

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 30, 2009

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. ~ James 1:21b

Sunday, August 30, 2009

- After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses - Coffee & Donuts (Main Hall)
- After all Masses - CCE Open Registration (Parish Center Hallway)
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (Mini Hall)
- 10:00 AM RCIA Breaking Open The Word (Room 110 (Library))
- 10:45 AM Bread of Life Scripture Study (Room 118)
- 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (Mini Hall)
- 2:00 PM VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children"" (Main Hall)

Monday, August 31, 2009

- 8:10 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM Special Friends (Mini Hall)
- 7:00 PM Troop 452 Scout Meeting (Main Hall)
- NO Troop 452 Board of Review

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

- 8:10 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Room 120)
- 4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
- 6:30 PM Catechist Module Age Specific Lesson Planning for Elementary (Mini Hall)
- 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Room 120)
- 7:00 PM Building Committee Meeting (Room 110 - Library)

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

- 8:30 AM Christian Meditation Prayer Group (Youth Room)
- 9:30 AM Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall)
- 5:45 PM Benediction concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
- 7:15 PM Finance Council Meeting (Room 110/Library)
- 7:30 PM Intercessors of the Lamb Prayer Group (Room 113)
- 7:30 PM Life Teen Music Ministry (Church)

Thursday, September 3, 2009

- 8:10 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM RCIA Class (Room 126)
- 7:00 PM ACTS Leadership Team Meeting (Room 113)
- 7:00 PM Baptism Interviews (Room 126)
- 7:00 PM First Reconciliation & Eucharist Catechist In-Service (Room 120)
- 7:00 PM Intercessors of the Lamb Prayer Group (St. Anne Family Room)
- 7:00 PM Men's Council Meeting (Mini Hall)
- 7:15 PM Faith Formation Board Meeting (Room 110/Library)

Friday, September 4, 2009

- 8:10 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

Saturday, September 5, 2009

- 4:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)

~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday, August 29

5:30 PM †Stanley Saccomanno by Vinnie Saccomanno

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM Living & Departed Loved Ones of Rick & Vera Smart
 9:30 AM †Eugene & MaryJoan Glennon by Mary Jean Chatron
 11:30 AM All Our Parishioners
 5:30 PM Presider's Intentions

Monday, August 31

8:30 AM †Rose Rapp by Tom Rapp

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 AM †Rosa & Francis Dunn by Beth Drone

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 PM Jerry Gosselin & Family

Thursday, September 3

8:30 AM †Irma Sandella by Mike & Judy Sandella

Friday, September 4—First Friday

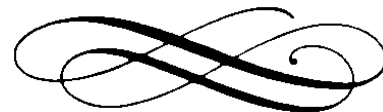
8:30 AM Joe & Pauline DeBonis by Nelson & Teresa Olavarria

Saturday, September 5—First Saturday

8:30 AM For those who serve in ACCW, KC Council #8494, Scouts, Sundowners, Special Friends, & the St. Joseph Guild
 5:30 PM †Suzie Blake by Tommy & Joan Blake & Family

Sunday, September 6

7:30 AM †John Belan by Levenia Belan
 9:30 AM †Eva Garza by the Genoa Family
 11:30 AM All Our Parishioners
 5:30 PM Presider's Intentions



Weekly Stewardship for August 23

2009

Envelopes	\$20,878.20
Loose Collection	\$1,930.23
Teens	\$2.61
Children	\$8.00
	\$22,819.04

2008

\$24,454.96

Registered Households: 3046 Envelopes Received: 522

Upcoming 2nd Collections for September

September 6: Future Development & Maintenance Needs
 September 20: La Salette Missionaries
 September 27: University of St. Thomas/
 Catholic University of America

From The Pastor's Desk

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you missed it. It happened so slowly, so steadily, so remarkably, that the small announcement in the bulletin may have been completely overlooked. Very few parishioners commented on it. *(To discover what this introduction is all about, please turn to the inside of the bulletin on page 1 – and read inside the “Weekly Stewardship” column. Registered households: 3046.)*

Are we talking about Mary Queen Catholic Church? When did this happen? Our last recollection about our parish size and population recorded the number of households at **1924**. Did we witness a secret miracle or something? True, the homilies at the weekend Masses are superb (☺) and the liturgies, with music, singing, and service by the laity are richly rewarding, . . . but, when did we actually increase in over 1,122 new member households?

Well, with the steady transformation of our Catholic community in witness and welcome, (and the new and accurate census keeping) the Lord simply chose to multiply our blessings and watch the Kingdom of God grow among us. In the play (and movie) “Godspell” the disciples sing these lyrics: “*All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord; thank the Lord, for all his love.*” That says it best!

In the light of this incredible growth, the Gospel from St. Mark offers a compelling challenge this weekend. We are called to honor the Lord with more than just our praise. A genuine disciple of the Risen Lord is a person who lives by Word and by action; and always with a virtuous heart. Faith must translate into good deeds; not just good intentions. *Real* service, not *lip* service is required.

In our Gospel, Jesus is doing away with the empty practices of ritual purity in favor of “statutes and decrees that are . . . just” (First Reading from Deuteronomy). There will be no distinction between clean and unclean foods; holiness and purity come from within, as does all virtue. It is clear that Jesus is envisioning a future mission to the Gentiles, to whom the Mosaic Law holds little observance. The Christian way of life embraces a Spirit-filled plan that promotes concrete accomplishments over mere good intentions. Those who hear and receive the Word must act. By this, God’s love just keeps getting better and better.

As we increase in numbers and grace as a Catholic parish we must begin to move beyond empty promises and possibilities to true stewardship of our time, talents, and material treasures. We will not make a Gospel difference in our communities of work and school, our homes, and our parish if we begin to dilute the Catholic faith or diminish the responsibilities of Christian discipleship. If this happens even the *lip* service itself will turn into an empty silence. With Jesus Christ we can always grow deeper in virtue and more committed in service and so achieve a life of inner integrity. Then just watch how we will grow as the Body of Christ, Mary Queen Church.

Courage is being scared to death – but saddling up anyway. (John Wayne)

To all things, Yes, Lord,
Fr. Skip Negley, M.S.

Special Honor and Thanks

Please take the time to notice the beautiful refashioned Sacred Heart Prayer Garden off the Church’s foyer. This was accomplished as an Eagle Scout Project by Scout Joey Grygier (Troop 442) and his fellow Boy Scouts. We are grateful for his accomplishment and dedication. Be sure to support all our Scouts of Mary Queen parish and their leaders.

Important Guidelines for Confirmation for Teens

After consultation with the Archdiocese, Mary Queen parish will continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Sophomore and Junior (and Senior) years of High School. Archbishop DiNardo has issued the policy that candidates **MUST** be in the 10th or 11th grades (and 12th for those who choose this year). During these school years the young adults will be able to make a much more mature decision in their discernment and preparation for this important sacrament in their lives. Students must be fully participating for at least one complete previous year before beginning the special Confirmation Program. Therefore, to be a candidate in the 2009-2010 Confirmation Program for Mary Queen parish, all students must have participated faithfully in the 2008-2009 Life Teen or Witnessing the Faith Programs. They must be enrolled as a Sophomore or a Junior in high school for this current school year, 2009-2010. (Seniors will also be accepted, provided they have participated faithfully in the 2008-2009 programs listed above. (No one enrolled as a Freshman or in 9th grade will be accepted into the coming Confirmation program for 2009-2010.) ***This is Archdiocesan and parish policy.***

Fr. Skip Negley, M.S. - Pastor

Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Plan

Each year the Mission Office of the Archdiocese assigns a visiting missionary to take up a Second Collection at the local parishes for a specific Mission Appeal. This weekend we welcome the Most Rev. Robert Camilleri, O.F.M., Bishop of the Diocese of Camayagua, Honduras who will preach at all the liturgies this weekend. Bishop Camilleri, originally from Malta, has served this diocese, which was the ancient capital of Honduras. They recently lost their Chancery Center due to a tragic fire. We welcome him and offer our hospitality and a generous response to his Mission Appeal in the Second Collection. ***Please make use of the special envelopes found in the church pews.***

Readings for this Week

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-6
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



Renee Bourque, Director of Young Adult Faith Formation
 Manny Bourque, Associate Director of Young Adult Faith Formation
 Joanie Smock, Associate Director of Young Adult Activities



A Call to Holiness Youth Conference – If you would still like to attend the Youth Conference with us on September 12th, go to <http://www.cth2009.org/> and click on Youth. On-line registration deadline is September 1st. Please let Joanie Smock know if you registered yourself and if you would like a ride to the conference.

**Edge Parents/Guardians Yearly
 MANDATORY Meeting**

Parents/Guardians mark your calendars for our annual **mandatory** Edge meeting set for Sunday, September 13th at 4:00 PM in the Main Hall. The meeting will last about an hour. Please try your best to be there 15 minutes early in order to sign in. The meeting will start promptly at 4:00 PM. *NOTE: Youth do NOT have to be present at this meeting.*

Edge Yearly Kickoff

Mark your calendars for another dynamic year of our Edge program. The Kickoff will be Wednesday, September 30th at 6:45 p.m. in the Main Hall. **Our Catechetical Theme for the Year is "Get The Message - Parables".**

The Quest 2009 for Edge Students!

The Quest is a leadership program designed for Edge students by the Archdiocese Office of Youth Ministry. The program introduces youth to the Servant-Leadership model by providing them with the building blocks needed for peer ministry. If you are interested in attending this workshop on October 10th from 10-4 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM includes travel time), pick up a registration form from the Edge bulletin board or contact Joanie Smock at joansmock@maryqueenchurch.org and ask her to email you the forms. Registration and \$20 (checks made payable to Mary Queen) are due to Joanie by September 13th. After the 13th, the cost will be \$30.

**Life Teen Parents/Guardians Yearly
 MANDATORY Meeting**

Parents/Guardians mark your calendars for our annual **mandatory** Life Teen meeting set for Sunday, September 13th at 6:45 PM in the Main Hall. The meeting will last about an hour. Please try your best to be there as soon as Life Teen Mass is finished (for those attending Life Teen Mass). The meeting will start promptly as possible. *NOTE: Youth do NOT have to be present at this meeting.*

Life Teen Yearly Kickoff

Mark your calendars for another dynamic year of our Life Teen program. The Kickoff will be Sunday, September 27th at 6:45 PM in the Main Hall. **Our Catechetical Theme for the Year is "Heroic Virtues"**

XLT (Exalt) Adoration

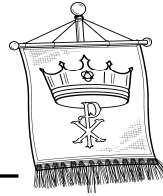
On Wednesday, September 16th at 7:15 PM Mary Queen will host our Bay Area Deanery Senior High Youth XLT (Exalt) Adoration. (Our deanery includes teens from Mary Queen, St. Bernadette, St. Clare, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Helen, St. Hyacinth, St. Luke, St. Mary (La Porte), St. Mary (League City), and St. Paul.) Our Life Teen Music Ministry has been asked to provide the music for that evening. Come praise and worship with us. MQ senior high teens mark your calendars and try your very best to turn out for this event and show our neighboring churches' teens the pride we take here at Mary Queen and our outward expression of praise and worship of our Lord in Adoration. *NOTE: For those teens who schedules permit we could first attend Mass. Remember our weekly Mass every Wednesday evenings begins at 6:30 PM. See you all there at XLT with enthusiasm and excitement!*

Elementary Faith Formation

281-482-1391

Alice Malek, Administrator, ext. 328

Cynthia Newman, Director, ext. 333



Adult Faith Formation

Jason Honeycutt

281-482-1391, ext. 319

ELEMENTARY CCE CLASSES BEGIN

Tuesday, September 22

Wednesday, September 23

PRESCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN

Sunday, September 27

2009-2010 CCE REGISTRATION forms are available in the CCE Office and at www.maryqueenchurch.org/CCE.htm. Please read the CCE Handbook and turn in the parent acknowledgement page along with the CCE registration form. Submit forms and payment to Alice, Sundays 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, or Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Improve your catechetical skills and receive archdiocesan credit toward certification. How? It's as simple as attending workshops at Mary Queen.

Age Specific Lesson Planning - Elementary

Tue., Sept. 1, 6:30-8:30 PM, Mini Hall

Age Specific Lesson Planning - Preschool

Sun., Sept. 13, 9:30-11:30 AM, Room 114/115

Teaching Different Learning Styles - all ages

Thu., Sept. 17, 1:00-3:00 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM, Mini Hall

SEEKING SAINTS-IN-PROGRESS

to echo the Word of God to his little children. There are many opportunities to brighten those halos as catechists and aides. Won't YOU please help?

Sundays 9:30 AM - 3 & 4 year olds

Tuesdays 4:00 PM - Kind, 1st, 2nd & 5th Grades

Tuesdays 5:30 PM - Kind, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 4th, 5th & 6th Grades

Wednesdays 4:00 PM - Kind, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Grades

Wednesdays 5:30 PM - 2nd Grade

Not sure? Come to one of the training sessions (above) before you decide.

CHILDREN'S STEWARSHIP

Beginning the weekend of September 12 & 13, at all Masses, children will be invited to come to the altar during the Offertory, and place their monetary gifts in a special basket. For your convenience, children's collection envelopes are located at the doors of the church. You may request a box by calling the CCE Office, 281-482-1391 ext. 333.

Bread of Life Scripture Study

Do you ever leave the Mass with a desire to have a deeper understanding of the Gospel? Do you have questions about the themes of the Scripture Readings? Join us after the 9:30 AM Mass (and for a little time for coffee and refreshments) in Room 118 to discuss the week's Scripture Readings. For information, call Manny Bourque at 281-482-1391.

Adult Bible Study

The Fall semester of Adult Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 1st. Sessions will be at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM in Room 120. We will be studying the Gospel of St. John. A \$10.00 donation for material is greatly appreciated. Contact Jason if you have any questions.

Join us for Christian Meditation

Christian meditation is part of an ancient practice of the Church that leads to contemplation. The Church calls all of us to seek a closer spiritual union with Christ. The meditation group offers instruction and practice in the time-tested and proven forms of Christian meditation that are approved and promulgated by the Church. If you are interested in this long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church, please join us. We meet Wednesdays at 8:30 AM in the Youth Room. The first session of each month is devoted primarily to instruction and the other meetings focus on practice. For further information, please contact Jason at 281-482-1391 or honeycutt@maryqueenchurch.org.

RCIA Classes

If you desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church on Easter of 2010, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is for anyone over the age of seven seeking to enter the Church, baptized, unbaptized, and those who are baptized Catholic but did not receive First Communion. RCIA classes are Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Please call Jason to schedule an interview at 281-482-1391 or honeycutt@maryqueenchurch.org.

Parish News & Events

Our next Parish Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, September 6. The donor coach will be in the back parking lot taking donors from 8:00 AM through 1:30 PM. As of this writing this Blood Drive will be for whole blood donors only. Double Red Cell donors are encouraged to visit a donor center and credit your donation to account 0603, Mary Queen.



Ladies of the Parish

Save the date for the next *Women Under Mary's Mantle* program - Friday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall. Come and gather with many lovely women for fellowship, learning, sharing, prayer, and warm support from your sisters in Christ. Friends and young adults are welcome.



GUIDELINES FOR MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2010 (as of August 14, 2009)

Mary Queen parishioners have always been faithful to providing a great number of Mass intentions during the years. This practice has benefited both the parish and the La Salette Missionaries. Unfortunately, the availability for additional Mass intentions throughout the year by new parishioners or families experiencing a recent death or serious need has been limited because the Mass intention book is already full.

We will now begin the approved Church practice of receiving several separate mass intentions for a daily or weekend Mass. However, parishioners may only schedule one intention for a public Mass and up to twelve intentions for the calendar year.

Scheduled Mass Intentions will be limited to twelve (12) per family or household during the calendar year. The Mass intention book will "open" to receive any intentions this September 1st for next year. Again, no more than twelve (12) Mass intentions per year for the living or the deceased will be scheduled for regular parish Masses by any family or household. (Exceptions will be honored in case of emergencies or the death of a family member).

Unscheduled Mass Intentions will be accepted for any number or Masses during the year. These Mass intentions will be offered either by the parish priests or the La Salette Missionaries but will not be published in the bulletin. (Many of our retired La Salette priests gladly welcome Mass intentions in their daily Masses and prayers).

The Parish Office will receive your Mass intention requests and stipends during the regular office hours. It is best to provide these intentions in writing to assure correct information (spelling, living or deceased, etc).

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston provides the Mass intention policy. The suggested Mass stipend is \$5.00 for each Mass, scheduled or unscheduled.

Stipends for all Mass intentions are payable to: La Salette Missionaries.

Coming in June 2010

Plan ahead for a pilgrimage to the Catholic sites in France, including several days at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, as well as Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Rocamadour (The Black Madonna of France), Lyons (Le Fouviere), Ars (St. Jean Vianney), Paray le Monial (the Sacred Heart), and several other special shrines, concluding in Paris. We are in the initial planning stages. This is approximately two weeks with Fr. Skip as chaplain. If interested, contact the Parish Office.



Our annual Council #8494 trip to Gulf Greyhound Park in La Marque is Thursday, September 24. We will meet at 6:00 PM at the Terrace Clubhouse Restaurant on the 2nd floor. There is an admission charge of \$3 per person, but the specials that day are 50 cent draft beer and soda and \$1 Margaritas. PGK

Robert Rinehart is taking reservations for this event at his email address of longhornrobertr@aol.com. Brother Robert needs all reservations in by Tuesday, September 22nd. Please be considerate and make your reservations ahead of time so we have enough tables for everyone.



Around the Area

Annual Red Mass & Dinner

The annual Red Mass will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:15 PM. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the presider and homilist at the Mass. Those in the legal profession are encouraged to participate in this centuries-old tradition, invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the Judicial year. The Mass will be followed by dinner at the Cathedral Centre, 1701 San Jacinto (entrance on Jefferson). Dinner seating is limited. For additional information regarding the Mass or to purchase dinner tickets, contact Steven R. Rech, 713-276-3440.

Around the Area

Pray For ...



Call to Holiness — An Archdiocesan Evangelization Conference—September 11-12 at the GRB Convention Center. Join us for a unique opportunity that will draw you deeper into the mystery and understanding of this beautiful call through missions, workshops, and incredible witnessing.

Join us as we learn to raise the level of consciousness about God's work in our lives as a means for a new evangelization in the every day life of people and communities. We look at the lives of Pope John Paul II, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Archbishop Oscar Romero, and Maria Esperanza Bianchini.

For more information, go to www.cth2009.org, conf_info@cth2009 or call 713-391-2609.



SERVANT OF GOD

MOTHER TO THE POOR

PROPHET OF HOPE

MESSENGER OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office to request that you or a loved one be placed on the Prayer List. Names will remain for 60 days.

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| John Arthur | Julia LaBorde | Ralph Risk |
| Lillian Barrientes | Joe LeBlanc | Rose Rivera |
| Donna Bayer | Rev. Steve LeBlanc | Janet Saito |
| John Brinkman | Joseph Lecea | Bud Sanders |
| Travis James Bury | Rev. Moe Linehan, M.S. | Christine Schrader |
| Mary Beth Callahan | Chris Lockwood | Donald Shannon |
| Keith Calfee | Teresa Lotito | Carolyn Shimek |
| LaRue Choate | Celina Magana | Kelly Smith |
| Thomas Condon | Glenna Mann | Lori Smith |
| Fred Conner | Midge McCarragher | Henry "Johnny" Smith |
| Patrick Fitzgerald | Jose Mendez | Pauline Strauss |
| Bridget Fletcher | Richard Meriam | Mary Terry |
| Lyndia Frank | Connie Minor | Jeanne Thomann |
| Tootsie Gordon | Peggy Naclerio | Ken Truman |
| Eugene Hammett | Mary Natali | Luke VanGeston |
| Myra Hartman | Maxcie Negley | Lily Voelkel |
| Leontine Havelka | Herb Newell | Tracie Waggoner |
| Michael Hilly | Eileen Doris O'Connor | Dennis Werner |
| Ryan Kelly | Theresa Olavarria | Barbara Zwingman |
| Wayne Kistler | Max Priebe | Clarence Zwingman |
| Margaret Kline | | |

~ In Memoriam ~

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †David L. Holland, husband of Tina Holland.