



Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“No servant can serve two masters.”
- Lk 16:13

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



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Our Lady of La Salette**

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00 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 21st

Catechetical Sunday (At All Masses)

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales After All Masses (Narthex)

Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon Ticket Sales After All Masses (Narthex)

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM La Salette International Reception

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Baptisms (Church)

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Lesson/Day One (YC, Classrooms, Library, Main Hall, Mini Hall)

Monday, September 22nd

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters Workshop (Room 114/115)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry Meeting (Main Hall)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Bible Study - Youth Ministry (YC)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Confirmation/OCIA Makeup Lesson - Youth Ministry (YC)

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)

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, September 23rd

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)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Grounded in Hope Women's Bible Study-WWP (Main Hall)

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EFF Classes (Mini Hall, Classrooms)

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM EFF Classes (Mini Hall, Classrooms)

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Grounded in Hope Women's Bible Study-WWP (Main Hall)

Wednesday, September 24th

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 - 10:00 AM Pancakes With Santa Planning Meeting (Room 117)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation

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

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Jr. High Faith Formation - Lesson 1 - Kick-Off Night (YC)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. High Faith Formation Classes (YC, Mini Hall)

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 25th

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

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM 'Lectio Bible Study Series: Mary' - AFF (Mini Hall)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OCIA - Lesson 1 - High School Faith Formation (YC)

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

Friday, September 26th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Room 114/115)

Saturday, September 27th

Knights of Columbus Golf Tickets Sales (After All Masses)

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale w/ Coffee/Donuts (After Morning Masses)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM High School Faith Formation Lesson 2 (YC, Classrooms, Library, Main Hall, Mini Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20th

8:30 AM †Dan Foster, †Pam Jessen, Deacon Charles Turner - Birthday Blessings

Sunday, September 21st

7:30 AM †George Henry Sorrell, Jr., †Jerry Schrader, Fr. Trey Crespo, M.S. - Birthday Blessings

9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

11:30 AM †Gloria Cruz, †Paul Gosselin, Brother Mathias De Cuir, O.P.

4:30 PM †Alicia Huerta, †Godfrey Ononugbo, †Randall Steele

Monday, September 22nd

8:30 AM †John Ngo, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Arellano-Enriquez Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Thekla Adam

Tuesday, September 23rd

8:30 AM †Mary Mai, †Kyle Kramer, Mandy Brslik

Wednesday, September 24th

6:30 PM †Dr. Gordon Garcia, †Harold Fattig, Sr., Deacon Chuck Turner

Thursday, September 25th

8:30 AM Cameron Anastas - Birthday Blessings, Willenborg Triplets - Birthday Blessings, Robert & Lizette Rinehart - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Friday, September 26th

8:30 AM †Lydia De Asis, †Elizabeth Addington, †Jonathon Heitman

Saturday, September 27th

5:30 PM †Tony Diotallevi, †Roger Stanfield, All Our Mary Queen La Salette Priests

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 AM †Carmen Cononie, †Charlotte Hammerle, All Our Mary Queen La Salette Priests

9:30 AM †Armadeo Montemayor, †John The Baptist - Tam Pham, All Our Mary Queen La Salette Priests, Robert & Joy Boyd - 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen La Salette Priests and Parishioners

4:30 PM †John Cahoon, †Toni Brown, Eby Kurian - Birthday Blessings

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: August 23, 2025 - August 29, 2025

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$33,884.08

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$42,833.00

Difference: (\$8,948.92)

Future Development & Maintenance: \$159.00

Food Pantry: \$4,627.00

Special/2nd Collection: St. Francis de Sales Mission

Appeal \$11,127.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

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: \$1,812,823.37

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,837,225.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 438

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of September 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$131,111.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 263

Total Number of Gifts Received: 621

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 September 5, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$641,684.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,658

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



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.

My Dear Parishioners,

Allow me to share with you some anecdotes and experiences from my life as a shepherd, and my encounters with La Salette missionaries and shepherds around the world.

Our missionaries in Angola are not only pastors, but at times they also take on the roles of doctors, nurses, non-government representatives, and teachers - often without professional training. In the middle of the night, pastors may receive emergency calls from remote villages asking for help transporting a patient to the nearest hospital, which could be 50 miles away. In many cases, only the pastor has a truck in the entire village. His truck then becomes the much-needed ambulance. Each day, they set aside part of their time to work on the farm to put food on the table. At times, the missionaries even shed their blood for their people. There have also been cases in which missionaries (priests, nuns), catechists, and other laypeople were assassinated simply because they were Christians. I returned from my visit to Angola filled with amazement and inspiration at the deep faith of the Angolan people.

We turn now to Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Since the military took control of the country through a coup on February 1, 2021, daily protests have erupted in most cities and towns. Thousands of people, including children, have been killed since then, and brutality continues with soldiers shooting at peaceful protesters. It is heartbreaking to see the lives of innocent children brutally and needlessly snatched away from their parents. Some children have witnessed unspeakable violence and horror, even watching their siblings die. One of our own La Salette missionaries has been imprisoned since the start of this military coup.

In Haiti, we know the sorrowful situation that followed the 2010 earthquake. It struck unexpectedly and changed the lives of Haitians forever. According to statistics, 1.8 million people were left homeless, and 316,000 died in that disaster. Our missionaries have ministered there for many years, and it is heartbreaking to hear the stories of the people they serve. I was privileged to visit Haiti for a week. As I flew back home from Port-au-Prince, I thought of the many people I had met who lived in poverty, some even without homes. With the civil unrest continuing today, our missionaries remain totally committed to serving God's people, even in the face of danger and war.

We also have La Salette missionaries serving in Ukraine. Eleven Polish missionaries currently serve in six parishes across Ukraine. Since the outbreak of war, thousands of people, including children, have been killed, and millions have become refugees or displaced persons. In the face of war and fear, our missionaries remain committed to serving the people God has entrusted to them, offering spiritual protection. Their ministries have become focused almost entirely on accepting and caring for refugees and children. They open the doors of the church to welcome refugees and share bread with them. They are shepherds in the truest sense of the word—shepherds who know their sheep. A good pastor knows the people—their names, their voices, their hopes, their dreams, and their stories.

Please pray for the La Salette missionaries serving around the world, and for the people they serve.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mary Queen Women's Ministry
Luncheon Fundraiser Ticket
Sales Will Take Place in the
Narthex After All Masses
Sept. 20 & 21

STOP BY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY!

Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale September 20 & 21 after all weekend Masses for a gorgeous "Serenity Garden" quilt by MaryJean Chatron & busy Bees, quilted by Marcia Brenner for Special Friends & Queen's Bee Quilters!



Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The drawing will be held on September 27, 2025 at the Women's Ministry Luncheon at Mary Queen. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets Also Available at the Reception Desk in the Parish Hall

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

Donations



Ticket Purchase

September 27, 2025
Parish Hall
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Hats of all kinds encouraged!

Join us for our annual Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon!
Tickets: \$35 each - Tables: \$280. We are also looking for table hostesses. Contact Joann Bowes-Taylor at jbwestaylor@comcast.net for more info.



**SERRA CLUB
OF THE
BAY AREA**

Serra Club Program Meeting
Thursday, September 25
7:00 PM | Mini Hall



The Serra Club invites you to join us for our next program meeting as we welcome Scott Ryan, newly ordained deacon of Mary Queen. A social will follow the program, and all are warmly invited to attend!

Thinking about membership? This is the perfect chance to learn more about the Serra Club of Bay Area. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at Mary Queen, with a special speaker program every 4th Thursday. A "Come and See" gathering with our chaplain, Fr. Thomas, is also being planned. If you've ever considered becoming a member, this is a great opportunity to learn more!

For details, contact Frank Bejarano at fjbejara@hotmail.com or Adela Castro at amcastro1@verizon.net

Save the Date!
PICNIC IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
11:30 AM OUTDOOR MASS
AT THE GAZEBO
DETAILS COMING SOON!





The Friday Fast: History, Vatican II, and Our Call to Penance

Question: I thought Catholics only had to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. What does the Church actually teach about Fridays during the rest of the year?

Answer: From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have treated Friday as a sacred day of remembrance. Why? Because Friday is the day Our Lord gave His life for us on the Cross. From the first century onward, Christians set aside Fridays as days of fasting, prayer, and abstinence.

Early Practice: The Didache (a 1st-century Christian manual) instructed believers to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. Church Fathers such as Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria wrote about Friday fasting, and by the 4th century, this practice was widespread. Abstaining from meat, a festive food in the ancient world, became a standard way of marking Friday as a day of penance.

By the Middle Ages, Friday abstinence was universal and binding for all Catholics, and it was codified in Church law. The 1917 Code of Canon Law required abstinence from meat on all Fridays of the year, unless a solemnity occurred.

What the Church Teaches Today: The current Code of Canon Law (1983) continues to uphold Friday as a day of penance:

Canon 1250: *"The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent."*

Canon 1251: *"Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday."*

In other words, every Friday remains a day of penance for Catholics.

What Vatican II Actually Changed: Here is where the confusion begins. After Vatican II, national bishops' conferences were given authority to adapt the discipline. The U.S. bishops, in their 1966 Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, stated that:

- All Fridays remain days of penance.
- Abstinence from meat remains the "default" practice and is obligatory on all Fridays of Lent.
- On Fridays outside of Lent, Catholics may substitute another form of penance (prayer, charity, acts of self-denial).

Sadly, many Catholics came away with the mistaken impression that Friday penance was "abolished." In reality, only the form was relaxed; the obligation remains.

What This Means for Us: On Fridays in Lent: Catholics must abstain from meat.

On Fridays outside of Lent: Catholics must still do penance. If you eat meat, you must choose another form of penance: prayer, fasting, acts of charity, or another sacrifice.

The bishops explained: *"Friday should be in each week something of what Lent is in the entire year. For this reason we urge all to prepare for that weekly Easter that comes with each Sunday by freely making of every Friday a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ."* (Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, U.S. Bishops, 1966)

Conclusion: The Church has not abolished Friday penance. Instead, she has entrusted us with a more mature responsibility: to choose how we will unite ourselves with Christ's Passion each Friday. Abstaining from meat is still strongly recommended, but if we choose not to, we are still bound to offer another form of penance.

Far from being a lost custom, Friday penance remains a living tradition that connects us with the earliest Christians and unites us to Christ crucified.

PRAY & REFLECT

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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**Scriptural Apologetics:
Winning Souls, Not Arguments**

The goal of this Bible study is simple: to help you become an everyday apologist — someone who can share the truths of the Catholic faith with clarity, confidence, and love.

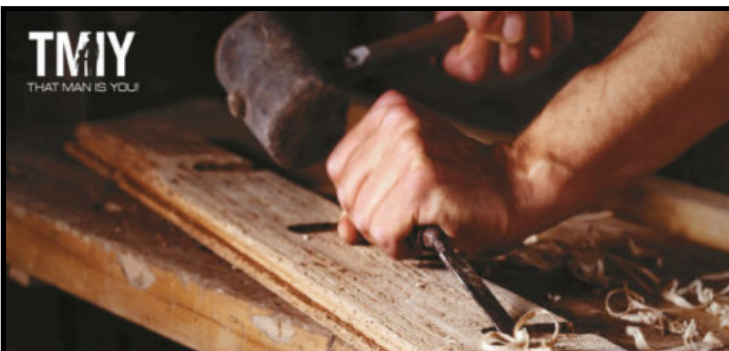
All young adults (18 and up) are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. We'll meet at Mary's House, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Eby Kurian or scan the QR code to join the Mary Queen Young Adults Flocknote group.



OCIA - A Journey of Faith

The Mary Queen OCIA Team is deeply grateful to God for the opportunity to accompany all those who are seeking the Catholic Faith. Together, we journey with them through the first stage of OCIA, the **Period of Evangelization/Pre-Catechumenate**, held on Thursdays from 7:00–8:30 PM through 10/23. We invite the entire parish family to join us in praying for these men and women as they discern God's call and take their first steps toward full communion with the Catholic Church. May our support and intercession encourage them as they continue their walk of faith.



WORTHY OF THE CALL

That Man is You! – Worthy of the Call

An all-new year of the **That Man is You!** men's program is coming to Mary Queen this fall — featuring fresh speakers, engaging topics, and powerful discussions.

This year's theme, **Worthy of the Call**, invites us to embrace our vocation as disciples, husbands, fathers, friends, and leaders. Together we'll confront the power of sin, discover a new way of living, and grow into the leaders our families, our Church, and our world need us to be.

With insights from 11 dynamic speakers, you and your small group — your "band of brothers" — will journey together to discover the deepest treasure of the human heart and let it transform every part of your life.

Try it out! Come for two sessions and see what you think. Bring a friend. Let us know you're coming so we can save you a spot (and a cup of coffee!).

We look forward to seeing you for Worthy of the Call on Wednesday mornings, 5:45–7:00 a.m., in the Main Hall.

Registration is FREE!

To sign up, please contact Eby Kurian.

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



A New Lectio Bible Study Series about Mary by Dr. Brant Pitre

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

This beautiful series begins Thursday, September 25 and is held weekly from 9:30–11:00 AM in the Mini Hall. Scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/LectioMary> for a short preview. For more information, please contact Eby Kurian at ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org





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TUESDAY IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. PADRE PIO. HERE ARE 5 SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS FROM THIS GREAT SAINT:

1. Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart.
2. Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God.
3. Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.
4. The final purpose of meditation is the love of God and one's neighbor. Love the first with all your soul and without reservation, love the second as another self, and you will have arrived at the final purpose of meditation.
5. Temptations, discouragement and unrest are the wares offered by the enemy. Remember this: if the devil makes noise it is a sign that he is still outside and not yet within. That which must terrify us is his peace and concord with the human soul.

More Information

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING K - 5TH GRADE CLASS INFORMATION



Parents: Please Bring a Cell Phone on Opening Night

Tuesday Class Times	Wednesday Class Times
4:00-5:15 PM	4:00-5:15 PM
5:45-7:00 PM	5:45-7:00 PM
Class 1 - Sept 23	Class 1 - Sept 24
Class 2 - Sept 30	Class 2 - Oct 1
Class 3 - Oct 7	Class 3 - Oct 8

Night One: Walk directly to the classroom by grade-level. Bring a cell phone to take an "exit ticket" photo for dismissal.



**Sacrament Preparation: Reconciliation
Parent & Student Attendance Required**

Thursday, October 2, 2025
4:00-5:15 PM & 5:45-7:00 PM
Location: Main Hall

Please attend the class time
you signed up for.

SEPTEMBER

**JR HIGH FAITH FORMATION
EVENTS SCHEDULE**

2025

**WED
10**

PARENT NIGHT

Youth Center @ 5:45 - 7pm

**WED
24**

**JR HIGH KICK-OFF
NIGHT**

Youth Center @ 5:45 - 7pm

**CORE TEAM &
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

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**JR COUNCIL
DISCERNMENT NIGHT**

Youth Center @ 5:45 - 7pm

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MORE INFO:

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AROUND THE PARISH



Vigil Mass Polling Results

I want to thank everyone who participated in our parish poll regarding the Saturday evening vigil Mass time. We received a wonderful response, and your input has been invaluable in guiding this decision. The results of the poll are as follows: 165 votes were cast to keep the current Mass time at 5:30 PM, 126 votes were in favor of moving the Mass permanently to 4:30 PM, and 22 parishioners indicated no preference.

Based on the poll result, we have decided to keep the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays as it is now. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful participation and continued commitment to the life of our parish.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil

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

What is ACTS?

ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. An ACTS retreat is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and grow closer to God — and to one another. This women's retreat offers time to renew your faith, deepen your prayer life, experience the liturgy more fully, and form meaningful friendships with women who share your journey.

The weekend begins on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Mary Queen Parish Center and concludes with the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Transportation is provided to and from the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson. Women 21 and older of all denominations are warmly welcome.

Registration is now open!

Visit tinyurl.com/WomensACTS for details or to register.

We would love to share this experience with you!



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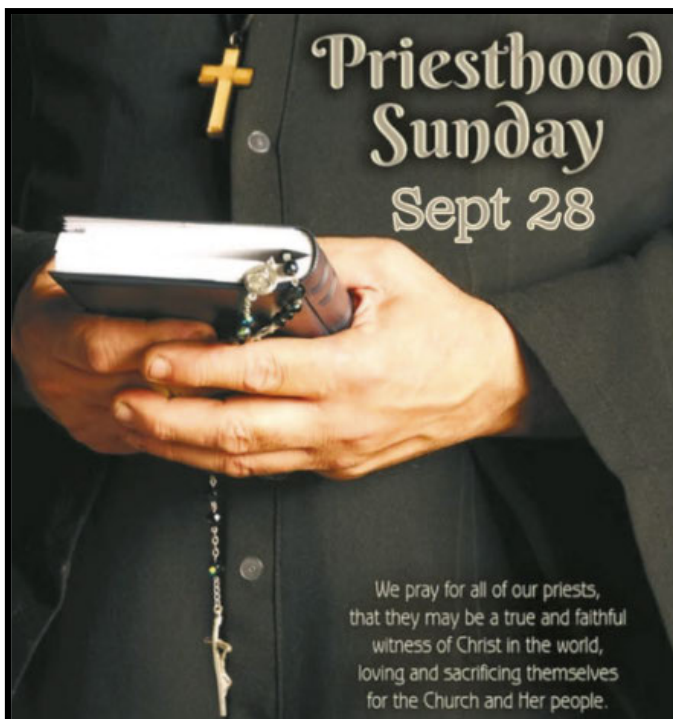
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THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR PARISH IN THIS MEANINGFUL WAY!



Priesthood Sunday Sept 28



We pray for all of our priests, that they may be a true and faithful witness of Christ in the world, loving and sacrificing themselves for the Church and Her people.

What is "Priesthood Sunday?" Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International.

There are many ways to honor your priests on this day of recognition! • Pray and fast for your priest, and all priests serving in the Archdiocese and elsewhere • Pray for the vocation programs for the Archdiocese — and for more people to be open to a call to the priesthood, the permanent and religious brothers and sisters • Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day • Send a thank you note or letter to your priest • Invite your children to write or draw notes of appreciation • Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends (visit bit.ly/dinner-with-our-priest to participate!) • Send a card or letter to our retired priests (call the parish office for mailing addresses).

Let us honor and support the men who answered God's call to serve as our shepherds on this day and every day with our prayers!

October Fun!

First Friday Family Fun & Faith

We provide the paint & pizza!!
You only need to bring a pumpkin!

Painting Pumpkins & Pizza
Friday - October 3, 2025
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Main Hall

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Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 4th 10:00 am - 10:45 am

JOIN US ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOR OUR CREATION CARE MINISTRY'S ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS!

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, join us for Mary Queen's annual Blessing of the Animals!
Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends - all animals are welcome to be blessed by Father Thomas under the big oak trees next to the church!
Come celebrate the gift of God's creatures with our Creation Care Ministry.
This is always a favorite event for the whole parish family!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Galveston Seafarers Mass and Benefit Luncheon

\$30

September 24th

Mass 10:30am@Ursuline Chapel
1525 25th St. Galveston, TX
with Bishop Brendan Cahill

Luncheon 12 pm catered meal in
DiNardo Hall

Dessert Auction
Seafarer Center Tour



SEAFARERS BAG COLLECTION

9/21 THROUGH 10/13



In partnership with the Bay Area
Deanery Council of Catholic Women, we
are collecting items for seafarers
arriving at the Port of Galveston. These
Christmas bags may be the only gifts
sailors receive while at sea.

This year, we're asking for just a few specific items:
(minimum 100 each)

Disposable razors Nail clippers Ink pens
Decks of cards / card games / small word searches /
small sudoku
Work gloves (with grip preferred)

Items may be dropped off in collection boxes in the
Parish Center and Church Narthex through Monday,
October 13. Monetary donations are also welcome.

For details, contact Deana Atteberry at
datteberry2@yahoo.com or 469-230-8272.

Note: shoeboxes are not needed this year.

You are also invited to join the "Make the Bag"
event on Wednesday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. at
15500 El Camino Real, Houston.



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

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SrA Jake Ainsworth, Maj James Barrington,
2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert,
Maj 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

US Army:

1LT Sarah Brock, SPC Andrew Burnett,
SPC Eric Gignac, PFC Isaac Gross,
SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad,
1LT Julian Monroig, MAJ Brandon Nesrsta,
COL Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski,
SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins,
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CPT Christopher Zavesky

US Marine Corps:

2ndLt Ryan Cunningham, Capt Joshua Butts,
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Renfro, PFC Edward Spitzenberger

US Navy:

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SN Rand Smith, CAPT Mike Svatek, LCDR John Zendt

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. Include the rank of
the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

WE PRAY FOR...

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Roland Boul
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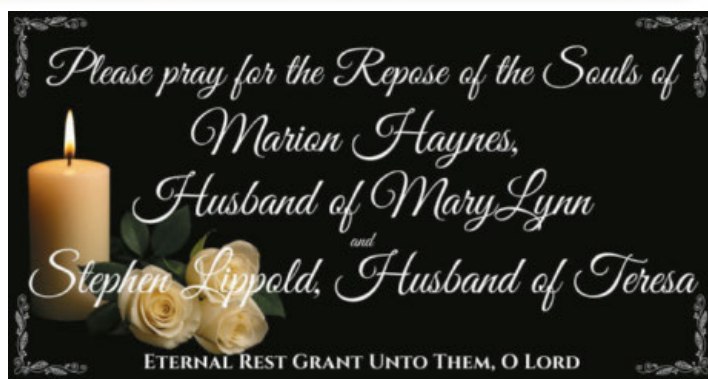
Nadine Valek
Audrey VanBuren

Bruce Wahl
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 Memory of
† Richardo David Arellano
September 20th through September 26th



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.

Guidelines for 2026 Mass Intentions

Opening of Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2026 will be accepted beginning Monday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. Please submit all requests in person at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk.

Submitting Requests

- All requests must be written on the official Mass Intention form and must be clearly legible.
- Please list both a preferred date and an alternate date for each request. If no alternate date is provided and the preferred date is unavailable, an alternate will be assigned.
- Keep a personal copy of your requests. You will only be contacted if one of your dates cannot be scheduled. If there are no conflicts, you will not receive a confirmation call or email.

Offering & Payment

- The suggested stipend is \$5 per Mass, whether scheduled or unscheduled.
- Payment may be made by cash or check (payable to Mary Queen Catholic Church).
- Please note: ***PushPay may not be used for Mass Intention offerings.***

Family Limits

- Each family may request up to 12 scheduled Mass Intentions per year.
- No more than 3 Intentions per family may be scheduled for any single Saturday/Sunday Mass time. Remaining requests should be scheduled for weekday or other Masses.

Unscheduled Intentions

Once your family has reached the 12 scheduled Mass Intentions limit, you may request unscheduled Mass Intentions:

- These are not published in the bulletin and are not announced at Mass.
- Requests must be made in person at the Parish Office during business hours.
- Payment for unscheduled Intentions may be made by cash or check.

Questions?

For more information, please contact Anita Shorosky at the Parish Office, 281-482-1391.

THE NEW PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Families who scheduled and kept their photography appointment with Universal Church Directory may now pick up their copy in the church office during regular business hours. Each participating family will receive one directory.

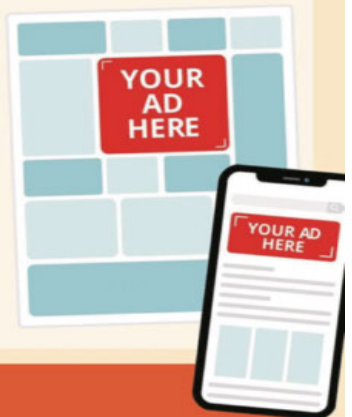
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Phone: 281-482-1391 x 334

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