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CATHOLIC CHURCH

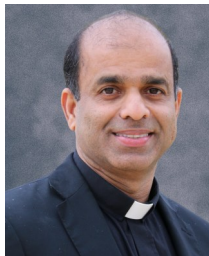
APRIL 19, 2026

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**WERE NOT OUR  
HEARTS BURNING?**

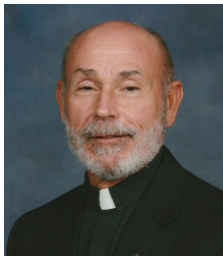
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**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church  
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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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 (Livestreamed), 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM

**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.

**2026 Mass Intentions**

Scheduled Mass intentions for 2026 are closed. You may stop by the parish office to request an unscheduled Mass intention, but these will not appear in the bulletin or be read at Mass. 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, April 19th

- 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass/Luncheon (Main Hall)  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms (Church)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Respect Life Holy Hour (Chapel)  
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Lesson 22 - YM (YC)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Leadership Team Meeting (Mary's House)

## Monday, April 20th

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Homeschool Group - Church Tour (Church)  
5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Special Friends Board Meeting (Room 119)  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Women's Ministry General Meeting (Mini Hall)  
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, April 21st

- 9:00 AM Exposition for 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP Coordinator Meeting - AFF (Room 110/Library)  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Catechists End of Year Celebration - EFF (Mini Hall)

## Wednesday, April 22nd

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You! 'Worthy of the Call' - AFF (Main Hall)  
8:45 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Prayer Group (Room 110/Library)  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Meeting (Mini Hall)  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)  
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM YA Bible Study Small Group - AFF (Mary's House)  
7:15 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Retreat Meetings (Main Hall)  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Ushers Captains Meeting (Mini Hall)

## Thursday, April 23rd

- 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM OCIA & Adult Confirmation - AM Session - AFF (Room 117)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Springs In The Desert Meeting - WM (Room 114/115)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bay Area Serra Club Program Meeting (Mini Hall)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Catechumenate Sessions - AFF (Main Hall)  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

## Friday, April 24th

- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mary Queen Fifty Five or Better Social (Mini Hall)  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study - Young Adults & Couples - AFF (Mary's House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bilingual Rosary & Reception - Hispanic Ministry (Main Hall)

## Saturday, April 25th

- Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)  
Bake Sale - Men's ACTS Team (After All Masses)  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Baptism - Deacon Vince (Church)  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Piano Recital - Youth Ministry (YC)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)  
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Trivia Night Fundraiser - Youth Ministry (Main Hall)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, April 18th

- 5:30 PM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Vinnie Saccomanno

## Sunday, April 19th

- 7:30 AM †Anna Herrick  
9:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
11:30 AM Joseph & Clarissa Grygier - 1st Wedding Anniversary Blessings  
4:30 PM †James Walls, †Juan Brugueras, †Mercedes Iglesias, †Vincenta Laurel, †Ben Drone, Cindy Crosson, Deven & Shelby Titzman, Rodney Gregory, Kathlyn Rheinlander - Birthday Blessings

## Monday, April 20th

- 8:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Freddy & Yvette Camarillo

## Tuesday, April 21st

- 8:30 AM †Daniel Jansky

## Wednesday, April 22nd

- 6:30 PM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges

## Thursday, April 23rd

- 8:30 AM Steve & Cindy Willenborg - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

## Friday, April 24th

- 8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield

## Saturday, April 25th

- 5:30 PM †Tony Diotalevi

## Sunday, April 26th

- 7:30 AM †Sarah Castillo  
9:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Thekla Adam  
11:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners  
4:30 PM †Tommy Blake, †Harold Doiron, †Melbourne Berlinger, David Ochoa - Birthday Blessings, Cecily Crosson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Favalora Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Briggs & Smart Families, George & Mildred Pesl - 73rd Wedding Anniversary Blessings

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

## Offertory: March 21, 2026 - March 27, 2026

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

**Weekly Offertory Received: \$37,527.58**

**Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$42,833.00**

**Difference: (\$5,305.42)**

**Future Development & Maintenance: \$311.50**

**Food Pantry: \$2,056.70**

**Special/2nd Collection: Easter Flowers \$5,494.00**

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**Apr. 26** - Home Missions Collection

**May 10** - Future Development and Maintenance

## Building Together Campaign

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

**Total Amount Paid: \$1,916,709.47**

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

**Total Number of Individual Pledges: 438**

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2026 DSF Summary as of April 7, 2026**

**Parish Goal: \$220,375.00**

**Total Amount Paid: \$52,653.00**

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 131**

**Total Number of Gifts Received: 207**

**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 April 7, 2026**

**Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00**

**Total Amount Paid: \$647,279.00**

**Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32**

**Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,678**

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 276**

**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!



## 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!

Dear Mary Queen Family,

***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!***

It has been a great blessing to see so many of you gathered at our Easter Masses. More than 5,000 people attended Easter Sunday Masses, including the Easter Vigil. Your presence, your faith, and your joyful celebration of the Lord's Resurrection made our liturgies truly beautiful and alive. I warmly encourage each of you not to let that Easter joy fade, but to continue coming back every Sunday. Each Sunday is a "little Easter," a weekly celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, where we are nourished by His Word and the Holy Eucharist.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Father Paul, our deacons, our choir, and the many ministers and volunteers who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so prayerful and beautiful. Your dedication and service helped all of us enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

In a special way, we rejoice and offer our congratulations to those who received the sacraments this Easter: our newly baptized, those received into full communion with the Catholic Church, those who received Holy Communion for the first time, and those newly confirmed. Twenty-two people received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, and thirty-four were received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Divine Mercy Sunday through the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We have great reason to rejoice!

We are especially grateful to our Faith Formation team, led by Trey Brock, Sarah Kennepohl, Eby Kurian, and Carol Stuart, with the assistance of Andrea Richards. Our music ministry, led by Jose Arredondo, enriched our celebrations throughout this sacred season. Our Arts and Environment team, led by Carmen Laine, beautifully prepared the church once again. To our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, ushers, acolytes, altar servers, and Safety Team: I am deeply grateful for your generous service.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, hope, and new life. May His victory over sin and death strengthen us to live as His faithful disciples each day.

Many blessings,

*Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS*

### ***Need additional information?***

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org).

# EASTER VIGIL AT MARY QUEEN

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle. From this single flame, the light of Christ is shared, and the church is gradually filled with candlelight, a sign of Christ's victory over darkness and death. From a single flame, the light grows—until at last the darkness is overcome. The church is filled with light, the bells resound, and with one voice the Church rejoices: Alleluia! He is risen!



Twenty-two members of our parish received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, entering fully into the life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. We rejoice in this moment of grace and welcome them into our Mary Queen family. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers, that their faith may be strengthened and continue to deepen in the life of the Church.





With sincere gratitude to Tommy McKenna for capturing these beautiful moments of the Easter Vigil.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Infertility can be an isolating experience, impacting our marriage, other relationships, and testing our faith. This Springs in the Desert Small Group is a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility and pregnancy loss by encountering others who are on the same path. We invite you to join us as we overcome isolation through prayer, sharing, community, and reclaiming our identities as beloved daughters of God.

*Springs*  
IN THE  
DESERT

Meeting Monthly Spring 2026  
Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm  
Room 114/115  
April 23 and May 28

Co-facilitors: Valerie Harris and Christina Paz  
For registration, please reach out to Valerie Harris at 281-798-3592

Springs in the Desert accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness.



You are invited to join us in prayer and participate in the Hispanic Ministry Bilingual Rosary that will be held on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, at St. Joseph's Chapel. After the rosary we will have a potluck dinner and play Loteria (Mexican Bingo) Please bring a dish to share. Thank you and God Bless!

Hispanic Ministry

MARY QUEEN WOMEN—JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

## Women's Ministry Corporate Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
Luncheon Following the 9:30 AM Mass at B1895 Tavern in Friendswood

Register now at [tinyurl.com/WM-luncheon](https://tinyurl.com/WM-luncheon)

TICKET PRICE \$25.00  
INCLUDES BRUNCH & WINE



GAMES ★ RIDES  
★ INFLATABLES ★  
FOOD ★ PRIZES  
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS  
★ RAFFLES ★  
ENTERTAINMENT

# MARY QUEEN PARISH FESTIVAL

**MAY 3**  
11 AM - 4 PM

CHECK OUT ALL THE DETAILS AND SIGN UP!



[tinyurl.com/MQ-festival](https://tinyurl.com/MQ-festival)

# Trivia Night FUNDRAISER

Supporting Mary Queen Youth Ministry

TABLE THEME: AROUND THE WORLD

APRIL 25TH  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

MARY QUEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Must be 21+ to attend

\$240  
8-person table

\$30  
individual tickets

ENJOY A VARIETY OF TRIVIA QUESTIONS!

REGISTER TODAY!



### Divorce Care Ministry – Volunteers Needed

Do you feel called to walk alongside those who are navigating the pain and challenges of divorce? Mary Queen is seeking compassionate, faith-filled volunteers to help support and accompany parishioners on their journey of healing. Divorce can be deeply isolating, and this ministry offers a place of understanding, hope, and grace for those in need.

Volunteers will be trained through Ponte Vecchio, a Catholic program designed to equip facilitators to support individuals experiencing divorce with both emotional and spiritual care.

**Upcoming Training:**  
April 25-26, 2026  
Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Training includes topics such as:  
Understanding emotions and grief; coping with anger, fear, and loss; navigating relationships with a former spouse; supporting children; and addressing faith-related concerns

If you feel called to serve in this important ministry, please email Father Thomas at [frthomas@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:frthomas@maryqueenchurch.org) to express your interest.

**ACTS**

**BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

**SAT-SUN APR 25-26**

**BRIDES ROOM AFTER ALL MASSES**

Freshly baked, lovingly made, and impossible to resist!

Donations of baked goods are needed and can be dropped off beginning at 5:00 on April 25.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**CALL: 832-453-7312**

**Men's 2026 ACTS Retreat**  
**May 28-31, 2026**  
**Registration Closes 5/18**  
**Space is Limited - Register Today!**

*"O Lord, receive us as your own."*

Are you ready to intentionally build your relationship with the Lord?  
Do you want to meet other men of faith?

We invite you to join us on the 2026 Men's ACTS Retreat!

Stepping out of your day-to-day life and into the beautiful surroundings of the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson will help you to build the relationship with the Lord that you have always wanted, you will improve your prayer life, and you will build lifelong friendships with other men.

Drop all your preconceived notions about a Catholic retreat and the men who attend them - you will fit right in! It will be fun and faith filled.

Registration is now open! Scan the QR code or visit <http://bit.ly/4iNnyEc> to register and learn more.

**MARY QUEEN GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Mary Queen is blessed with generous ministries and parishioners who are investing in the future of our students. The following grants and scholarships are currently open for application. All eligible students are encouraged to apply!

See page 10 for all available scholarships!

*Ministry of Compassion*

**Volunteers Needed**

The Ministry of Compassion is seeking new volunteers to assist with funeral liturgies and receptions. This meaningful ministry provides comfort and support to families during a time of loss.

**Funeral Support Ministers**  
*Attend the funeral, offer a welcoming presence to all who gather, and help ensure the service flows with care and dignity.*

**Reception Volunteers**  
*Assist with setup, serving, and cleanup, offering hospitality and care to grieving families and their guests.*

*No special experience is needed—just a willing heart and a desire to serve others in their time of need.*

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chris at [chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org) or 281-482-1391



## That Man is You! Men's Faith Formation

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 AM in the Main Hall through April 29**

The Spring 2026 semester of **That Man Is You! (TMIY)** at Mary Queen will continue to April 29. Men gather Wednesday mornings from 6-7 am in the Main Hall for fellowship, food, and faith. For more information or to sign up, please contact Eby Kurian.

## Mary Queen Youth Scholarship Opportunities

### Dennis J. Rocheford Memorial Scholarship

Mary Queen Catholic Church is now accepting applications for the Dennis J. Rocheford Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award sponsored by the O'Leary Family. This scholarship honors a legacy of faith, service, and academic dedication.

#### Who is eligible?

Graduating high school seniors who are active members of Mary Queen Parish and planning to attend college or trade school. Applicants should demonstrate involvement in parish life, service, financial need, and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.



To apply, scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/RochefordScholarship](https://tinyurl.com/RochefordScholarship)

Deadline: May 10, 2026

### Hispanic Ministry Scholarships

The Hispanic Ministry of Mary Queen is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Hispanic Ministry Scholarships. Three \$1000 scholarships are available to Mary Queen parishioners who are graduating high school seniors.

#### Who is eligible?

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors and active parishioners of Mary Queen who have been accepted to a college, university, trade school, or vocational program in the United States and meet minimum GPA requirements.



To apply, scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/MQ-hispanic>

Deadline: May 17, 2026

### Knights of Columbus College Education Grant

Mary Queen Council 8494 is now accepting applications for the 2026 College Education Grant, supporting undergraduate students with a focus on financial need.

#### Who is eligible?

Catholic students connected to Mary Queen Parish who have been accepted into an accredited undergraduate program and meet GPA and Knights of Columbus sponsorship requirements.



To apply, scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/KCsScholarship](https://tinyurl.com/KCsScholarship)

Deadline: May 10, 2026

### Women's Ministry Scholarships

The Women's Ministry of Mary Queen is now accepting applications for its 2026 scholarships. Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to parishioners pursuing higher education: three for high school seniors, one for a homeschooled senior, and one for a current undergraduate college student.

#### Who is eligible?

Applicants must be active Mary Queen parishioners who are graduating high school seniors (including homeschooled students) or currently enrolled undergraduate college students, and meet minimum GPA requirements.



To apply, scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/WMScholarship](https://tinyurl.com/WMScholarship)

Deadline: May 10, 2026

### Suzie Blake Christian Leadership Award

The Women's Ministry of Mary Queen is seeking nominations for the 2026 Suzie Blake Christian Leadership Award. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school senior who demonstrates strong Christian leadership at home, in the Church, at school, and in the community. Parishioners are invited to submit a letter of recommendation describing a student who exemplifies these qualities.

#### Who is eligible?

Nominees must be graduating high school seniors who demonstrate leadership qualities. Letters of recommendation should be addressed to the Women's Ministry, Suzie Blake Christian Leadership Award, and submitted to the reception desk at Mary Queen.

To nominate a student, submit a letter of recommendation describing the student's Christian leadership. Letters should be addressed to the Women's Ministry, Suzie Blake Christian Leadership Award, and dropped off at the Mary Queen reception desk. For questions, please contact Valerie Harris at 281-798-3592 or [valerieelizabethmesnier@gmail.com](mailto:valerieelizabethmesnier@gmail.com). Deadline: May 10, 2026

## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Carol Stuart, Director of Elementary Faith Formation  
281-482-1391 Ext. 333 | [cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:cstuart@maryqueenchurch.org)

### THANK YOU, CATECHISTS!

We would like to say a very special THANK YOU to all of our amazing catechists! Your "yes" to serving is such a gift to our parish and to every child you teach.

Week after week, you show up with patience, kindness, and love. You give your time, your energy, and your hearts, helping our children learn about God, grow in faith, and feel welcomed and known. Even on the busy days, you continue to lead with joy and dedication, and that does not go unnoticed.

Seeds of faith are being planted that will last a lifetime because of YOU.

Thank you for walking with our children, for sharing your faith, and for volunteering all year long. We are truly blessed and so grateful for each one of you!

"Each of us can be a small light for others." — Pope Francis

### Sacrament Invitations will be emailed beginning May 1, 2026

Our Sacrament program is a special journey for both parents and children. Throughout the year, families attend one class per month together, growing in understanding and faith as they prepare for these important milestones. Children will prepare for First Reconciliation (Fall) and First Holy Communion (Spring).

To be eligible, children must be entering 2nd grade or higher and have completed at least one year of consistent attendance in our Faith Formation program. This ensures a strong foundation as they begin preparing to receive the Sacraments.

We are excited to walk alongside your family during this meaningful time and look forward to celebrating these beautiful moments together!

*Please note: This registration is separate from Faith Formation grade-level classes. Registration for those classes will take place in July. Children will attend both grade-level classes and Sacrament preparation in the Fall.*

## JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION

Sarah Kennepohl, Jr. High Faith Formation Coordinator  
281-482-1391 Ext. 100 | [skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org)

JR HIGH EVENTS

### JR HIGH EVENTS

MAY

WEDNESDAY

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#### JR COUNCIL MEETING

YOUTH CENTER @ 5:45 - 7PM

### Summer FUN WATER DAY

YOUTH CENTER @ 2 - 5PM

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#### LOOKING AHEAD...

COUNCIL MEETINGS ON  
WEDNESDAYS @5:45PM



## HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Trey Brock, Director of Youth Faith Formation  
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### Schola Cantorum

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Our youth program has established a new schola cantorum (Latin for "school for singers"). Led by Angela Malek, a professional voice/piano instructor and Mary Queen parishioner, our schola cantorum sang at last week's Adoration night for Confirmation students and parents. The group also sang for part of our youth Stations of the Cross during Lent last month. This new initiative, which is a part of youth faith formation here at Mary Queen, helps catechize our young people through traditional sacred music, namely Gregorian chant. Pope Leo XIV noted in his

Apostolic Letter *Drawing New Maps of Hope* that "young people ask for depth," and so we are seeking to offer this depth through this new endeavor. Please keep our new schola cantorum in your prayers, and reach out to Trey Brock if you have a teen interested in joining!

# PRAY & REFLECT

**April 19, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

*Father John Muir*  
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## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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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](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

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## 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.

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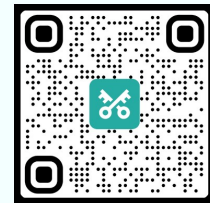
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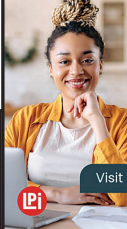


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