

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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



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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, August 17th

Coffee & Donuts - Pastoral Council (After Morning Masses)

Knight of Columbus Blood Drive (After Morning Masses)

OCIA Witness Talks (At All Masses)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM HS Faith Formation - Parent Meeting/Catechist (YC)

Monday, August 18th

| 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Year One Parent/Teen Meeting - Confirmation - YM (YC) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM | Special Friends Program (Main Hall) |
| 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Cub Scout Pack 452 - Pack Meeting (Mini Hall) |
| 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM | Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 119) |
| 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Women's Ministry Board Meeting (Room 114/115) |

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Meetings (YC)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 110/Library)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

Tuesday, August 19th

| 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115) |
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| 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 20th

| 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM | 'That Man Is You' - Summer Series - AFF (Main Hall) |
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| 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 21st

| 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | OCIA Second Catechist Meeting - Youth Ministry (YC) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Encounter Praise & Worship Eucharistic Adoration (Church) |

Friday, August 22nd

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

Saturday, August 23rd

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Emergency Management Committee Training (Main Hall) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Catechist Training - Elementary Faith Formation (YC)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Memorial Mass - Ozougwu (Church)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16th

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

Roberta Prindiville, Casualties of India Plane

Sunday, August 17th

7:30 AM

| | Crash Al-1711, Living & Deceased Loved Ones |
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| | 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 |
| 4:30 PM | †Hector Tobon, †Greg Costano, †Annabel |
| | Gautreaux |

Monday, August 18th

8:30 AM Michael & Joan Masterson - Wedding
Anniversary Blessings, Raymond & Sally
Henderson - 60th Wedding Anniversary
Blessings, Charlene Otto - Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, August 19th

8:30 AM †John Garst, †Antoinette Guzzetta, †Jacob Rhodes

Wednesday, August 20th

6:30 PM †Dan Foster, †Paul Gosselin, Rhonda Landry - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, August 21st

8:30 AM **†**Francis Herrick, **†**Ernest Glanville, Great Grandchildren of Vinnie Saccomanno

Friday, August 22nd

8:30 AM Melvin Sujo, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez Family, Carmen Laine -Birthday Blessings

Saturday, August 23rd

5:30 PM †Regino Rios, Bill & Roberta Prindiville, Steve & Paige Ridout - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

7:30 AM †Jerry Schrader, †Annette Danna, †Charlotte

Sunday, August 24th

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| 9:30 AM | †Robert Wieners, †Joe De Bonis, †John Haas, |
| | Michelle Ming Pham |
| 11:30 AM | All Our Mary Queen Parishioners |
| 4:30 PM | †Tony Diotalevi, †William Danny Borghese, Sr., |
| | †Christian Aleman |



Next weekend, August 23-24, we welcome the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (Fransalians/MSFS) for our annual Mission Appeal. Founded in France in 1838 by Venerable Fr. Peter Marie Mermier, the Fransalians serve in 29 countries with over 1,500 members dedicated to global evangelization, renewal of Christian life, education of youth, and the empowerment of women and the marginalized. They minister especially to the poor and needy, operating more than 220 schools, 82 children's homes, and numerous outreach projects in Asia, Africa, and beyond—providing clean water, housing, medical aid, catechist training, and fostering missionary vocations. In the U.S., they serve in 24 dioceses through retreat preaching and parish ministry. Your prayerful generosity will help care for over 2,500 children and support the formation of 700 seminarians preparing for missionary service. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve.

TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

Offertory: July 19, 2025 - July 25, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$40,749.38 Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$45,833.00

Difference: (\$5,083.62)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$334.00

Food Pantry: \$1,442.00

Special/2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag

\$6,633.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

August 24 - Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales Mission Appeal

Sept. 7 - University of St. Thomas

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,803,310.12

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 436

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of August 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$115,541.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 253
Total Number of Gifts Received: 564

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

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

www.archgri.org/usi.

IGNITE Campaign 2022 IGNITE Summary as of August 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00
Total Amount Paid: \$641,261.00
Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32
Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,653
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
- 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 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,

As we approach a new season of learning and spiritual growth, I warmly invite you to register your children for our parish Religious Education and Confirmation programs. Providing a strong foundation in faith is one of the greatest gifts we can offer our young ones, guiding them to know, love, and serve God throughout their lives. This is a sacred time for our young people as they grow in their understanding of God's love, deepen their relationship with Christ, and learn what it means to live as disciples in the world today.

Our Religious Education classes are designed to nurture your child's understanding of Scripture, prayer, and the teachings of our faith, all within a supportive and joyful community. Whether your child is preparing for the sacraments or simply deepening their relationship with Christ, our dedicated catechists are eager to journey alongside your family. Registration is now open for all grade levels and will close on August 31. Please call the parish office, visit our parish website, or use the QR code in the bulletin for more information and to enroll your children. If you have any questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to reach out; we are here to support you every step of the way. Let us come together as a parish family to invest in faith formation for the next generation. I ask for your prayers and support as we accompany our children and youth on this journey of faith. May our parish continue to be a place where they feel welcomed, nurtured, and inspired. Let us also remember that faith formation is a lifelong journey, not limited to a classroom or age. May we all continue to grow together as a community rooted in the Gospel, committed to love, service, and witness. I encourage you to take this step, trusting that the seeds of faith planted today will bear much fruit in the years to come.

On a lighter note, I will be taking a week off before the summer season ends. I am looking forward to spending some quality time with my eight nephews and nieces and their families, who live in the U.K., from August 18 through 25. It is a special opportunity for us to nurture family bonds and create lasting memories. I will be back with plenty of stories (and maybe a British accent)! Please keep me in your prayers for safe travels.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale August 23-24 after all weekend Masses for a gorgeous "Serenity Garden" quilt by MaryJean Chatron & busy Bees, quilted by Marcia Brenner for Special Friends & Queen's Bee Quilters!



Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The drawing will be held on September 27, 2025 at the Women's Ministry

Luncheon at Mary Queen. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets on sale after all Masses August 23 - 24

> Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon Table Hostess Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH @ 7:15PM
MINI HALL IN THE PARISH CENTER
ALL TABLE HOSTESSES ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND!

If you are INTERESTED in hosting a table please join us to get the information! Table hostesses will pick up their informational packets and tickets for their table(s).

9 tables are left.

Contact Joann Bowes-Taylor at jbowestaylor@comcast.net for more infol



NEW EMHC TRAINING







Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training Thursday, August 28th ~ 7:00 - 8:30 PM ~ Church

Are you being called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion we answer the Lord Jesus' call to serve. Our service to Mary Queen Catholic Community is our way of sharing in our relationship with God while developing an ever deepening commitment to strengthen the Spirit of the Body of Christ within the community.

While no reservation is required we would like to have enough material to hand out so it would be appreciated if you would let us know if you plan to attend. If you have questions, please contact Albert Cipolla: ahcipolla@gmail.com



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

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By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma ©LPi

PRAY & REFLECT

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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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? Or 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 - Youth Center

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

Contact: Eby Kurian, Director of Adult Faith Formation & OCIA <u>ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org</u> | 281-710-8876



Fall 2025 Semester of 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) starts on Wednesday, September 10 and will meet from 5:45 - 7:00 am in the Main Hall.

This is the 9th Year of TMIY program in Our Parish, and this year's theme is 'Worthy of the Call'.

St. Paul begs us to live a life worthy of the call we have received! In this new year, the men of TMIY will be able to discover what they have truly been called to at their depths - called to mature manhood, to joy, to bear fruit, to unity; called to lift up their hearts and minds; called to holy grit, and ultimately, to live a life worthy of the call they have received.

Please take a moment to view the powerful new trailer to see all 11 speakers for next year!

https://youtu.be/vFFu0syJi44?si=wYS2MKq_pWNGi1ml

Join us for food, fellowship and faith! All men are welcome! The great thing about this program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content!

Registration is FREE! Please contact: Eby Kurian to sign up.





FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON!

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





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





17 AUGUST

Year 2 Confirmation Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm

20 AUGUST

Bible Study 5:30-6:30 pm

21 AUGUST

18

AUGUST

Confirmation Parent Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm

OCIA Team Meeting 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



2025/2026
Elementary Faith Formation K-5th
Catechist, Substitutes & Hall Monitor Training

"All missions are possible with God"

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Youth Center

Join us for a morning of inspiration and preparation as we gather both new and seasoned catechists. A light breakfast and coffee will be served!

We're excited to welcome Beth Turner as our speaker for catechist training!

Beth has served 37 years at NASA as the Psychological Support
Coordinator for Behavioral Health and Performance. She's a cradle
Catholic, a gifted speaker, and a mentor for the Diaconate Formation
Team. She's also the wife of Deacon Chuck Turner, who has served at our
very own Mary Queen Church for over a decade.

Her talk, "All Missions Are Possible - with God," will inspire us as we begin our year of ministry.

Elementary Faith Formation K-5th Grade Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 24, 2025 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



ORIENTATION

SATURDAY AUGUST 23



2025-26

Jr High Faith Formation Catechist Orientation

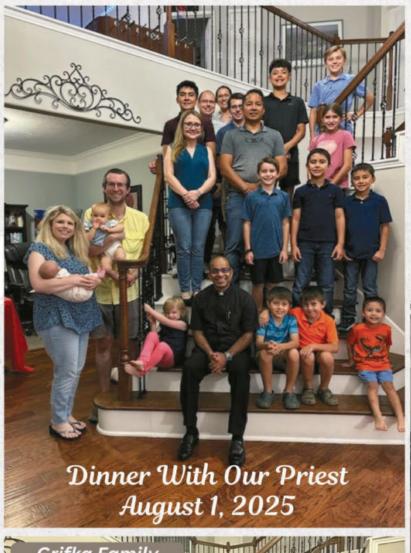
All Core Team Leaders & Team Members
Hospitality Crew & Safey Monitors

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AROUND THE PARISH







Our second "Dinner With Our Priest"
event, hosted by the Villamin family,
was a wonderful success!
The evening was filled with fun,
faith, family warmth, and, of course,
good food! If you are interested in
hosting or attending a future dinner,
please visit
www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
/dinner-with-our-priest.

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.

To register, scan the QR code, register in person at the Reception Desk in the Parish Hall, or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/walking-with-purpose

Register Today!



Registration Closes 9-2-25

For questions or more information, please contact:



Family of the Month



KC Council 8494 Family of the Month: The Valdez Family

For over thirty (30) years, Rick and Dianne have been involved in various ministries at Mary Queen, including training altar servers, teaching CCE, teaching sacrament classes, and participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Rick and Dianne serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and ushers. Rick has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 32 years. Mary Queen is very special to Rick and Dianne, and they were married in the parish. Their dedication to Mary Queen is evident, and they are often referred to by the children at Mary Queen as "Mr. Rick" and "Ms. Dianne."

Rick and Dianne's commitment to their faith and their community shines through their actions. Their story is a testament to the power of faith, love, and service. Both believe their biggest goal is that their actions and ministries will strengthen the future of the Church. They know the children at Mary Queen are the future of the Church and that the Church needs them now more than ever.

Rick and Dianne know the Holy Eucharist is very special to them. They view it as a privilege and emphasize the humbling and exalting experience of partaking in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. For them, the Eucharist represents a connection to Christ and all the saints throughout time, signifying true communion. Both believe it is an honor and a privilege to belong to the original Christian Church. Dianne's favorite saint is St. Augustine, and she prays the Divine Mercy daily. Rick's favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi.

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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.

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 https://tinyurl.com/PC-Nomination-Form

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

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.





Queensl Question

Queenship of Mary

Question: Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer: For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son. ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is

playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire. ©LPi

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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