

Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026



• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**GREAT IS
YOUR FAITH!**

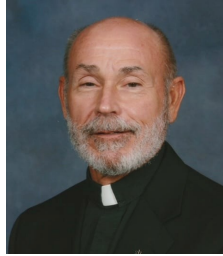
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**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

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 Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

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.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16th

Blessing of Backpacks - At All Masses (Church)
Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning, Masses)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptisms (Church)
5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Core Team Meeting - YM (YC)

Monday, August 17th

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 - 8:30 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 110/Library)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 119)

Tuesday, August 18th

9:00 AM Exposition for 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Queen Bee Quilters Workshop (Mini Hall)

Wednesday, August 19th

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)
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Walking With Purpose Coordinators Mtg (Room 110/Library)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation (Church)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM Jr. High Anchor Nights - Youth Ministry (YC)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM YA Bible Study Small Group - AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, August 20th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Grief & Grace Support Group (Mary's House)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Friday, August 21st

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

Saturday, August 22nd

Queen Bee Quilters Ticket Sales (After All Masses)
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Memorial Mass - Aruni Roy (Church)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Traveling Rosary (Room 114/115)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Woodworkers Workshop (Mary's House Garage)
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Jr High Core Team Orientation - Youth Ministry (YC)
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM WWP Spiritual Motherhood Day of Prayer - AFF (Main Hall)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15th

8:30 AM †Tommy McKenna
5:30 PM †Mary Ann Lowdermilk

Sunday, August 16th

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Carlin Family
9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi
11:30 AM †Maria Trevino, †James Walls, †Annabel Gautreaux, †Arnold Trevino, †Mercedes Iglesias, †Diana Peters, Kristen Jorgenson, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Judy Hodges, Dennis Langehennig - Birthday Blessings
4:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Monday, August 17th

8:30 AM Roberta Prindiville

Tuesday, August 18th

8:30 AM Michael & Joan Masterson - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Wednesday, August 19th

6:30 PM †William Albert Rinehart

Thursday, August 20th

8:30 AM †Mary Campagna

Friday, August 21st

8:30 AM †Ernest Glanville

Saturday, August 22nd

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 AM Bill & Roberta Prindiville
9:30 AM Carmen Laine - Birthday Blessings
11:30 AM †Joseph Anthony DeBonis
4:30 PM †Wayne Lowery, †Francis Xavier Herrick, †Arthur Grygier, Ned Valen, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Nelson & Teresa Olavarria, Steve & Paige Rideout, Trace Michael - Birthday Blessings, Adam Post, William & Rachel Hagerman - Wedding Anniversary Blessings

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: July 18, 2026 - July 24, 2026

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

Weekly Offertory Received: \$45,892.30

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$41,040.00

Difference: \$4,852.30

Future Development & Maintenance: \$729.00

Food Pantry: \$2,372.00

**Special/2nd Collection: La Salette Missions Appeal
\$16,764.43**

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

August 15 - The Assumption of Mary

September 6 - University of St. Thomas

September 13 - Future Development and Maintenance

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,956,569.47

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,837,225.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 438

Diocesan Services Fund

2026 DSF Summary as of August 4, 2026

Parish Goal: \$220,375.00

Total Amount Paid: \$131,947.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 240

Total Number of Gifts Received: 546

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit

www.archgh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of August 4, 2026

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$647,311.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,679

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 276

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

**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

Dear Mary Queen Family,

This Sunday's readings remind us that God's love extends beyond every human boundary. In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the persistent faith of the Canaanite woman, revealing that sincere faith, humility, and trust open our hearts to God's grace. The prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's house is to be "a house of prayer for all peoples," and St. Paul reminds us that God's mercy is offered to everyone.

As members of the Mary Queen parish family, we are called to reflect that same openness and compassion. We are invited to welcome every person with kindness, to recognize Christ in those who may seem different from us, and to persevere in faith even when life's challenges test our hope.

In the Church, there is no right or left side, nor are some people more worthy of Christ's promise than others. The Church is like a tapestry woven from many colors, or a mosaic formed from many pieces, each contributing to one beautiful work of art. Just as Jews and Gentiles became a blessing to one another, all members of the Catholic Church are called to be blessings to one another. The world and our country need us to be **truly** Catholic. Recent events in our country make this witness more urgent than ever. The world needs to see one people, drawn from many backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, becoming the People of God. It needs to experience in the Catholic Church the truth that diverse people can become one united Body in Christ. Our strength comes from the bond of Christ's love, which rejects every form of exclusion. May our country and all nations see in the unity of the Catholic Church a prophetic sign that diverse people can indeed be united in love.

May this week inspire us to continue building a parish where every person feels loved, valued, and invited to encounter Jesus. Let our words, our service, and our prayers become living signs of God's welcoming love and abundant mercy.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



OCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our OCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNDAY AUGUST 16

HISPANIC MINISTRY Breakfast

AFTER MORNING MASSES

Tamales



- EGG & SAUSAGE BURRITOS
- EGG & CHORIZO BURRITOS
- EGG & POTATO BURRITOS
- TAMALES
- DONUTS
- COFFEE & LEMONADE

KIDS ZONE
COLORING BOOKS
CORNHOLE • GAMES
HULA HOOPS

SUPPORT THE MARY QUEEN HISPANIC MINISTRY!



*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
lead us to Jesus*



BECOME A HIGH SCHOOL CATECHIST

"For such a fundamental evangelical service a great number of workers are necessary. But, while striving for numbers, we must aim above all today at securing the quality of the catechist." (Pope St. John Paul II)

Looking to grow your faith and help teens to do this as well?

JOIN OUR FIRST CATECHIST TRAINING SESSION!

SUNDAY AUGUST 16
5:45-7:00 PM

AT THE ST. CHARBEL YOUTH CENTER

OPEN TO ALL CONFIRMED AND PRACTICING ADULT CATHOLICS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL: TBROCK@MARYQUEENCHURCH.ORG
CALL: 713-204-5551



*Join us
for a Day of Prayer*

Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh
Learn about our brand new Bible Study

SPIRITUAL Motherhood

THE TRANSFORMING POWER
OF THE
Feminine Genius

Saturday, August 22, 2026
10AM-1PM Main Hall

This event is for adult women
Childcare will not be available
Please RSVP, as light lunch will be served

RSVP here



Your feminine dignity is not small.
It is not secondary.
It is powerful, and it has the capacity to accomplish the works of God.

walking with purpose



Save the Date

Monday, October 12, 2026

11th Annual Charity Golf Classic

**Golfcrest Country Club
Pearland, Texas**

Plan on joining us for an afternoon round of golf, dinner, raffle and auction. Box lunch, range balls, putting green practice, shared cart and green fees included.

**Knights of Columbus
Mary Queen Council 8494**

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Spiritual Motherhood

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF
THE FEMININE GENIUS

Our Fall Semester begins on Tuesday, Sept. 15th
with morning and evening sessions to choose from!
The cost to register for this study is \$60, which includes
the Spiritual Motherhood study book.



Scan the code or visit
tinyurl.com/wwpMQ
for all details and to register!

Women's Ministry FALL LUNCHEON

Table Hostess MEETING

Thursday, September 3rd @ 7pm
MINI HALL IN THE PARISH CENTER

All Table Leaders are encouraged to attend!

If you are INTERESTED in hosting a table,
please join us to get the information!

With Heartfelt THANKS

The Women's Ministry is deeply grateful for the generous support
of our parish family throughout the year. Your participation in our
Fall Luncheon, Christmas Bazaar, and Karam Dinner makes it
possible for Women's Ministry to give back to Mary Queen in so
many meaningful ways.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, Women's Ministry was blessed to provide:

Annual Scholarships	\$8,000
Easter Books	\$3,000
Priest & Deacon Annual Gifts	\$2,800
Landscaping	\$2,500
High School Faith Formation Trivia Night Fundraiser	\$2,000
Kolby Ministry (Prison Retreat)	\$1,500
La Salette Seminary Support	\$1,200
Arts & Environment	\$1,000
Cry Room Supplies	\$1,000
Elementary Faith Formation Classroom TVs	\$628
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$600
First Communion Flowers	\$600
Mary Queen Festival Auction	\$500
Pancakes with Santa	\$500
Food Pantry Feminine Initiative	\$500
Creation Care Fun Run Security	\$495
Women's ACTS Retreat Scholarship	\$255
OCIA Meal	\$165
Day of Prayer Deacon Gift	\$100

Thank you for helping Women's Ministry turn fellowship and
fundraising into blessings throughout our parish community.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD

Linda Smith
President

Sue Tolley
Vice President

Joann Bowes-Taylor
Treasurer

Robin Mingarelli
Secretary

All women of the parish are members of the Women's Ministry and
are personally invited to join us as we grow in faith, fellowship,
and support of our parish, Mary Queen.

Learn more at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org/womens-ministry

Mary Queen Catholic Church WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON, SILENT AUCTION, & FASHION SHOW

Favorite Things

You're invited!

You're invited to a joyful gathering of fellowship, laughter, and
inspiration as we celebrate the women of Mary Queen! Join us on

**Saturday, October 3, 2026 from
10:00 am - 1:30 pm in the Main Hall**

to enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Sophia's Italiano,
a beautiful fashion show, an always-incredible silent
auction, and the spirit of community that
makes our parish family so special.

Interested in
hosting a table?

Contact Joann
Bowes-Taylor at
jbwestaylor@comcast.net
to learn more!

Register to attend our FALL LUNCHEON

Tickets \$40 • Table \$320

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/WMFallLuncheon



Delight yourself
in the Lord,
and he
will give you the
desires of your
heart.

-PSALMS 37:4

Support Mary Queen's WOMEN'S MINISTRY

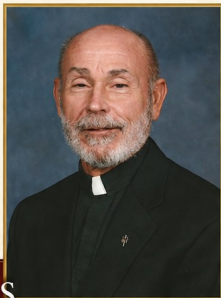
Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/WMdonations



AROUND THE PARISH

CELEBRATING

46 YEARS
OF
PRIESTHOOD



Honoring Fr. Paul Mandziuk, MS

Join our Mary Queen parish family as we celebrate Fr. Paul on the 46th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Following the 11:30 AM Mass
MAIN HALL

Fr. Paul was ordained to the priesthood on August 23, 1980. This year, we are blessed to celebrate his ordination anniversary on the very day he answered Christ's call 46 years ago.



Fr. Paul's Ordination
AUGUST 23, 1980

Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Windsor, Ontario

Ordained by Bishop
Marcel Gervais of
London, Ontario

*'Pictured with his parents,
Chester and Mary Mandziuk*

NEW EMHC TRAINING



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training
Thursday, August 27th ~ 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Church Narthex

Are you being called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

As Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion we answer the Lord Jesus' call to serve. Our service to Mary Queen Catholic Community is our way of sharing in our relationship with God while developing an ever deepening commitment to strengthen the Spirit of the Body of Christ within the community.

While no reservation is required we would like to have enough material to hand out so it would be appreciated if you would let us know if you plan to attend. If you have questions, please contact Albert Cipolla: ahcipolla@gmail.com

LA SALETTE INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

Celebrate Your Culture!



Join us for our **ITALI**

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION
celebrating the

180th ANNIVERSARY
of the APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
after the 11:30 Mass

You are invited to gather a group and represent your culture (or even your favorite culture). Participants are encouraged to decorate a table and share traditional foods that reflect the beauty and richness of your heritage.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, build community, and share the unique traditions that make up our international family of faith.

For more information or to sign up your country, please contact Chris Austgen.

chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391

Thank You!



Your donations helped to support **60 students** and families during our backpack drive event.

A sincere thank you from the
Knights of Columbus #8494



SAVE THE DATE FOR... THE FAITH & FIESTA DANCE!

Door Prizes!!

October 10, 2026

7pm-11pm

No alcohol

Ages 18 and up!

Music, fun, and community!

Refreshments!



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Closes Aug. 31st!

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS
AND CLASSES FILL UP FAST!**

Register Today!



CHOOSE YOUR CHILD'S GRADE RANGE TO REGISTER

K-5th GRADE



SCAN OR VISIT:
tinyurl.com/MQCC-FF1

6th-12th GRADE



SCAN OR VISIT:
tinyurl.com/MQCC-FF2

JR HIGH MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please prayerfully consider serving in Junior High ministry this upcoming year in one of the following roles:

- CORE TEAM LEAD
- CORE TEAM MEMBER
- SIGN IN TEAM
- SAFETY TEAM
- SNACK TEAM
- AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM
- PHOTOGRAPHER / SOCIAL MEDIA
- SPECIAL SPEAKER
- OFFICE / CLASS PREP
- DÉCOR / ENVIRONMENT



We will meet
16 TIMES
TOTAL

Twice per month
on Wednesdays



**5:45-
7:15 PM**



Please email skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org or contact arichards@maryqueenchurch.org with the role you would be interested in serving in.

Elementary Faith Formation

K-5th

**VOLUNTEERS
& CATECHISTS
NEEDED**

**SHARE YOUR FAITH,
INSPIRE THE YOUTH,
GIVE YOUR TIME
AND TALENT TO
SERVING THE LORD!**



CATECHISTS



HALL
MONITORS

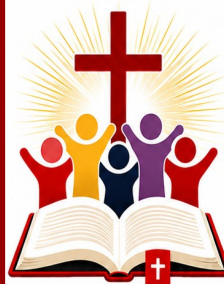


SUBSTITUTE
CATECHISTS

CONTACT:

Andrea Richards
arichards@maryqueenchurch.org

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



VOLUNTEER
Meeting & Training



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29**



**9:30 -
11:30 AM**



**PARISH
HALL**



All catechists, substitutes, and hall monitors are invited to attend our Volunteer Meeting & Training as we prepare for the upcoming program year.



This important gathering will cover classroom expectations and procedures, program procedures, important updates, and training to help prepare you for a successful year of faith formation.



*A light breakfast and coffee
will be served.*

We look forward to seeing you there as we prepare to serve our children and families with *faith, joy, and enthusiasm!*



Stay in the Loop



Young Adults & College Students



flocknote

Weekly updates, event
announcements,
reminders & more



groupme

Join our GroupMe
chat to connect
and stay in the
conversation



FAITH REFRESHED

*A brief look at something worth remembering,
rediscovering, or pondering.*

Why Do Catholics Call Mary “Queen”?

— The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary —

To modern ears, calling Mary Queen can sound like a poetic title added to Catholic devotion. But the title has deep roots, and to understand it, we must look first to Jesus. Jesus is the promised heir to the throne of David, the King whose kingdom will have no end. In the ancient kingdom of Judah, the woman who held the honored place beside the king was usually not his wife, but his mother, the Queen Mother. She held a recognized place in the royal court and could intercede with the king on behalf of others. Catholics see this biblical pattern fulfilled in Mary: if Jesus is the eternal King, then His mother fittingly holds the place of Queen Mother in His Kingdom.

Mary’s queenship never places her on the same level as Christ. Everything she is comes from Him. Her greatness is precisely that she received God’s will with extraordinary humility and gave herself completely to it. Even in heaven, her role remains maternal. The Church speaks of Mary reigning with a mother’s concern and continuing to intercede for the children of God.

This helps explain why the Church celebrates the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 22, one week after the Assumption. The two celebrations belong together. At the Assumption, we celebrate Mary being taken body and soul into heavenly glory. At her Queenship, we contemplate her sharing in the glory of her Son, Christ the King.

For Mary under the title of Queen, she is our patroness and this is our patronal feast. A patronal feast is more than a date on the calendar; it reminds a parish whose protection and example it has been placed under. Mary shows us what life in Christ’s Kingdom looks like: humility instead of self-importance, trust instead of fear, obedience instead of self-will, and a life that continually points beyond itself to Jesus.

We honor Mary as Queen, then, not simply by placing a crown on her image or addressing her by a beautiful title. We honor her best when we imitate the life that God crowned with glory: when we trust Him, seek His will, bring the needs of others to prayer, and lead people toward her Son. Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

MARY QUEEN PRAYER

*Mary, our Queen, look upon us
as your beloved children seeking
a mother’s love and compassion
as we walk in faith in our world today.*

*Your children come to you
as the source of hope and support
of a mother’s heart. You are
a source of light in times of darkness
or difficulty, who guides us to God
our Father through Jesus,
your Son and our brother.*

*Most Holy Trinity,
You crowned with glory in Heaven
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of our Savior Jesus.
Grant that Mary, Mother of the Church,
may help all hearts, homes, and nations
to acknowledge her as
Queen of Heaven and Earth.*

Mary, our Queen, pray for us.

— Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Linda Smith, Director of Elementary Faith Formation
281-482-1391 Ext. 333 | LSmith@maryqueenchurch.org

Elementary FAITH FORMATION

(K-5) PARENT MEETING



DATE:

Sunday, August 30



TIME:

Immediately following the
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses



PARENT SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED

This is a **one-time annual meeting**,
and all parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

All parents of children in **Kindergarten through 5th Grade** are invited to attend our annual Elementary Faith Formation Parent Meeting.

As the new Director of Elementary Faith Formation, I look forward to meeting you and sharing this year's guidelines, procedures, expectations, and important information to help support your family.



EFF REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 31ST.

Visit tinyurl.com/MQCC-FF1
to register today —
classes are filling quickly!



Linda Smith

Director of Elementary Faith Formation

JR. HIGH FAITH FORMATION

Sarah Kennepohl, Jr. High Faith Formation Coordinator
281-482-1391 Ext. 100 | skennepohl@maryqueenchurch.org

JR HIGH FAITH FORMATION

Registration is
NOW OPEN!



Classes begin **Wednesday, Sept. 23**



New class time: **5:45–7:15 PM**



16 classes • Meets twice a month



Register at

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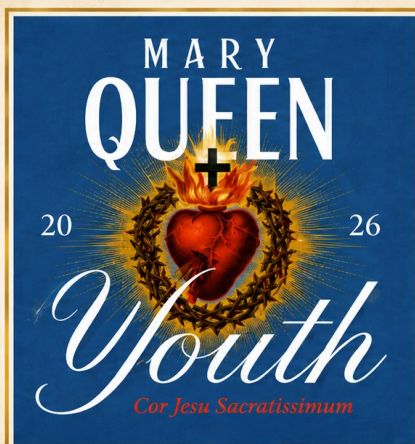
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PRAY & REFLECT

August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

Father John Muir
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DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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