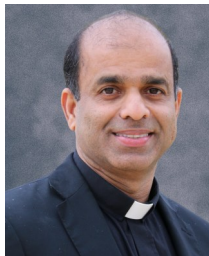




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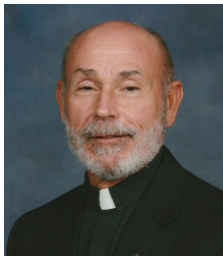
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I came so that they might have life and have it more  
abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

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



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Rev. Thomas Vellappallil,  
M.S.



**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Paul Mandziuk,  
M.S.

**Priest in Residence**

Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S.

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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 26th

Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks (At All Masses)

Bake Sale - Men's ACTS Team (After All Masses)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Women's Ministry Corporate Mass (Church)

5:45 PM - 7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Lesson 23 - YM (YC)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Men's ACTS Leadership Team Meeting (Mary's House)

## Monday, April 27th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)

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

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

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Bride's Room)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VBS Core Team Meeting - EFF (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)

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM ACTS Core Team (Mini Hall)

## Tuesday, April 28th

9:00 AM Exposition for 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM MQ Seniors Bingo Program (Mini Hall)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM WWP Coordinator Meeting - AFF (Room 110/Library)

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

## Wednesday, April 29th

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)

## Thursday, April 30th

9:45 AM - 11:45 AM OCIA & Adult Confirmation - AM Session - AFF (Room 117)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Noche (Church)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Catechumenate Sessions - AFF (Main Hall)

## Friday, May 1st

8:30 AM First Friday Mass (Church)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM First Friday Adoration (Chapel)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Wedding - Noche (Church)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study - Young Adults & Couples - AFF (Mary's House)

## Saturday, May 2nd

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, April 27th

8:30 AM Lito & Ludy Caluya - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

## Tuesday, April 28th

8:30 AM †Arthur Vascik

## Wednesday, April 29th

6:30 PM †Joseph Swiader

## Thursday, April 30th

8:30 AM †Edgar Valen

## Friday, May 1st

8:30 AM †Dan Foster

## Saturday, May 2nd

8:30 AM †Larry & †Wendy Hrcncir

5:30 PM †Al Hitt

## Sunday, May 3rd

7:30 AM Megan Post LaBauve

9:30 AM Caroline Keathley - Birthday Blessings

11:30 AM †Jerry Brannen, †Ursula Calipayan, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Heeb & Garst Families, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Briggs & Smart Families, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Scordamalgia Family, Addison Gregory, John Caddock, Jacob Morton - Birthday Blessings

4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

# TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

**Offertory: March 28, 2026 - March 31, 2026**

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

**Weekly Offertory Received: \$36,924.99**

**Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$32,500.00**

**Difference: \$4,424.99**

**Future Development & Maintenance: \$1,074.00**

**Food Pantry: \$2,957.00**

**Special/2nd Collection: Easter Flowers \$5,665.00**

## Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

**Apr. 26** - Home Missions Collection

**May 10** - Future Development and Maintenance

**May 17** - Catholic Communications

## Building Together Campaign

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

**Total Amount Paid: \$1,917,944.47**

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

**Total Number of Individual Pledges: 438**

## Diocesan Services Fund

**2026 DSF Summary as of April 14, 2026**

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

**Total Amount Paid: \$64,287.00**

**Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 136**

**Total Number of Gifts Received: 226**

**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 14, 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,

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is a deeply endearing one. Many artists have captured the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders.

How can we imitate Christ, our Good Shepherd? We do so by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, giving of our time and talents, and protecting them from both physical and spiritual harm. Parents, in particular, are called to be mindful of their role as shepherds, serving as models of faith by the example of their lives.

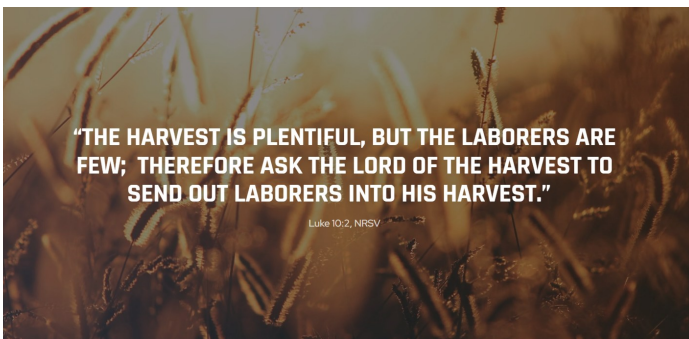
We also grow as good shepherds by listening for and following the voice of Christ—through regular participation in the Holy Mass, frequent reception of the sacraments, and engagement in prayer, renewal programs, and parish missions. In addition, we support our pastors by our prayers, our presence, and our encouragement, offering gratitude for their service and, when appropriate, thoughtful and constructive suggestions.

Finally, we live out this call by working together as good stewards in the life of the parish—through our councils, ministries, and various parish activities.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray that we may hear and respond generously to God's call — whether to the priesthood, the diaconate, the consecrated life, marriage, or the single life. May the Lord raise up holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and care for His people, and may we have the courage to live our faith and follow the Good Shepherd.

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).

# AROUND THE PARISH

On Divine Mercy Sunday, thirty-four of our Newly Received were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. Having already been prepared through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they made their Profession of Faith and then received Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, completing their initiation into the fullness of the Catholic faith. We rejoice in these moments of grace and welcome them into our Mary Queen family. Please continue to keep them and their sponsors in your prayers, that their faith may be strengthened and continue to deepen in the life of the Church.



*Top photo: our Newly Confirmed. Bottom photo: our Newly Confirmed with their Sponsors. With sincere gratitude to Tommy McKenna for capturing these beautiful moments. All photos from our Easter Vigil and Divine Mercy Sunday are available to view on our website at [www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/parish-photos](http://www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/parish-photos)*



## May Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team *Mental Health Awareness*



PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS  
PRAYER TEAM  
Mary Queen Catholic Church

We pray for mental health awareness because to be Catholic is to love the whole person and to bring Christ's compassion into every kind of suffering, seen and unseen. Jesus drew near to those who suffered in every way, and we believe each person is created in God's image, so mental health struggles never diminish their dignity. No one is "less than" because they struggle.

**"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
— Psalms 34:18**

### *Prayer for Mental Health Awareness*

***Loving and compassionate God,***

***You created each of us in  
Your image, with minds to think,  
hearts to feel, and souls that long for Your peace.***

***We lift up all who struggle  
with mental health challenges.***

***Bring light into places of darkness,  
calm into restless thoughts, and hope  
into hearts that feel overwhelmed.***

***Remind them that they are never alone, that Your love  
surrounds them even in their most difficult moments.***

***Bless and strengthen all who love and care for those  
suffering through mental health struggles.***

***Grant them patience, compassion, and understanding,  
and renew their strength each day.***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord.***

***Amen***



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

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

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

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

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church observes the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, asking the faithful to pray that the Lord will continue to call holy men and women to serve Him as priests, deacons, and in consecrated life. As we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that every vocation is a response to His call, one that requires courage, generosity, and deep trust in God.

We also give thanks for **Father Thomas**, who marks the anniversary of his profession of vows on **May 1, 1990, celebrating 36 years of faithful service**. His lifelong “yes” to God continues to bear fruit in the life of our parish and stands as a witness to the beauty of a life given wholly to Christ and His Church.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations, and for all those discerning God’s call.

### *Prayer for Vocations*

Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers into Your vineyard.  
Inspire hearts to hear Your call and grant them the courage to follow.

Bless our priests, especially Father Thomas, and strengthen them in their vocation.

May all who serve Your Church be filled with Your grace and joy.

*Amen.*



*First Friday Mass*  
Friday, May 1st at 8:30 am  
followed by  
*Eucharistic Adoration*  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Why Attend First Fridays?**

To honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, make reparation for sin, and receive the special graces He promised to those who receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays—including the grace of final repentance.

### *First Saturday Mass*

Saturday, May 2nd  
8:30 am

*Reconciliation 4:00 - 5:00 pm*

### **Why Attend First Saturdays?**

Requested by Our Lady of Fatima, the First Five Saturdays devotion invites us to honor her Immaculate Heart and make reparation for offenses against it. She promised great graces to those who faithfully complete five First Saturdays, including her help at the hour of death.



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)

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO 4:30 PM MASS ON SUNDAY, MAY 3RD**

## 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!

### Mary's Chain of Love Ministry

*Come Pray & Crochet with Us!*

First & Third Tuesday  
of each month

9:30-11:30 am in Room 114/115

Mary's Chain of Love is a crochet & craft ministry. We provide homemade gifts to the community, nursing homes, local hospitals, & various Catholic charities.

Whether you're a beginner or an expert, we welcome you to join us every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month for our devotional and to crochet on whatever projects are needed.

To learn more, contact  
Kathy Incalcaterra  
281-731-2715 (texts preferred)  
matatie2004@yahoo.com



## 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.

*We invite you to step away, recharge, and return renewed.*

For questions or more information, reach out to:  
Director: Dan Levin, (832) 975-9959,  
[dan.lev2016@gmail.com](mailto:dan.lev2016@gmail.com)

Co-Director: Mike Stuart, (401) 524-0700,  
[celticstu12@gmail.com](mailto:celticstu12@gmail.com)

Co-Director: Chris Nguyen, (713) 480-7877,  
[chrisanguyen@gmail.com](mailto:chrisanguyen@gmail.com)

## Calling All Gardeners!

Help fill our Plant Booth  
for the Parish Festival!



Bring your plant donations to  
Mary's Garden at Mary Queen Church  
and be part of something beautiful  
for our parish!

Every plant helps!

## Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Casino Night 2026

Save the Date ~ Saturday, June 20, 2026

Silent/Live  
Auction  
& Raffle

Black Jack  
Roulette Craps  
Texas Hold  
'Em



Snacks  
Beer, Wine,  
Sodas

Pulled  
Pork  
Sandwiches



## That Man is You! Men's Faith Formation - Last Session April 29 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 conclude on 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/KCscholarship](https://tinyurl.com/KCscholarship)

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  
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JR HIGH EVENTS

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MAY

WEDNESDAY

6

### JR COUNCIL MEETING

YOUTH CENTER @ 5:45 - 7PM

### Summer FUN WATER DAY

YOUTH CENTER @ 2 - 5PM

FRIDAY 22

FRIDAY 22

### EXPEDITION PARENT & CAMPER MANDATORY MEETING

YOUTH CENTER @ 5:30 - 6:30PM

In the Youth Center

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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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APRIL 26 High School Faith Formation  
5:45-7:00 pm

APRIL 27 Confession for Confirmation  
6:00 pm

APRIL 29 Makeup class  
5:00-6:00 pm

MAY 6 Confirmation Rehearsal  
7:00 pm



### Thursday, May 7 - Confirmation

On May 7, roughly 80 of our Mary Queen teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation together constitute the 'sacraments of Christian initiation,' whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For 'by Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.'"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285)

# PRAY & REFLECT

April 26, 2026  
4th Sunday of Easter  
John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

Father John Muir  
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## DAILY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

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

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



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

#### US Air Force:

SrA Jake Ainsworth, Maj James Barrington, 2d Lt Paul Birmingham, Capt Andrew Bossert, 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, Maj Chad Roberson, Capt Harrison Spexarth, 2d Lt Jackson Spexarth, SSgt Amanda Solis, SSgt Nicholas Wolford

#### US Army:

1LT Sarah Brock, SPC Andrew Burnett, SSG Jeymi Cruz, SPC Sydney Delahuerta, PFC Francisca Escoto, SPC Eric Gignac, PFC Isaac Gross, SGT Matthew Knight, MAJ Michael Moad, 1LT Julian Monroig, MAJ Brandon Nesrsta, COL Ryan Nesrsta, WO2 Patrick Nagorski, SSG Valerie Ortiz, SPC Brandon Patterson, SSG Kyle Perkins, SSgt Emmanuel Thomas, LTC Brian Y'Barbo, CPT Christopher Zavesky

#### US Marine Corps:

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#### US Coast Guard:

CAPT TJ Loftis, Cadet 2/c Manon Murphy  
CPO Thomas Paz

If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email [anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org). Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

**Thank you and God Bless America!**

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Raymond Bazan  
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Selena Jones

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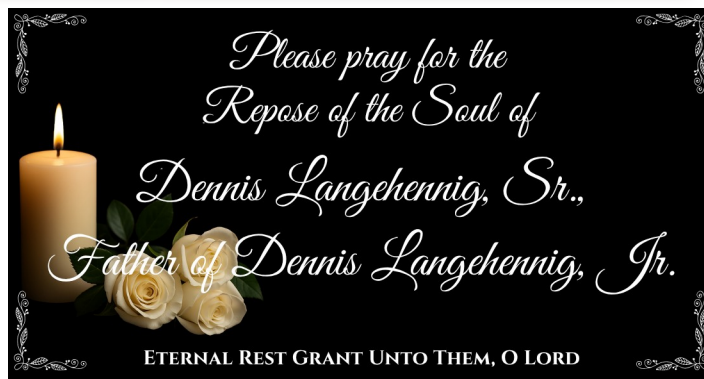
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*Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*



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April 25th through May 1st*



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

We offer the **Vigil Candle** as a Memorial Candle each week to interested parishioners who would like to request that it burn "**In Memory of...**" or "**In Honor of...**" a loved one, living or deceased. To reserve the candle, contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391. The name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin and near the Sanctuary Candle in the Church.

## Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at [reception@maryqueenchurch.org](mailto:reception@maryqueenchurch.org). Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.

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**Saturday, May 2, 2026 (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)**

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**Cost:** FREE (Registration Encouraged)

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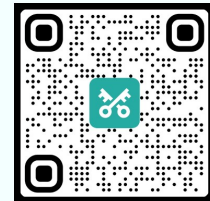


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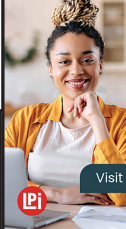
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