

Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AUGUST 24, 2025



THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

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 24th

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parent Meetings - Elementary Faith Formation (Main Hall)

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Private Baptism - Gregory

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

Monday, August 25th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Send-Off - Nick Abowd - Youth Ministry (YC)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 - Den Meeting (Rooms 114-120)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Special Friends Italian Dinner Fundraiser (Main Hall)

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

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

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

Tuesday, August 26th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM JOYful Lights Study Group (Mary's House)

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

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Hospitality Planning Meeting - WWP (Main Hall)

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

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Building Committee Mtg - Fr. Thomas (Room 110/Library)

Wednesday, August 27th

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 - 8:15 PM Pastoral Finance Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

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

7:15 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon Hostess Mtg (Mini Hall)

Thursday, August 28th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Walking With Purpose Coordinator Mtg (Room 110)

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

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Altar Server Training (Church)

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM EMHC Training Session (Church)

Friday, August 29th

Saturday, August 30th

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation

7:00 PM - 8:45 PM Family Movie Night - **King of Kings** - AFF (Youth Center)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 23rd

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

Sunday, August 24th

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

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

Monday, August 25th

8:30 AM †Amy Ganter, †Jo Ann Austgen, Ned Valen

Tuesday, August 26th

8:30 AM †Wayne Lowery, †Mercedes Salanatin, †Carol Baker

Wednesday, August 27th

6:30 PM †Toni Taylor, †Nhiem Nguyen, Barbara Spexarth

Thursday, August 28th

8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Maura Patrimonio, William & Rachel Hagerman - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Friday, August 29th

8:30 AM †Robert Lowdermilk, Carl Michael Caluya, John Caddock

Saturday, August 30th

5:30 PM †Frank & †Carlotta Garza, †Danny Yarberry, †Jeanne Lavoie

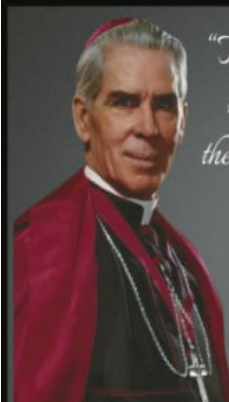
Sunday, August 31st

7:30 AM †John Cordary, Sr., †Joseph Swiader, Danielle Stifler

9:30 AM †Pam Jessen, †Elias Crasto, †Marie Crasto

11:30 AM †Ramon Roxas, †Severo Longoria, Carter Nguyen - Birthday Blessings

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

"The greatest charity we can do for the souls in Purgatory is to have Masses said for them. But the greatest mercy we can have for ourselves is to have Masses said now."

- VENERABLE FULTON J. SHEEN

To have a Mass offered for yourself or a loved one, please call the parish office for information at 281-482-1391 or email Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: July 26, 2025 - August 1, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$39,776.97

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$42,833.00

Difference: (\$3,056.03)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$554.00

Food Pantry: \$1,882.31

Special/2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag
\$6,783.00

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: \$1,808,695.12

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,832,025.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 437

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of August 13, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$117,811.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 256

Total Number of Gifts Received: 580

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 August 13, 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.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

On August 15, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and a Catholic dogma, which means it is an official teaching of the Church. It also means that the faithful accept in faith that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul. If we are faithful and loving like Mary, the Feast of the Assumption brings us hope. In spite of what we are, in spite of our woundedness, in spite of our political division, in spite of our economic crisis, in spite of our problems at home—there is still hope. Mary brings us the message of hope. She is like the moon in the darkness of our faith. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun in the dark, Mary reflects the light and love of God to humanity.

Our Church has a long tradition of honoring Mary alongside Jesus, her Son. By the Middle Ages, Our Lady was venerated as “Queen of the Angels and Saints.” The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven was declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Five years later, at the close of the Marian Year in 1955, the Queenship of Mary was proclaimed as a feast of the Universal Church. The feast was dated August 22 to stress its connection with the Feast of the Assumption, exactly one week earlier.

Today’s Gospel suggests that if Mary now reigns with her Son in heaven, it is because she gave herself over to God’s purpose for her earthly life, as did Jesus, her Son. Mary deserves the title “Queen” as the Mother of God for three reasons:

1. Her close association with Jesus’ redemptive work;
2. Her preeminent perfection of holiness; and
3. Her intercessory power on our behalf.

There is always an element of struggle in reaching our own understanding of what God wants from us. Mary’s response of total surrender to God’s purpose for her life did not come easily to her, and it does not come easily to us. However, in our struggle to live in harmony with God’s purpose for our lives, we all have the assurance of Gabriel’s words to Mary: “Nothing is impossible to God.”

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



OCIA for Adults

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



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Special Friends, Inc.
Fundraising Dinner**



Scan to pay

Please show your support and join us!
Tickets are \$15 per person
Italian Dinner • Silent Auction • Raffle
Monday, August 25 at 6pm to 7:30pm
in the Mary Queen Parish Center Hall
with a chance to bid on...
3 Astros v. Rangers Game Tickets with Parking
on Sept. 17th - a \$200 value!
To buy tickets, to make a donation or provide
silent auction items, please contact:
Judge Gladys Burwell
 ph: 281-992-2620, email: gladysburwell@comcast.net
Bernadette Gomez
 ph: 282-705-6834, email: scrapbook_family@yahoo.com
Your generosity helps support Special Friends, Inc.
 (a 501(c)(3) charity organization)
 facebook.com/SpecialFriendsOfFriendswood

A special "Thank You!" to AMOCO, our Silent Auction Donors
and to KC Council 8494 for cooking!

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




*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).


7 tables are left.

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

SERRA CLUB OF THE BAY AREA

Serra Club Program Meeting
Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 PM
in the Mini Hall



The Serra Club welcomes **Rick Eckelkamp of St. Helen in Pearland** as our guest speaker. His presentation will focus on *Catholic Spirituality in Austria*. All are invited to attend the program and the social afterward. If you are considering membership in the Serra Club, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more - please join us!

FINAL DATE!

Altar Server TRAINING

The final altar server training/refresher session will be on
 Thursday, August 28
 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the church

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

Knights of Columbus Mary Queen Council 8494
Presents our 10th Annual Charity



**GOLF
CLASSIC**

OCTOBER 13, 2025
 10:00 AM
 GOLFCREST COUNTRY CLUB
 PEARLAND, TX

REGISTER TO PLAY



<https://tinyurl.com/Knights-Golf-Play>

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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Mini reflection: Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma
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PRAY & REFLECT

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate*" (Luke 13:24). How many? **Strive!** Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census-taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "*How many people are going to make it to the top?*" A normal response would be something like: "*How is that a relevant question? Carry on!*"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: **perseverance** (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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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?

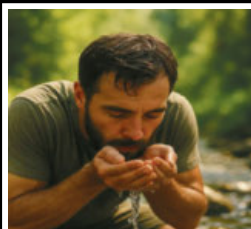
The purpose of this Bible study is to help you become an everyday apologist - an ordinary person who is able to share the beliefs of the Catholic Church in truth and love.

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
ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org | 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_pWNGi1mI

**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

Don't
Delay

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

Upcoming
Events

<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">24</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">High School Core Team Meeting</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">27</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Bible Study</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">5:30-6:30 pm</p>
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">28</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">OCIA Core Team Meeting</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">5:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">31</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">LAST DAY TO REGISTER!!!</p>

THERE IS ONE MORE WEEK TO REGISTER

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN **HIGH SCHOOL** AND WANTS TO DO ...

- YEAR 1 CONFIRMATION PREP
- POST-CONFIRMATION CATECHESIS
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREP
- CLASSES FOR INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

OR IF YOUR CHILD IS IN **JR. HIGH** AND WANTS TO DO ...

- JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREP
- CLASSES FOR INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

REGISTER TODAY!

More Information

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

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION!

Sacrament Classes

Classes begin September 4

Parent & Student Attendance Required (Main Hall)

Elementary Faith Formation K - 5th

Tuesday classes begin September 23

Wednesday classes begin September 24

Night ONE: parents will walk their children to class and bring a cell phone to take an exit ticket photo.

The 2025/2026 schedules are found on our website at

<https://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/elementary-faith-formation>

Contact Cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org with questions

jr high faith formation invites you to:

PARENT NIGHT

wednesday sept. 10th
5:45 - 7pm

we'll cover important info including:
 what to expect this year
 class schedules
 attendance policies
 program updates and more!

CONTACT sarah kennepohl for info:
skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR **ANNUAL PARENT NIGHT BRIEFING** BEFORE WE EMBARK ON THIS YEAR'S FAITH-FILLED JOURNEY THROUGH THE STARS.

JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION – PARENT NIGHT LAUNCH

MISSION DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

LAUNCH WINDOW: 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

COMMAND CENTER: YOUTH CENTER

MISSION CHECK-IN (PARENT SIGN-IN) IS REQUIRED

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MARY QUEEN WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
NOVEMBER 13-16, 2025

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THE SUN OF JUSTICE WITH ITS HEALING RAYS
MALACHI 3:20

WHAT IS ACTS?

ACTS is an acronym for **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology and **S**ervice. The purpose of an ACTS weekend is to provide an opportunity for retreatants to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow retreatants.

This ACTS Retreat allows women to focus on their faith and its application in daily life, to build purpose in prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy and to cultivate friendships with others who share our faith.

The retreat begins on a Thursday evening (Nov. 13) with check-in at the Mary Queen Parish Center. You are encouraged to bring family members or friends to see you off. Transportation will be provided to and from the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson. The weekend concludes on Sunday (Nov. 16) at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen. All denominations are welcomed. Retreatants must be 21 years or older.

Registration opens Sept. 1.


Contact any of the following to learn more:

Clarissa Silva, Director
cjpsilva97@gmail.com 713-553-3777

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Fall Semester: Sept. 16–Nov. 18, 2025
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Registration: \$60 (includes *Grounded in Hope* book)

 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

For questions or more information, please email wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com

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Mary Queen CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

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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>



Please return completed forms to the nomination box at the front desk or by email to tamijern5@gmail.com

Mary Queen CATHOLIC CHURCH Pastoral Council 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, Sept. 1st

To submit a nomination, visit

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

to download a form. Email completed nomination form to Don Goins at justdongoins@gmail.com and Steve Elsner at stephensner@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.



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!



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US Coast Guard:

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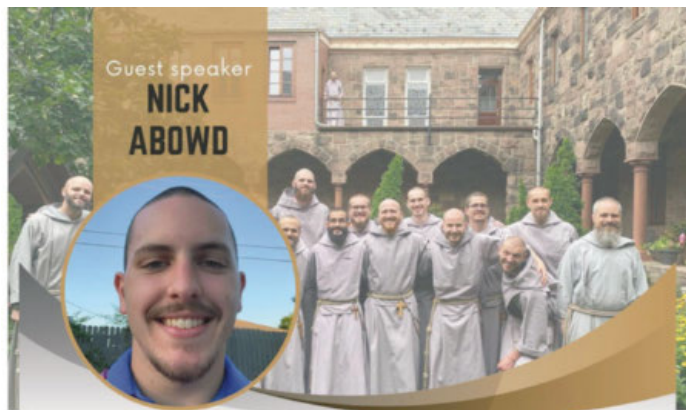
Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



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.



Nick Abowd is a lifelong Mary Queen parishioner who is moving to New York to discern his vocation with the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**, a religious order in the Catholic Church focused on loving and serving the materially poor, most especially the destitute and homeless.

25 August (Monday) | 5:30 PM in the Youth Center

COME SOCIALIZE, EAT PIZZA AND LISTEN TO NICK'S STORY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK. ANYBODY WELCOME, ESPECIALLY OUR MARY QUEEN YOUTH!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME POLL

SEPT 6, 2025

A Mass Time Preference Poll will be conducted at the Saturday Vigil Mass on September 6. Parishioners in attendance will be invited to indicate their preference regarding the time of the Saturday Vigil Mass:

- Keep the current time of 5:30 p.m.
- Permanently move the Mass to 4:30 p.m.
- Either (No preference).

Your participation is important, as this poll will help determine the future time of our Saturday evening Mass.



Orans Posture

Question: What is the Orans posture and when do we use it?

Answer: The Orans posture (hands extended) is a presidential gesture assigned to the priest (and any concelebrating priests) at specific points in the Mass. In the **Sursum Corda** the priest first raises his hands at "Lift up your hearts," then with hands extended says "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," to which the people respond "It is right and just." **The faithful do not take the Orans posture here;** they make the responses while keeping a customary prayer posture (hands joined).

During the **Our Father**, the Missal directs the priest to pray it "with hands extended" (concelebrants do the same when present) together with the people. The laity are not given any hand gesture in the rubrics—only the posture of standing and making the response—so the normative practice is to keep hands joined rather than adopting Orans.

A helpful visual cue: **watch the deacon.** Deacons do not assume the Orans posture at these moments; they ordinarily keep hands joined, which aligns with the gesture expected of the faithful. More broadly, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal asks the faithful to maintain uniformity of posture and to follow the directions given by the deacon or priest.

Why this matters: The Church distinguishes between prayers said by the priest on behalf of the assembly (presidential prayers, with hands extended) and the people's own responses and acclamations, which express our common participation without adopting the priest's gestures. This distinction helps us pray together in harmony, each fulfilling our role in the liturgy so that the whole celebration is beautiful, reverent, and united in one voice before God.

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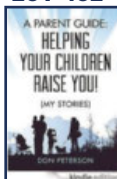
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