



A.C.T.S. Retreat-Mary Queen Parish
November 16-19, 2017 at Christian Renewal Center
"Well Done, My good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23

(Please Print)

Please Check Here do NOT want us to include your contact information in the retreat directory

Name: _____ (like to be called:) _____ Home Ph.: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Work Ph.: _____ E-Mail: _____
Cell Ph.: _____ Other Means of Contact: _____

Please check one: [] Married [] Single

[You must be at least 21 years old to attend]

Name of Spouse or Significant Other: _____ Home Ph.: _____

Spouse Email Address: _____ Spouse Cell: _____

Close Family or Friend Contacts:

Contact #1: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact #2: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of someone who we can call to pray for you

Prayer partner: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Have you ever attended an ACTS Retreat? _____ If yes, when and where? _____

Parish or Church you attend: _____ City: _____

Religion: _____

Person inviting you to this retreat: _____

I would like to have _____ as my roommate if possible.

Will you have any specific dietary, medical or physical needs during this weekend? (i.e. Prescription meds, trouble walking on the retreat grounds, food allergies/restrictions, etc.) No ___ Yes ___ Please Explain: _____

(Continue on back if necessary)

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I HAVE INCLUDED MY REGISTRATION FEE OF \$230.00

Check Number: _____ Cash _____

I will need financial assistance.

(We will contact you, but ask you to pay what you can today)

There are no refunds if you cancel within 2 weeks of the start of retreat, unless we can fill your spot _____ (Initial)

We would like to begin praying for you now. Do you have any special prayer intentions at this time? Please provide as much or as little information as you feel comfortable: *(Continue on back if necessary)*

---PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Mary Queen Catholic Church
Attn: Women's ACTS Director
606 Cedarwood Dr
Friendswood, TX 77546

The 3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat scheduled for Nov. 16-19, 2017 is presented by Mary Queen Parishioners. The goal of this retreat is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, renew ourselves spiritually, give new meaning to our prayer life and Sunday liturgy and build lasting friendships with members of our parish. This retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday with a meal of fellowship in the Main Hall at Mary Queen Church following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Round trip transportation will be provided, leaving Thursday evening from the Mary Queen Church Main Hall in the Parish Center.

The cost per retreatant is \$230.00. You must be at least 21 years if age to attend. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter. In order to reserve your place, this registration form must be **completely filled out and the registration fee of \$230.00 must accompany it.** Completed forms can be mailed or hand delivered and will be numbered upon receipt. We will acknowledge your application shortly after it is submitted. **Make checks payable to Mary Queen Catholic Church.** Cancellations within two weeks of the retreat may not receive a refund. **Please note that financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat.** If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made by contacting the Retreat Director at (281) 650-7080. We look forward to your attending this great retreat.

Parish Administration Office Hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:15 pm

Telephone: 281.482.1391

You will receive a confirmation letter prior to the retreat with details regarding your attendance at the retreat. If you need further information, please contact:

Denise Doss, Director [email, (281) 650-7080]

Margaret Bejarano, Co-Director [email, (832) 642-4021]

Marilynn Gerstmann, Co-Director [m.gerstmmm@gmail.com, (281) 433-1457]

**RETREAT DATE:
Nov. 16-19, 2017**

ACTS Retreats --- Frequently Asked Questions

What is an ACTS Retreat? An ACTS Catholic lay retreat is held for three days and three nights and is presented by fellow parishioners. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men and retreats for women are given separately. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on **Adoration, Community, Theology and Service** from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church guide the retreat. The retreat takes on the traditions and atmosphere of the parish community sponsoring it. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new and/or deeper relationship with the Lord through:

Adoration - The call by, acceptance of, and response to God

Community - The love and caring of each other

Theology - The study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith

Service - To God and His people

Each retreat is conducted by a retreat "team" composed of 32-42 individuals who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Chosen by the retreat Director, the team organizes the retreat, conducts the retreat activities and ministers to the needs of the retreatants during the retreat weekend.

What is the purpose of an ACTS retreat? An ACTS weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new and/or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners. This is accomplished through **Adoration** and daily prayer, the call to **Community** in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and **Theology** in encouraging the study of scripture and our Catholic Faith; all of which emphasize and encourage the virtue of **Service** to our Lord, our parish and one another.

What is the goal of an ACTS retreat? A parish ACTS retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 which emphasize "community and pastoral care" within a parish. The weekend allows the retreatants to experience God's love and joy. They return to their parish with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in their parish faith community.

Why attend an ACTS retreat? The weekend is a powerful and enduring personal conversion experience. Faith Sharing talks, which draw from the personal experiences of team members, focus on **Adoration**, the need for prayer and meditation on the word of God; **Community**, the importance of community built on faith and love; **Theology**, the need to read and understand scripture and our Catholic Faith; and **Service**, the need to answer Christ's call to servanthood. Activities conducted during the weekend give retreatants a better understanding of the significance and importance of prayer, liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, community and service. Retreatants are also given guidance to help them in their faith journey. It is a powerful community building experience. The ACTS weekend brings the retreatants to a better understanding of God's love for them and also develops their need to share that love with others through their involvement in a faith-centered parish community. The retreat emphasizes our call to service, service to the parish community and to our world community. Gained from the retreat is a new or renewed dedication to the life of the parish community and a new recognition of the needs of those around us and of our obligation, as followers of Christ, to help meet those needs.