We give heartfelt thanks to God for this incredible victory and for the countless faithful who have prayed, fasted, and peacefully stood for the protection of mothers and their unborn children. May we continue to pray for the full restoration of respect and legal protection for every human life, created in the image and likeness of God.



Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA 281-710-8876

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### Scriptural Apologetics: Winning Souls, Not Arguments



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







## Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion?

#### They may be thirsting too!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a place to ask questions, seek understanding and grow in Faith.

Weekly Sessions Begin Thursday, September 4 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM - Main Hall

We warmly welcome all inquiries and look forward to walking with you!

#### Contact:

Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org | 281-710-8876



That Man is You! (TMIY) – Fall 2025 Semester

Begins Wednesday, September 10 | 5:45 AM - 7:00 AM

Join us for the 9th year of the That Man is You! program at Mary Queen! This fall's theme, "Worthy of the Call," invites men to grow in faith, leadership, and purpose.

Registration is free! To sign up, please contact Eby Kurian.

# JR HIGH &



## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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





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





10 AUGUST

High School Core Team Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm

14 AUGUST

OCIA Core Team 5:30-6:30 pm

13 AUGUST

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

5:30-6:30 pm

17 AUGUST

High School Core 5:30-6:30 pm

#### **Message from Pope Leo XIV**

"Dear young people, I hope you conserve in your hearts all you experience during the #JubileeOfYouth. Please, let it not remain merely a memory in beautiful photos. I hope that everyone may see in you the face of Christ. Therefore, love and serve others freely in daily life, because you have experienced the joy of being loved first, and because you have received everything freely from God the Father."

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-5th 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. 7 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.

Join Our Jr. High Faith Formation Team! 🌟 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



#### A LETTER FROM FATHER THOMAS

#### Extension of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are pleased to announce an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, September 2. Adoration will commence immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass and will continue through the night, concluding with Benediction at the regular time on Wednesday, September 3 at 5:45 PM. All are welcome to spend time in silent prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour of your choice.

Let us come together as a parish community to honor and draw close to our Lord in the Eucharist, especially during this Jubilee Year. Please call Joyce Miner at 281-384-8858, or contact the parish office for information on how to sign up.

#### Quarterly Healing Mass at Mary Queen Church

Mary Queen Church is pleased to announce the beginning of a Quarterly Healing Mass, to be celebrated every quarter, offering a special opportunity for spiritual and physical healing through prayer and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We will begin this grace-filled tradition on Saturday, October 4 at the 8:30 AM Mass, and continue on the first Saturday of each new quarter.

All are encouraged to attend—especially those who are suffering from illness, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, as well as caregivers and loved ones who support them. Together as a faith community, we will pray for healing, strength, and peace.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil

#### MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT MARY QUEEN SATURDAY AUGUST 16 | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Mary Queen Food Pantry is partnering with the Galveston County Food Bank to offer a Mobile Food Distribution at Mary Queen on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Set up and tear down help is also needed.

This blessing of groceries will take about 25 volunteers!

Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/MQfood-drive or scan the QR code

#### **Volunteer Guidelines:**

Closed-toe shoes required

Children ages 10-15 must be with a parent

Volunteers 18+ must be CMG-trained (Safe Environment)

Bring your sunscreen, hat, and water!

Email: chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org









#### Welcome to Walking with Purpose, A Woman's Program



Do you long to know Jesus with greater intimacy?

Are you ready to grow in your trust in Him as your true source of hope?

Have you grown weary as you run your race, and need encouragement to persevere?

The book of Hebrews contains some of the most beautiful passages you'll find in Scripture. It will comfort you and challenge you. Every word of it has a treasure to mine, and those who are willing to make the effort will be richly rewarded.

This Season, we will offer a new 17-week study called *Grounded in Hope,* based on the book of Hebrews. It will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

We will offer 2 sessions. You may register for either a morning session, from 10:30AM - 12:00PM or an evening session, from 7:00PM - 8:30PM.

Sessions will meet in the Main Hall at Mary Queen.

The **Fall Semester** will run from Tuesday, September 16, 2025, through Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

The **Spring Semester** will begin on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, and continue through Tuesday, March 31, 2026. *Please note: We will not meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, due to Spring Break.* 

Registration is \$60, which includes the book, *Grounded in Hope.* Registration closes on September 2, 2025.

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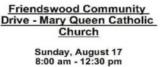
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We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in 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.



#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Fr. Thomas invites Mary Queen parishioners to nominate new members to the Pastoral Council. Self-nominations are welcomed. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body whose primary responsibility is to provide counsel to our pastor on matters related to pastoral plans and policies. Each member serves a 3-year term and is brought on through an archdiocese-led discernment process.

Each nominee must be a registered, confirmed member in full communion with the Catholic Church and at least 21 years of age. Nominees must have attended the Information Meeting held on July 19th or have followed up with Council leadership to review the information that was presented. Nominees must also be present in person on the Day of Discernment, which will be held on Saturday, September 20th, 9:00 AM to noon in the Mini Hall.

#### Nominations are due by Monday, September 1st

To submit a nomination, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PC-Nomination-Form">https://tinyurl.com/PC-Nomination-Form</a>

to download a form. Email completed nomination form to Don Goins at <u>justdongoins@gmail.com</u> and Steve Elsner at stephenelsner@comcast.net.

The Pastoral Council Nomination forms may also be found at the welcome desk in the church narthex, in the parish hall, and by scanning the QR code:



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**Question:** Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

#### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. ©LPi

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Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

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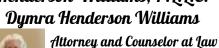
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