

An angel with a golden halo, wearing a white robe, is shown carrying a large, dark wooden cross over their shoulder. The angel is walking through a rocky, hilly landscape with green hills in the background and some plants in the foreground. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border with a repeating floral pattern.

Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

• 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**CARRY YOUR
CROSS AND COME
AFTER ME.**

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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.

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, September 7th

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM New Parishioner Welcome Luncheon (Main Hall)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM HS Faith Formation - Fourth Catechist Meeting (YC)

Monday, September 8th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gabriel Project Meeting (Room 110/Library)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study - Youth Ministry (YC)
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 452 - Den Meetings (Rooms 116 to 120)
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Mini Hall)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry Board Meeting (Room 114/115)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troup Meetings (YC)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM Building Committee Meeting - Gregory (Room 110/Library)

Tuesday, September 9th

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)
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Mary Queen Seniors Program/Bingo (Mini Hall)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM WWP Small Group Leader Training - Alternate (Mini Hall)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 - Troop Committee Meeting (YC)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 'Epic: A Journey Through Church History' - AFF (Mary's House)

Wednesday, September 10th

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM 'That Man Is You - Worthy of the Call' - AFF (Main Hall)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM La Salette Laity Meeting (Mary's House)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Parent Night - Junior High Faith Formation (YC)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Fall Sessions - AFF (Mini Hall)
7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Women's ACTS Retreat Team Meetings (Main Hall)

Thursday, September 11th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Walking With Purpose Coordinator Mtg (Room 110)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OCIA Fourth Catechist Meeting - Youth Ministry (YC)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Business Meeting (Mini Hall)
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Creation Care Ministry Meeting (Room 110/Library)

Friday, September 12th

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee Meeting (Room 110)
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mary Queen Multilingual Rosary (Church)

Saturday, September 13th

Women's ACTS Retreat Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Ministry Collaboration Meetings (YC)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Small Group Leader Training - WWP - AFF (Main Hall)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confirmation Mass - Fr. Skip (Chapel)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Hospitality Training - WWP (Room 110/Library)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Boy Scout Crew 452 Meeting (YC)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 8th

8:30 AM †Mary Dorene Brysch, †Woodley & †Della Credeur, †Ryan O'Rourke

Tuesday, September 9th

8:30 AM †Mary Neumayer, †Kyle Kramer, †Harold Fattig, Sr.

Wednesday, September 10th

6:30 PM †Daniel Jansky, Gary Arribe - Birthday Blessings, Gael Palomo - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, September 11th

8:30 AM †Peter Leos, †Elizabeth Hurd, †Gene Hess

Friday, September 12th

8:30 AM †Jose & †Rosa Bosch, Maribel Arribe - Birthday Blessings, Joann Avila - Birthday Blessings

Saturday, September 13th

8:30 AM †William R. Stimson, Queen Bee Quilters, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Rodriguez Family

Sunday, September 14th

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners
9:30 AM †Bruno Giacomuzzi, †Jerry Montemayor, Lucia Boone
11:30 AM †Maria Trevino, †Maria Rojas, †Kyle Kramer
4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †Godfrey Ononugbo, †Jacob



TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: August 9, 2025 - August 15, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$37,125.32

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$44,166.00

Difference: (\$7,040.68)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$259.00

Food Pantry: \$1,297.00

Special/2nd Collection: Infirm Priests \$7,738.99

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

Sept. 14 - Future Development and Maintenance

Sept. 21 - La Salette Feast Day

Sept. 28 - DSF Sunday: 3rd Commitment Sunday (*not a 2nd Collection*)

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,809,950.27

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,837,225.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 438

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of August 21, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$118,300.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 257

Total Number of Gifts Received: 591

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 21, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$641,603.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,656

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

Young Adults Growing in Faith this Summer

My Dear Parishioners,

I asked Eby Kurian to share highlights from the many summer activities offered by and for the Young Adults of our parish and neighboring parishes. Here is what he wrote that I want to share with you:

Our College Students and Young Adults group, which meets Wednesday nights after the 6:30 PM Mass at Mary's House, enjoyed a summer full of spiritual growth and joyful fellowship.

"We've grown in our Catholic faith in more ways than one," shares Matthew Sellers, a Young Adult Leader in Mary Queen's Adult Faith Formation Department. "From hearing powerful testimonies and experiences of young Catholics living the vocation to religious life by a Franciscan seminarian from New York and a sister from the Middle East, to diving deep into Scripture with a Byzantine seminarian and exploring typology, it's been a season of learning and transformation."

The group also enjoyed two beach trips to Galveston, beginning with Saturday morning Mass, breakfast, and a Rosary on the beach, blending fun with faith. As summer winds down, they are preparing to share Christ with others through scriptural apologetics and meaningful conversations.

All these spiritually enriching opportunities for Young Adults are offered through our Adult Faith Formation Department. Sign up for the Flocknote group to receive weekly updates and reminders.

Family-Friendly Eucharistic Holy Hour

This summer, we hosted three evenings of Eucharistic Adoration in June, July, and August. Many participants shared how meaningful and peaceful these hours before the Blessed Sacrament were -- a time of prayer, reflection, praise, and worship.

Looking ahead, we will continue to offer Eucharistic Adoration on the first Fridays of each month, concluding the final hour with praise and worship and prayers for vocations. All are welcome to join us.

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

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



NOVENA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 19

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 AS WE
BEGIN THE ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR
LADY OF LA SALETTE!**

Scan the QR code or visit
www.tinyurl.com/LaSaletteNovena
to download the prayer booklet



**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

RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR



**Sunday, Sept. 14th
2:00 - 3:00 PM
In the Chapel**



Mary Queen's Respect Life Ministry invites
everyone to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic
Adoration on the second Sunday of each month
to pray for the protection of all human life,
from conception to natural death.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BARBECUE SALE

**SUNDAY SEPT 14 AFTER
MORNING MASSES IN
THE MAIN HALL**



Celebrate Your Heritage at Our International Reception!



As part of our La Salette Feast Day Celebration, we're
hosting an **International Reception after the 11:30 am
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.

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



Question: What Happens if Someone Drops a Consecrated Host?

Answer: Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds: **All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."**

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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PRAY & REFLECT

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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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?

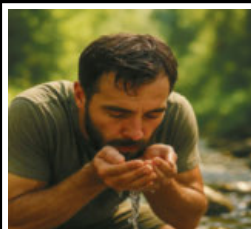
The purpose of this Bible study is to help you become an everyday apologist - an ordinary person who is able to share the beliefs of the Catholic Church in truth and love.

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.

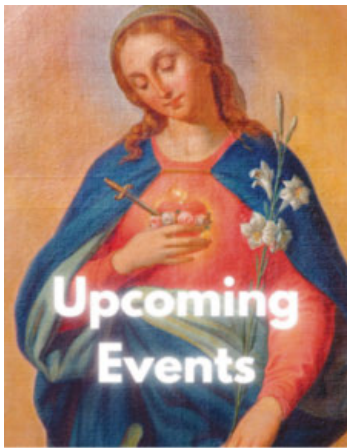


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07 SEPT. High School Core Team Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm	21 SEPT. Day 1 of High School Formation 5:45-7:00 pm
22 SEPT. Bible Study 4:30-5:30 pm	22 SEPT. Makeup class 5:30-6:30 pm

TWO NEW SAINTS!

Today is the joint canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. The two young Italian laymen are the first saints canonized by Pope Leo XIV.



Saint Carlo



Saint Frassati

More Information
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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.

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

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NOVEMBER 13-16, 2025

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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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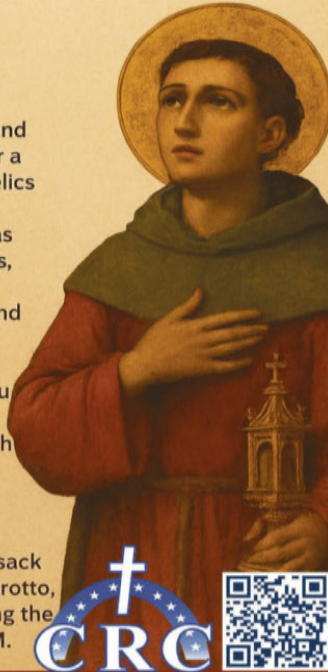
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Thursday, October 30
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People are welcome to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the grounds, Grotto, and Meditation Chapel following the end of the day retreat until 3PM.



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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.

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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.

Prayers of Praise, Petition, and Contemplation

Prayer does not change God; rather, prayer changes the one who prays. The Lord calls us to commune with Him throughout every moment of every day. He patiently and longingly awaits our acceptance of His infinite love and mercy.

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:4-5

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

Approaching God with praise and gratitude shifts our mindset to His glory and reminds us of His faithfulness before we focus on our petitions, needs, or troubles. When we intentionally thank God for His almighty and unfailing goodness first, we recognize Him as the source of all blessings; we acknowledge our utter dependence on Him; and we—either consciously or subconsciously—align our hearts to His will.

As believers, we must guard against allowing our human circumstances to determine our gratitude.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

The practice of gratitude toward God spreads into other areas of our lives; a truly grateful heart ignites joy and zeal in those we encounter.

Prayers of Petition

Prayers of petition can include prayers for our own needs as well as prayers for the needs and requests of others.

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Our heavenly Father already knows our needs and the desires of our hearts. We are to pray with confidence that He will answer those desires in His time and according to His will. God desires only that which is good for us and that which draws us nearer to Him; hence, the warning not to be anxious.

In the parable of the widow and the unjust judge in Luke 18:1, our Lord exhorts us to persevere in prayer and not to be discouraged. When we pray, we loosen our worldly bondage and cling more tightly, more thirstily, to heavenly nourishment.

Contemplative Prayer

Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 62:1

"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation."

Contemplative prayer is a practice that focuses on simply being present with God, rather than on specific words, thoughts, or petitions. It cultivates inner stillness and

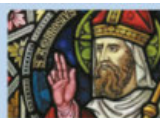
contentment while gazing upon God or imagining oneself physically engulfed in His arms. Developing a habit of contemplative prayer opens one's heart and mind to God in a transformative way.

When beginning a practice of contemplative prayer, one should first ask God to empty the heart and mind of distractions in order to be as fully present as possible with Him while meditating. Such reflective prayer also teaches patience while we wait for God to answer other prayers. A practical way to begin meditation is to be still and silent for two minutes by the clock. Once that two-minute habit of silence and stillness is developed, a longer and deeper period of contemplation will likely follow.

Ecclesiastes 4:6

"Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind."

Regardless of how you pray or which practices you use, the most significant part is your demeanor toward God. In other words, if you desire communion with God and seek Him, He does not make reaching Him too difficult. You can simply begin speaking with Him from your heart. Eventually, our Lord will guide you to a richer, fuller prayer life. The key is to begin as best you can.



On Praise and Thanksgiving
"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."
— St. Ambrose

On Petition
*"Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you."*
— St. Augustine of Hippo



On Contemplation
"In prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking. Let us leave to God the decisions as to what shall be said. Our part is to listen and to make sure that we are attentive." — St. Francis de Sales

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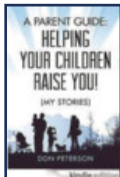
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