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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM &
5:30 PM (Life Teen)

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Weekday

8:30 AM—Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
6:30 PM—Wednesday

Morning Prayer

8:10 AM
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday — 5:45 PM Wednesday

1st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

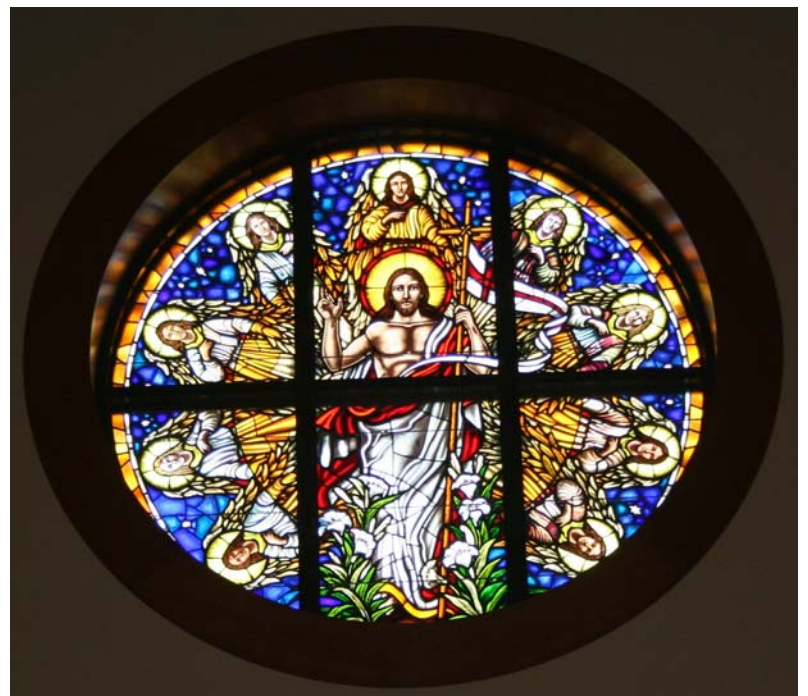
9:00 AM—5:45 PM

Reconciliation

4:00—5:00 PM
Saturday

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.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2012



Today's Gospel—Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" -he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Pastoral Staff

Clergy

Pastor Fr. Phil "Skip" Negley, M.S., ext. 312
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In Residence Fr. John Zabelskas

Pastoral Administration

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Administrative Assistant Liz Montgomery, ext. 315
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Receptionist Christie Norbraten, ext. 310
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Director, Adult Faith Formation Jason Honeycutt, ext. 319
Director, Elementary Faith Formation Cindy Newman, ext. 333
Administrator Faith Formation Alice Malek, ext. 328
Director, Youth Ministry & Senior High Faith Formation Manny Bourque, ext. 317
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Director, Music Ministry Russell Bolduc, ext. 316
Life Teen Music Charles Lopez

Facilities Management

Facilities Manager & Construction Coordinator Chuck Turner, 832-618-4647
Maintenance Coordinator Charles Ganter, ext. 310

Support Staff

Maintenance Ron Johnson

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Baptism: Congratulations for Choosing Life! Parents contact Jason Honeycutt to register and to allow time for preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Peace Be With You! Saturday 4:00—5:00 PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: The Lord Bless You! Contact one of the priest at least seven months in advance to allow time for preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: The Healing Love of Christ Surround You! If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office so we can visit and include them in our prayers.

RCIA: Christian Initiation of Adults: Journey With Us In Faith! For inquiry into the Catholic Faith, contact Jason Honeycutt, Director of Adult Faith Formation.

Submit announcements to lizmontgomery@maryqueenchurch.org by Monday at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, February 19, 2012

- After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses - Coffee & Donuts (Main Hall)
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Room 120)
- 9:30 & 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (Mini Hall)
- 9:30 AM Preschool CCE Class (Rooms 110, 113, 116, 117, 118)
- 10:00 AM RCIA Breaking Open The Word (Room 114)
- 4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (Youth Room)
- 6:45 PM Life Teen Life Night (Parish Center)
- 7:15 PM Life CHAT (Catholic Honor & Truth) for Seniors only (Youth Room)

Monday, February 20, 2012

- 10:00 AM Women's ACTS Faith Sharing Group (Youth Room)
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- No Edge Core Team Meeting
- 7:30 PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting (Youth Room)

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

- No CCE Classes
- No Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration due to Ash Wednesday
- 10:00 AM Adult Scripture Study (morning session) (Room 114)
- 7:00 PM Adult Scripture Study (evening session) (Room 114/115)
- 7:15 PM Witnessing the Faith Class (Youth Room)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012—Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass (with ashes) (Church)
- 8:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass (with ashes) (Church)
- 8:30 AM Christian Meditation (Youth Room)
- 9:30 AM Contemplative Studies (Youth Room)
- 9:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall)
- 10:00 AM Special Friends Reading Class (Room 118)
- 11:00 AM Meditation Book Study (Room 119)
- 11:00 AM Mom's Prayer Group (Youth Room)
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word (with ashes) (Church)
- No CCE Classes due to Ash Wednesday
- No Edge Night due to Ash Wednesday
- 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word (with ashes) (Church)
- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Mass (with ashes) (Church)
- 8:00 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word (with ashes) (Church)

Thursday, February 23, 2012

- 10:00 AM Special Friends Reading Class (Room 118)
- 6:00 PM RCIA/RCIC Class (Room 118)
- 6:00 PM Rite of Acceptance for the Children's RCIA (Church)
- 6:30 PM Women's ACTS Team Meeting (Main Hall, Library, 114, 115, 120)
- 7:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 PM Serra Club (Mini Hall)

Friday, February 24, 2012

- 5:30 PM KC Fish Fry (Main Hall & Mini Hall)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 8:30 PM La Salette Prayer Group (Church)

Saturday, February 25, 2012

- 7:00 AM Men's ACTS Faith Sharing group (Room 110 -Library)
- 8:00 AM Men's Council Prayer Breakfast (Mini Hall)
- 10:00 AM Chili Cook Off (Church grounds)
- 4:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 18

- 5:30 PM Mildred Pesl—Birthday Blessings,
Ed & Mariella Gasparini—Wedding Anniversary,
Living & Deceased Members of Ben & Beth Drone

Sunday, February 19

- 7:30 AM All Our Parishioners
- 9:30 AM †Theda Hemmi, †Hilda Mercantel, Special Intentions of
Rick & Vera Smart
- 11:30 AM †Adolfo & Celia Quintana
- 5:30 PM †Gilberto Solis, Sr.

Monday, February 20

- 8:30 AM †Homer & Marie Walls, †Wayne Norris, †Ken Truman

Tuesday, February 21

- 8:30 AM †Demo & Joan Anastas, †Otylia Garay,
†Francis Herrick

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Mass with ashes
- 8:30 AM Mass with ashes
- 12 noon Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 6:30 PM Mass with ashes
- 8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with ashes



Thursday, February 23

- 8:30 AM †Terrence Garland, †Carolyn Norris, †Frieda Kubesch

Friday, February 24

- 8:30 AM †A.W. Angelo, †Theda Hemmi, †Richard Rodgers

Saturday, February 25

- 5:30 PM †Frances Levissee, †Richard A. Perkins,
†Paul Thuong Nguyen

Sunday, February 26

- 7:30 AM †Christopher Henderson, †Barbara Honc, †Rosa Bosch
- 9:30 AM All Our Parishioners
- 11:30 AM †Ofelia E. Silva, †Theda Hemmi, Veronica LaCabe
- 5:30 PM †Gilberto Solis, Sr.

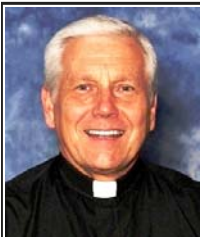
Stewardship Report

Sunday February 12, 2012

Envelopes	\$20,395.00	
Loose Collection	\$1,945.51	
Youth Collection	<u>\$153.40</u>	
Total	\$22,493.91	Envelopes: 495

Master's Plan: \$14,335.00

Upcoming February 2nd Collections:
February 22—Archdiocese Social Ministries
February 26—Black & Indian Missions



Pastor's Message

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When reflecting on the reasons why people come to faith and/or turn to Jesus, the Lord at various times in their lives, we have to admit to something more than just curiosity, or cursory interest, or even purposeful intercession. "Why do we turn to God?" is always a worthwhile examination. Many contemporary clergy and preachers are skilled at drawing a crowd. For Jesus, the early response to his preaching as recorded in the biblical polls was amazement and astonishment. When the Word touches hearts and minds, God's presence is confirmed; all doubt is vanquished.

In today's sacred Scriptures we see another "first." Vast crowds gathered around his home. The people came to him to hear Jesus preach. Now, persons come to Jesus because of their faith. They brought a paralytic with a determined belief that the Lord could and would heal their companion. Despite the throngs, despite the obstacles keeping them from gaining nearness to the Lord, these four individuals carried hope and were carried by faith. This faith inspired them to make every effort to bring their friend before the healing presence of the Savior. And they all were rewarded beyond any expectation.

We are invited to focus on the themes of repentance, forgiveness, healing, and conversion from this week's readings. When we turn our hearts and lives to Jesus, we can leave the past behind. In God's great love for us, in God's desire for our forgiveness, he wipes away our sinfulness. God remembers our sins no more.

"Am I really forgiven?" we may ask. Does God really want to forgive me? Perhaps the difficulty in believing, in accepting, in repenting is that we do not forgive ourselves; we do not fully seek reconciliation. Perhaps we doubt our own goodness and our determination, with the help of God and the support of others, to experience genuine transformation through God's "amazing grace" in our lives.

Hopefully our reflections on why we, and others, come to faith and turn to Jesus will both challenge and comfort us. Is it our willingness to make ourselves open to the healing Word of God, and our willingness to make ourselves vulnerable to the forgiving power of other persons, that allows our God to recreate the Word within us once again, . . . and again, . . . and again, . . . and again? The answer is within us.

Beware of the pious fool, and the wise sinner.
(Ibn Gabirol)

Seek to know Christ the Healer,
Fr. Skip Negley, M.S.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises (*Ceremonial of Bishops*, p. 249).

- * Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.
- * Lenten weekdays are not commemorated on solemnities and feast, Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week take precedence over all solemnities and feasts.
- * Volume II of the Liturgy of the Hours is used from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost Sunday, the close of the Easter season.
- * All memorials of saints occurring during Lent are observed as optional. Hence, they may be omitted or observed as commemorations (see under Directives, no. 4, commemorations of Memorials in Privileged Seasons).
- * *Alleluia* is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil; nor is the *Te Deum* sung at OR on Sundays of Lent.
- * During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to singing. "It would be advisable for those preparing liturgical celebrations to attend to the purpose rather than the strict letter of this law and determine whether certain instrumental pieces may in the local situation indeed foster the spirit of the Lenten season" (J. Huels, "Chronicle: Preparing and Celebrating the Paschal Feasts," *Worship*, January 1989, 71). On the fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare") and on solemnities and feast, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.
- * The presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer normally take place after the first and third scrutinies. For pastoral reasons, they may be held during the period of the catechumenate rather than at the regular times (RCIA, 104-105).
- * If marriages are to take place during Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season; they should refrain from too much pomp or display.
- * The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The gospels and readings from the Hebrew scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.
- * Optional Prayers Over the People are given in the *Sacramentary* after the Order of Mass. During Lent any one of these may be used in place of the usual simple blessing given at the end of Mass. The Ordo suggest specific blessing throughout the season.

Director, Youth Faith Formation
Manny Bourque

Associate Director, Youth Faith
Formation—Chris Stevenson

Assoc. Dir. of Youth Activities and
Evangelization—Kurt Wankowski



No Edge Core Team Meeting
Monday, February 20th.

No Edge Night on Wednesday, February 22nd
due to Ash Wednesday.



Life Night is Sunday, February 19th. Our theme is "Desert-Ed".

Life Teen Core Team Meeting meets Monday, February 20th at 7:30 PM in the Youth Room.

Witnessing the Faith meets Tuesday, February 21st at 7:15 PM in the Youth Room. The theme is "Desert-Ed".

Life Chat meets this Sunday, February 19th. The theme is "The Daily SPA".

**Jr. High & Sr. High –
Reconciliation & Communion Classes**

Teens, if you need the sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Communion contact Manny Bourque at mannybourque@maryqueenchurch.org or at 281-482-1391.

Reconciliation Classes for Jr. High and Sr. High youth will be on Sundays, February 26th, March 4th and March 18th from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM in the Library/Room 110.

Communion Classes for Jr. High and Sr. High youth will be on Sundays, March 25th and April 1st from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM in the Library/Room 110.

**NOTE: Must sign up to take these classes,
please do not just show up!**



Confirmation News

Confirmation Class / Life Teen Mass

On Sunday, February 26th at 4:45 PM in the Mini Hall, we will all attend Life Teen Mass together as a class!

NOTE: You must have good attendance in Confirmation Classes, and Life Night and/or Witnessing The Faith this year to continue your Confirmation Faith Formation Faithfully. For more information about Confirmation, contact Chris Stevenson at cstevenson@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391, ext. 329.





Adult Faith Formation

Jason Honeycutt, Director
ext. 319

Adult Bible Study on Sundays

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." ~ Romans 12:2.

Join us each Sunday 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Room 120 for an in-depth look at the Sunday readings. We consider perspectives of authorship and historical context as well as leaning on personal experience of each scripture lived out in our lives. We encourage individual participation, contrary views, and sharing of honest opinions. Commentaries for each reading are consulted and discussed. For further information, contact Tom Stang at 281-992-3404.

Christian Meditation is from 8:30—9:30 AM followed by **Contemplative Studies** from 9:30—10:30 AM every Wednesday. Meditation in the Catholic tradition is an ancient prayer form developed into Church teaching by the Desert Mothers and Fathers. It is the practice of prayer in silence and focuses on aspects of the Christian mysteries. Instruction is given on an "as-needed" basis, so just show up and see how you like it. Contact Jason with any questions or concerns.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are over the age of 19, have graduated high-school and are in need of the sacrament of Confirmation, Mary Queen will offer classes for adult confirmation beginning Thursday, April 12th. Please call Jason Honeycutt 281-482-1391 or email honeycutt@maryqueenchurch.org to register. There is no fee for registered parishioners of Mary Queen Catholic Church. Those who are not registered parishioners of Mary Queen are asked to pay a class and materials fee of \$50.00 due before the first class.

Elementary Faith Formation

Cindy Newman, Director, ext. 333
cnewman@maryqueenchurch.org
Alice Malek, Administrator, ext. 328

NO CCE CLASSES

**FEBRUARY 21st or 22nd
due to Ash Wednesday**

**March 6th & 7th due to the
Parish Lenten Mission**



PreK through Grade Six
CCE PHOTOGRAPHS

Sunday February 26th
Tuesday, February 28th
Wednesday, February 29th

during class time. The pictures of the children will become mementos for the catechists at the end of the year.

Children, wear your best smiles. ☺

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE REFRESHER

is a Safe Environment **refresher course** that is now required for clergy, employees and volunteers working with children, who took VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" in 2003-2005. If you attended VIRTUS in 2003-2005, and want to take advantage of the refresher course being offered at Mary Queen, go online to www.virtus.org and register for Sunday, February 26th, 1:00—2:30 PM in the Main Hall. Register early. There are only 50 spaces available.



Operation Rice Bowl Lenten materials will go home with the children the first week of Lent, February 26th—29th.

Parents are encouraged to use the materials to teach prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and encourage an awareness for the needs of the poor. When full, return the rice bowl to your catechist or the CCE Office.



If you would like to donate small Easter items or candy that can fit into small plastic eggs, we would be "hoppy" to accept your donations in the CCE Office. We hope to prepare little Easter treats for the children. Thank you.

Parish News & Events



Stations of the Cross

We invite all parishioners, visitors, and friends in faith to the Mary Queen Stations. Fr. Benny is Presider for February 24th and Fr. Skip is Presider for March 2nd.

Fasting and Abstinence

- * **Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older -no meat on Fridays of Lent.
- * **Fast:** All Catholics from the ages of 18-59 -- one full meal a day (and two lighter meals allowed) – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- * **Eucharistic Fast:** Abstain from food and drink (water and medicines excepted) for one hour before receiving Holy Communion; (does not oblige elderly and ill and those attending them).

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 AM Mass with ashes
- 8:30 AM Mass with ashes
- 12 noon Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with ashes
- 6:30 PM Mass with ashes
- 8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with ashes

Lenten Mission – Plan Ahead

We will offer a Lenten Parish Mission the week of March 5th, 6th, and 7th (Monday – Wednesday) with three of our best clergy within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston: Rev. Donald Nesti, C.S. Sp., Director of the Center for Faith & Culture, Univ. of St. Thomas; Rev. John Rooney, Pastor of St. Angela Merici Church; and Rev. Dominic Pistone, Chaplain serving Methodist Hospital, Texas Medical Center. Conferences will be at 7:00 PM in the evenings with Vespers (Monday & Tuesdays nights) and a Mass (Wednesday night). Details will be forthcoming. Reserve the dates now.

Evan Donovan Replacement Blood Drive Bone Marrow Donor Sign-Up Drive

Our next blood drive is February 26th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Friendswood Activity Building at 416 Morningside Dr (corner of Morningside and Spreading Oaks), Friendswood. This is a BLOOD REPLACEMENT DRIVE for the units of blood Evan Donovan has used since October 2011. Evan is 11 yrs old and suffers from leukemia. He is a member of the Mary Queen Boy Scout Troop #452 and his family are registered Mary Queen parishioners. A perfect match was found for Evan for a bone marrow transplant, his last treatment to stay alive. If you are between 18 and 60 years of age, you are encouraged to come to the Activity Building for the **BONE MARROW DONOR SIGN UP DRIVE**, even if you are not able to donate blood. For more information contact Colette Ming at 713-870-8092 or colettem51@sbcglobal.net.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

Join us this summer from June 10th—21st for another wonderful spiritual journey to Italy, visiting some of the most famous Catholic shrines and centers, concluding with three nights in the Eternal City of Rome. This pilgrimage will depart from Houston and return to Houston via Lufthansa Airlines and hosted by Inspirational Tours, Inc. with Fr. Skip Negley, M.S. as the Spiritual Director. Plan now to reserve your place on the “Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage.” A colored brochure is available at the Receptionist Desk. For details, itinerary and costs, contact Fr. Skip at the Parish Office. An “Information Evening” will be offered with all details soon.

Parish Festival

Our Festival is just around the corner. Donations are being accepted for the Live & Silent Auction. Cash & gift card donations are greatly appreciated. Call Paula Wick at 713-870-8678 or pjphree@yahoo.com to donate an auction item or if you want more information. **Parish Festival is May 6th** and we want it to be another successful year with your help. Thank you for your support!!



During Lent we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At Mary Queen Catholic Church we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using our electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*, to give their gifts of treasure. *Faith Direct* is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes and saving our wonderful staff and volunteers precious time. To enroll in the *Faith Direct* program you may pick up an enrollment form in the Parish Office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **TX242**. I hope you will consider participating in this great program as it has been a wonderful means of support for our parish family. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Skip



Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus, Council #8494

Fridays—February 24th—March 30th
(every Friday during Lent except Good Friday)

Serving from 5:30—7:30 PM
Parish Center

All-You-Can-Eat Menu
Take Out Plates—\$10

Adults: 11 & older

Catfish Plate — \$10

Spaghetti Plate — \$5

Children: age 5-10

Catfish Plate—\$7

Spaghetti Plate—\$5

Children 4 & under - free

MENU

- Fried Catfish with sauces
- Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce
- French Fries
- Hushpuppies
- Corn on the Cob
- Garlic Bread
- Green Salad with Dressings
- Tea / Lemonade

Additional Items

- Clam Chowder - \$1.00 per Cup
- Desserts - \$1.00 Each

All net proceeds go to Charities.

Mary Queen Church, MQ Food Pantry, MQ Youth Ministry, MQ Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Special Friends, Serra Club, and K of C Charities.



The Mary Queen Fine Arts Show

is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. The Art Show is Mary Queen's effort to bring together local artists and community for an evening of food, drink, and fine art. As always, we are hopeful that artists will come forward to participate in this event. If you are an artist and would like to be part of this year's show, please RSVP to Jason Honeycutt no later than February 24th. There is limited amount of space. Artists will be accepted on a first-come/first-serve basis. Fine Arts only please. No crafts. To RSVP or for any questions, please contact Jason Honeycutt at 281-482-1391 ext 319 or honeycutt@maryqueenchurch.org.

Chili Cook-Off

It's Back On! Get your teams ready, or your spoons handy. The Mary Queen Youth Council is sponsoring its 2nd annual Mary Queen Chili Cook-Off. Competition is Saturday, February 25th in the back church parking lot from 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM. Team entries are \$25.00, with a maximum of five members per team. The Youth Council will be selling tasting kits for \$5 for spectators; which will consist of bowl, spoon, napkins, cornbread, soda, and Tums. Look for more information and entry forms on the Youth Room door. Contact Kurt Wankowski at kwankowski@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391 extension 318.



Sanctuary Vigil Candle



We would like to offer this 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. Contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at 281-482-1391 for more information.

Food Pantry Report for January 2012—Correction!

Expense	\$992.00	
Food assistance:	119 families	419 people
Monetary assistance:	\$1,768.00	
(rent, utilities, etc.)	35 families	101 people
Purchased groceries & supplies	\$100.00	
Total expenditures	\$2,860.00	

Thank you for your generous food donations and support through the pink envelopes. These envelopes can be found at the entrance of the Church.

Communications via the Parish Website and Facebook

Visit www.maryqueenchurch.org for up-to-date information and to sign up to receive the monthly Mary Queen newsletters. Look for the envelope icon under Parish Information (right side of the webpage). We use this information solely for the purposes of more effective electronic communications with families and households. Follow us on Facebook!




Readings for the Week

Monday James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
 Tuesday James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
 Wednesday Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
 Friday Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
 Saturday Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
 Sunday Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Stewardship

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—
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Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?



Please pray for the repose of the souls of
 †*Esther McBride Link,*
aunt of Joanie McBride
and Marilyn Gerstmann;
 †*Donald Descant,*
brother of Frank Descant.

We Pray for

James Adams	Mary Louise Hancock	Giovanni I. Regalado
Holly Alexander	Dorothy Handwerk	Debi Reyes
Steven Armstrong	Larry Hawkins	Marg Riley
Edward J. Barela	Michael Hillely	Robert Rodriguez
Jeanette Barlow	Anita Hobbs	Evelyn Rose
Jeanette Belan	Richard & Ruth Hodges	Judy Sandella
Levi Binford	Paula Monnat Imes	Margaret Skinner
Phil Bossert	Ed Irving	Rick Smart
Celeste Burch	Marie Kotch	Lela Smith
Drew Caldwell	Helen Krieger	May Starkweather
Michelle Cardenas	Bobby Landry	Norma Steften
John Crawford	Le Gros Family	Jacque Svoboda
Ora Curdie	Eddie Mallett	Karen Taylor
Justine Post DeNicola	Jean Maloney	Irma G. Torres
Larry DeWitt	Robert Mangle	Charles Trovato
Margie Dirksmeyer	Deacon Darrell Moulton	Annie G. Valicek
Ethel Elkins	Diana O'Connor	Dennis Werner
Beth Gabriel	Teresa Olavarria	Bernhard Whelan
Tim Glennon	Tony Orta	Sharon Wilson
Bill Gohlke	Kayla Owens	Bill Winters
Jessie Guerra	Wyndi Partlow	Maria Zavala
		John Zmceck

Prayer Requests

Call the Receptionist at 281-482-1391 if you or a loved one want to be placed on the prayer list. Names remain on the list for 60 days.

Events and News in our Area

Ladies Lenten Day of Prayer—Saturday, March 3rd at St. Helen Catholic Church, Helena Hall in Pearland from 9:30 AM — 2:00 PM. Our Presenter is Fr. Jim Courville, Parochial Vicar at St. Helen. No reservations needed. Lunch is provided. A \$10 free-will offering is suggested. All ladies are invited for a relaxing day of spiritual growth, lunch with friends and the privilege of having Fr. Jim speak about our Lenten journey.

Engaged Encounter Weekend—For engaged couples—at the Cameron Retreat Center, 2403 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston. Now booking June 8th-10th, July 20th-22nd, September 21st-23rd. To obtain more information please contact the Family Life Office at 713-741-8706.

Convalidation for civilly married couples entering a sacramental marriage. Next available dates are February 24th-25th at St. Helen Parish (Pearland) and April 20th-21st at Christ the Redeemer Parish (Houston). For more information please contact the Family Life Office at 713-741-8706.

Mother-Daughter Program—Sexuality education for 9 to 13 year-old girls at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, Chancery Building located at 2403 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston. Next program is April 22nd. For more information, please contact the Family Life Office at - 713- 391-2631.

Father-Son Program—Sexuality education for 10 to 14 year-old boys at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, Chancery Building located at 2403 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston. The next program is on April 29th. For more information, please contact the Family Life Office at 713-391-2631.

The Beginning Experience—For persons who have experienced the loss of a spouse through separation, divorce or death. The next weekend is March 30th - April 1st. For more information, please contact B.E. at 713-440-3440 or e-mail beinfohouston@yahoo.com.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, the press of our duties and activities often leads us to forget your presence and your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to those who were baptized into your Son.

In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more, help us to remember your loving mercy.

As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

