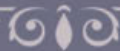


Mary Queen  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
AUGUST 31, 2025



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church  
are 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**

9:00 AM 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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).



# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, August 31st

Coffee & Donuts - Mary's Chain of Love (After Morning Masses)  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM HS Faith Formation - Third Catechist Meeting (YC)

## Monday, September 1st - Labor Day - Pastoral Offices Closed

## Tuesday, September 2nd

9:00 AM Exposition for 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF  
(Mary's House)

## Wednesday, September 3rd

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette Laity (Room 110/Library)  
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group  
Fall Sessions - AFF (Mary's House)  
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Parish Picnic Meeting - Pastoral Council (Room 110)  
7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Women's ACTS Retreat Team Meetings (Main Hall)

## Thursday, September 4th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Walking With Purpose Coordinator Mtg (Room 110)  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parish Staff Meeting (Room 114/115)  
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Sacrament Class - Elementary Faith Formation (Main Hall)  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OCIA Parent/Catechists Meeting - Youth Ministry (YC)  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Sacrament Class - Elementary Faith Formation (Main Hall)

## Friday, September 5th

8:30 AM First Friday Mass (Church)  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Convalidation - Taboada (Church)

## Saturday, September 6th

8:30 AM First Saturday Mass (Church)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, September 1st

8:30 AM †Carmen DePaolo, †Pedro Concepcion, Living &  
Deceased Loved Ones of George & Mildred Pesl

## Tuesday, September 2nd

8:30 AM Steve De Guia, †Sherry Ann Campbell, †Allen &  
†Jean Brandt

## Wednesday, September 3rd

6:30 PM †Antoinette Guzzetta, †Nemencio Garcia, Jr.,  
Fred Spexarth

## Thursday, September 4th

8:30 AM †Rodolfo De Asis, †Maria Cordova, †James  
Walker

## Friday, September 5th

8:30 AM †Randy Walbe, Living & Deceased Loved Ones  
of Tedd & Mary Anastas, Living & Deceased  
Loved Ones of Ben & Beth Drone

## Saturday, September 6th

8:30 AM †Kay Russo, †Louis Crespo, †Daisy Rosario  
5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

## Sunday, September 7th

7:30 AM †Magdalena Crasto, †Charlotte Hammerle,  
†Elmer Johnson  
9:30 AM †Kathleen Berlinger, Living & Deceased Loved  
Ones of Heeb & Garst Families, Living &  
Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family  
11:30 AM †Nhien Nguyen, †Dr. Charles & †Philomena St.  
George, †Ramon & †Connie Longoria  
4:30 PM †Regino & †Eva Rios, †Godfrey Ononugbo,  
Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson &  
Teresa Olavarria

*In Observance of Labor Day, the Pastoral  
Offices will be Closed on Monday, Sept. 1*

### Labor Day Prayer

Lord God, Creator of all,  
we thank You for the gift of work  
through which we share in Your  
creation.  
Bless all laborers with strength,  
safety, and dignity,  
and grant rest to those who are weary.  
May our work always glorify You  
and serve the good of others.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us!*



# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: August 2, 2025 - August 8, 2025

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

**Weekly Offertory Received:** \$44,201.57

**Weekly Budgeted Amount:** \$54,333.00

**Difference:** (\$10,131.43)

**Future Development & Maintenance:** \$6,540.00

**Food Pantry:** \$1,272.00

**Special/2nd Collection: Infirm Priests** \$7,463.99

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**Sept. 7** - University of St. Thomas

**Sept. 14** - Future Development and Maintenance

## Building Together Campaign

**Parish Goal:** \$3,500,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$1,809,900.27

**Total Amount Pledged:** \$1,837,225.82

**Total Number of Individual Pledges:** 438

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2025 DSF Summary as of August 18, 2025**

**Parish Goal:** \$205,000.00

**Total Amount Paid:** \$117,851.00

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors:** 256

**Total Number of Gifts Received:** 583

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

To make your gift or for more information, please visit  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

## IGNITE Campaign

**2022 IGNITE Summary as of August 18, 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](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

## FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org).

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at [baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto: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!

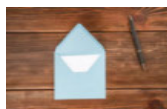


### **Social Concerns Ministries**

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](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **My Dear Parishioners,**

#### **Updates on "Building Together Mary Queen"**

Several months ago, we communicated plans to reprise our Mary Queen Building Committee to assist in developing short-term and long-term plans for our property. I am grateful to the parishioners who volunteered to serve. I would like to share a brief update on our progress.

After convening our Building Committee, we hired Ziegler Cooper Architects to refresh our previous Master Plan. We wanted to build upon the good work done previously by our former committees and architects. We are fortunate to be working with Ziegler Cooper's principal architect, who played a key role in the design and execution of our new church.

We are currently evaluating alternatives for our Mary Queen property, which may include a new Social Services/Food Pantry, Education Center, Administration Building, updates to our Parish Center, reworking Queens Lane, and a Multi-Purpose Building including the Mother's Day Out program. We are also reserving space for a new future Parish Hall. We are reviewing priorities and desires from our past listening sessions and considering phasing to meet both our short- and long-term needs.

We look forward to sharing our recommendations in the next few months. Until my next update, please keep our efforts in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **Ministry of Care Needs You!**

Thank you so much to everyone who has served seniors living at home and in senior living facilities in our parish through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist! Your support and dedication to this beautiful ministry are deeply appreciated.

We are aiming to increase recruitment; right now, both the homebound and senior living teams have only half the number of volunteers we need. Our goal is to have ten two-person teams for both homebound and senior living, rotating monthly.

We are planning a meeting and potluck dinner at Mary's House on September 17 after the 6:30 p.m. Mass (7:15 p.m.). I will be there to offer support and hear your thoughts on how we can make serving our senior parishioners even better. I strongly encourage anyone interested in joining this ministry, as well as all current and active members, to attend this important meeting. Please mark your calendars.

#### **Many Blessings,**

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS*



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 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.



Come spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration now begins at 9:00 AM every Tuesday, immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass.



### First Friday Mass

Friday, September 5th at 8:30 am

followed by

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### WHY ATTEND FIRST FRIDAYS?

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



### First Saturday Mass

Saturday, September 6th

8:30 am

Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 pm

#### WHY ATTEND FIRST SATURDAYS?

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

## NEW PARISHIONER LUNCHEON

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

THE 11:30 AM MASS

PARISH CENTER - MAIN HALL

A TOUR OF THE CHURCH WILL BE HELD AFTER LUNCH!

RSVP TO MICHAELLA NICHOLSON AT  
MICHAELLADAVIS@HOTMAIL.COM OR 713-907-6303

### Hispanic Ministry Monthly Meeting

Please join us for our monthly meeting on  
Monday, September 8th at 7:00 PM  
at Mary's House

We'll meet from 7:00–8:30 PM, with a short reception to follow. Feel free to bring along a snack to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

# PRACTICING CATHOLIC

# PRAY & REFLECT

**Mini reflection:** I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

## What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even look like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma  
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**August 31, 2025**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "*When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table*" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir  
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## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

**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

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33





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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?

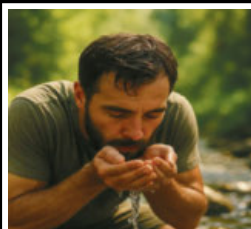
The purpose of this Bible study is to help you become an everyday apologist - an ordinary person who is able to share the beliefs of the Catholic Church in truth and love.

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](http://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](mailto: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](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.**



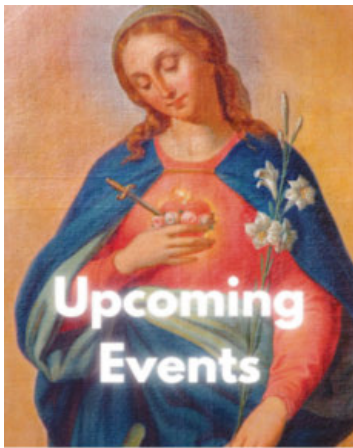


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### TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

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

- YEAR 1 OR 2 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

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[tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:tbrock@maryqueenchurch.org)

**Opening Night Sacrament Classes:**  
**PARENT & CHILD**  
**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Classes**  
**Parent & Child Attend each class**  
**Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025**  
**Time: 4:00-5:15pm OR 5:45-7:00pm**  
**Location: Main Hall**  
**Please attend the class time you signed up for**

**Elementary Faith Formation Classes:**  
**K-5th Grade**  
**Opening Nights**  
**Date: Tuesday, September 23**  
**Date: Wednesday, September 24**  
**Time: 4:00-5:15pm OR 5:45-7:00pm**  
**Opening Night ALL students are to be walked directly into each child's class. Look for the door that corresponds to your grade level.**  
**Please bring your phone to take an "exit" ticket photo for dismissal.**

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**PARENT NIGHT**  
**wednesday sept. 10th**  
**5:45 - 7pm**  
**we'll cover important info including:**  
what to expect this year  
class schedules  
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**contact sarah kennepohl for info:**  
[skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org)

**CALLING ALL PARENTS OF JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION!**  
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**JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION – PARENT NIGHT LAUNCH**  
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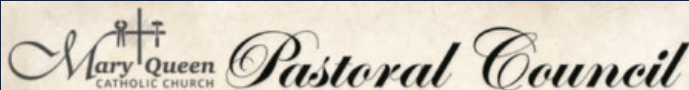
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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Nominations are due by Monday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**



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

to download a form. 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.

Email completed nomination form to Don Goins at [justdongoins@gmail.com](mailto:justdongoins@gmail.com) and Steve Elsner at [stephenelsner@comcast.net](mailto:stephenelsner@comcast.net).

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



Discover comfort and strength in Christ through the book of Hebrews in this new 17-week study, beginning on September 16.

To register, scan the QR code, register in person at the Reception Desk in the Parish Hall, or visit our website at

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For questions or more information, please email [wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com](mailto:wwpmaryqueen@gmail.com)

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NOVEMBER 13-16, 2025**



BUT FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME, THERE WILL ARISE  
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.

**Contact any of the following to learn more:**

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PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS  
**PRAYER TEAM**  
Mary Queen Catholic Church

## September Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team *Labor Rights and Economic Justice*

With Labor Day being in September, this prayer reminds us that work is more than a job—it's a reflection of our God-given dignity. By lifting up workers in prayer, especially the poor and unseen, we ask God to guide society toward justice, compassion, and the common good.

Scripture reminds us: "Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." (James 5:4).

### *A Prayer for Labor Rights and Economic Justice*

*Lord of Justice and Compassion,*

You created us in Your image and called us to labor with dignity.

Bless all workers - seen and unseen - who strive to support their families.

Protect the rights of laborers, especially the poor and vulnerable.

May fair wages, safe conditions, and just treatment be upheld everywhere.

Inspire leaders, employers, and communities to build an economy that serves the common good.

Through St. Joseph the Worker, may we uphold human dignity. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who labored with human hands.

*Amen*



#### **A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team**

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

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

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

Let us unite in prayer, trusting that our Loving God hears the cries of the poor and works through the faithful prayers of His people. To join or learn more, please contact Chris at [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391.





**Do You Speak a Language  
Other Than English?**

**We want you to be part  
of our Annual  
Multi-Lingual Rosary!**

As we begin our Novena to Our Lady of La Salette, we invite all who speak another language to help lead a decade of the Rosary in their native tongue.

Join us as we unite in prayer across languages and cultures—celebrating the global mission of the Missionaries of La Salette, the Sisters of La Salette, and the La Salette Laity serving around the world.

**Date: Friday, September 12**

**Location: Mary Queen Catholic Church**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

Let us come together as one family in faith, honoring Our Lady of La Salette in the many beautiful languages of God's people!

*To participate or learn more, contact the church office at 281-482-1391 or [reception@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:reception@maryqueenchurch.org)*

## **Celebrate Your Heritage at Our International Reception!**



As part of our La Salette Feast Day Celebration, we're hosting an **International Reception after 11:30 Mass on September 21**—and we want YOU to be part of it!

We're looking for individuals and families who are proud of their heritage and would love to host a table representing their country.

Hosting a table includes:

- 1) **Decorating with items from your culture**
- 2) **Providing traditional food to share**
- 3) **Educating the parish Community about your culture**

This is a beautiful way to showcase our parish's cultural diversity and honor Our Lady of La Salette, who is loved and venerated around the world.

*To host a table or learn more, contact the church at 281-482-1391 or [reception@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:reception@maryqueenchurch.org).*

Let's make this a joyful and flavorful celebration of unity, culture, and faith!



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

### **US Air Force:**

SrA Jake Ainsworth, Maj James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, Capt Stephanie Bossert, SrA Caleb Brysch, Capt Stephen Chauvin, AB Nicholas Chavez, Capt Benjamin Clements, SSgt Miles Coleman, A1C Alexis Copeland, SSgt Phillip Downey, Lt Col Bashir El-Khoury, Maj James Gregory, SSgt Christopher Hammer, SMSgt Joel Hebert, Maj Ramon Hernandez, Capt Jessica Kirk, SSgt Austin Laird, Capt Shane Lockridge, A1C Andrew Merrifield, 2d Lt Ethan McDonald, Maj Rachel Miller, SSgt Brandon Ojala, Lt Col Zac Pendleton, Capt Joseph Revell, SrA Patrick Rettke, MSgt William Richey, Capt Chad Roberson, Capt Harrison Spexarth, 2d Lt Jackson Spexarth, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

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### **US Coast Guard:**

CAPT TJ Loftis, Cadet 2/c Manon Murphy

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](mailto: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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Ora Curdie

Linda DeWitt & Family  
Harry DeWitt  
Margarita Dibartelo  
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Jim Dupin

Mariella Gasparini  
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Marina Gosselin

Cathy Hart  
Tom Henderson  
Stacy Hude Hill

Ellen Barineau Jackson  
Lila Jimenez & Family

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Sue Lobue  
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Nadine Valek  
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Paula Wick

*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*



*In Honor of Kathy Krieger  
August 30th through September 5th*



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](mailto: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.

 Are you 70½ or older and looking for a way to satisfy all or part of your yearly IRA required minimum distribution?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA is a tax-wise way to give directly to Mary Queen Catholic Church. Your generosity strengthens our parish and may lower your taxable income. For details, contact [jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:jlaine@maryqueenchurch.org) or call 281-482-1391.

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DSF Sunday (3rd Commitment Weekend) is coming up in September. Our goal for this year is \$205,000. We are currently at \$117,851. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us meet our parish's DSF goal this year.

 **COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTS – GUIDELINES & DEADLINES**  
 For Bulletin, eNews, Website, or Social Media

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**DEADLINE: PLEASE SEND BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS BY NOON ON THE DATES BELOW**

September 14 Bulletin	→ Submit by September 1
September 21 Bulletin	→ Submit by September 8
September 28 Bulletin	→ Submit by September 15
October 5 Bulletin	→ Submit by September 22

 **Can We Chew Gum at Mass?**

Question: Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

**Answer:** If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! **The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine.** There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

*Mary Queen Women's Ministry*  
**Luncheon Fundraiser**

*Hats Off*  
 to the Women of Mary Queen

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.  
*Colossians 3:23*



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**September 27, 2025**  
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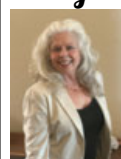
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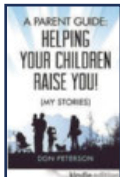
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