



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
September 17<sup>TH</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM MASS**

No Deacon  
Lector: HM Kreitz  
Lay Ministers: K. & B. Theisen & P. Thrift  
Greeters: P., K. & J. Petter & P. Everett  
Altar Servers: A. Cantu, A. Marian, S. Proctor & A. Atkins

**7:30 AM MASS**

No Deacon  
Lector: M. Hoelscher  
Lay Ministers: T. Flores, B. McNeill & D. Gibson  
Greeters: F. Dach, B. & M. Hoelscher  
Altar Servers: R. McNeill, D. Nguyen & A. Federle

**9:15 AM MASS**

No Deacon  
Lector: S. McAtee  
Lay Ministers: L. Grygar, D. Garza & C. Young  
Greeters: M. Guenat, T. Leos & K. & J. Bartz  
Altar Servers: R. & M. Ramm, A. Lambert & J. Garcia

**11:00 AM MASS**

Deacon Barney Rodriguez  
Lector: J. Mason  
Lay Ministers: E. Castillo & F. Trevino  
Greeters: B. Stewart, M. Cyr, L. Castillo, R. & J. Dudley  
Altar Servers: A., V. & N. Basille, J. Ibarra & S. Berumen

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**COMMUNION CALLS September 18<sup>TH</sup> , 2016**

B. McNeill, J. Albers, T. Flores, L. Grygar,  
D. Gibson, K. Theisen, J. & N. Glover

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – September 18<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:10PM</b> †Eddie Edwards
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> †Daryl Entrop
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> †Shirley & Daniel Staebler
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b> Martha Warren <b>12:10PM</b> For the People
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> †Billy Goonan <b>5:30PM</b> †Antone & Mary Kubacak
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> For the People <b>9:15AM</b> Steve & Ann Jozwiak <b>11:00AM</b> †Pearlie Faichtinger

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Wednesday you are invited to spend time with Jesus. Adoration begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:00am mass and ends with Benediction at 6:30pm. There are several times throughout the day we have need for attendees. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for an hour. On the First Friday of each month Adoration is at 7:00pm.



*This week's second collection is for support of victims of floods in Louisiana. Let us lighten their burden as the body of Christ!*



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday, September 11, W.O.M.E.N.'s Ministry will be hosting coffee and donuts after the 7:30am and 9:15am masses.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Luke reminds us in this week's Gospel that the father of our house loves us all despite our behavior and attitude. The father in the parable actually left the house to greet the first son on the road, defying all expectations that he should reject the wayward son. Rather than rejection, the father offers forgiveness. The father left the house for the second son as well. Rather than having an angry reaction to the attitude of the second son, the expected reaction, the father instead begs the son to come into the house.

Some of us, although claiming faithfulness, have yet to truly "come inside" to see what the Church really has to offer. We naively believe we have fulfilled our duty and that now God owes us. Sometimes, like Paul, we must see what God does and what we do. We constantly revert to acting according to human expectations, but God doesn't. Paul offers thanks that God does act differently. And we should too. When Moses went up the mountain, he was there long enough that those who had followed him believed he was not coming back. Freshly out of Egypt, they had no clear sense of who they were, so they reverted to human expectations. Making a golden calf, they tried to look like everyone else. We do the same. We try to fit in. We try to look like everyone else by abandoning that which makes us Christian and uniquely Catholic.

We rarely remember that we can make the God of love angry. Fortunately, God's nature is to be forgiving. He invites us into His house again and again.

We must see ourselves in the same shoes as Luke's original readers. We are people from all walks of life who struggle to get along. At times we are unclear on what it means to be a Christian, and at other times we think we know better than the Church, and we leave. But even with all of this, all the Father wants is for us to come inside the house. May God bless you all.

Fr. Steve



## Stewardship Part VI: Tithing Continued

In the New Testament Jesus told us the story of the widow's mite. Those with much were making large gifts to the temple, but they still lived in luxury and excess. Jesus observed a poor widow placing a small coin among the grand gifts. He acknowledged her gift as the greatest, since it came from her need not from her excess. She gave even beyond what she should have been able to afford. This is the kind of trust Stewardship demands of all of us. This kind of dependence is not easy, nor are we able to just decide to trust God so completely starting today. We grow towards this kind of trust. That is where the idea of setting a percentage comes in. Each year as we renew our commitments we should challenge ourselves as to whether we can do a little bit more. If we give 2%, perhaps we can give 3% or 4%.

This approach to Stewardship can be very freeing. Once I have decided what I am giving to the Church and to other charities, I can be free from the guilt and manipulation that so often occurs when we receive baskets of solicitations from a multitude of charities. Once I have set an amount for myself, I also decide on what kind of charities I will support for the year. One year I might favor the food pantries and hunger relief projects, another I might favor medical research charities. I try to decide ahead of time where I will give my tithe, always leaving the biggest portion for the Church. As begging letters arrive I save only those that fall into the categories I have decided to favor. Then once a month, when I begin to pay my bills, I first honor my tithe and then prioritize which charities will receive something that month. The rest of the appeals will wait until the next month. Personally I try to function this way, but it is not always easy. However, I have always found that when I honor my tithe it not only makes me feel good that I have shared God's gifts to me, but somehow my resources never run out.

*To be continued in next week's bulletin... From Stewardship: A Way of Life by Rev. Michael Ignaszak.*

September 4, 2016  
**Stewardship Report**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Weekly Operating Budget	\$	10,098
Above (Below) Budget	\$	( 1,650)
Year to Date Operating Budget	\$	100,980
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$	82,249
Above (Below) Budget	\$	(18,731)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

Show your appreciation for our sponsors in the bulletin by supporting their businesses and tell them you saw their ad in the bulletin.

If you would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Lilia Medina at 254.773.4541 or via email [lilia.medina@stmarytempletx.org](mailto:lilia.medina@stmarytempletx.org).

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**St. Mary's Week Ahead**

Date	Event	Place	Time
Monday Sept. 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
	WOMENs Ministry	Ave Maria Building	6:30pm
	Garden Ministry	St. Mary Gardens	8:00am
Tuesday Sept. 13 <sup>TH</sup>	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	1:30pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm
Wednesday Sept. 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday Sept. 15 <sup>TH</sup>	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	RCIA	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm
Saturday Sept. 17 <sup>TH</sup>	Scout Mass	Church & Parish Hall	10:00am

**VOCATIONS CHALICE**



Thank you to the following for your commitment to vocations:

- Sep 18 J. & C. Baylor 11:00am mass
- Sep 25 R. & M. Krumnow 11:00am mass
- Oct 02 J. & C. Bandas 9:00am mass

Sign up at church exits or call the parish office.

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**

Catechists, Assistant Catechists and Office Helpers are still needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Patricia St. Amour at 254.773.4541 x14. Classes start in the church at 6:30pm. Join the children for Eucharist Benediction.

Adult Faith Formation will be studying the Book of James. Join us every Tuesday at 1:30pm or 6:00pm in the Ave Maria Building to learn from the "Pearls of Wise Living."

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Our Holy Land tour company will be here on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for another informational session regarding the February trip with Fr. Steve. If you have an interest, questions or even already signed up, please join us in the Ave Maria building.

**Altar Flowers**

Donated in memory of Jimmie Lemmons Jr. by Carmelita Lemmons.

Please contact the Parish Office at least 3 weeks in advance for flower memorials.





## Falcon's Corner

### Mark your Calendars

for Taco Night on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Our wonderful Men of Joseph ministry, with the help of our PTC, will be selling Tacos to benefit the school Tuition Assistance fund. Pre-sale tickets will be on sale beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> after Masses and in the school office beginning on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please support our school, helping us ensure no one is denied a quality Catholic Education **AND** enjoy delicious food!

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Dues can be turned in to Kathy Wachel. Please be sure your contact information is up-to-date.

Church Women of Temple potluck luncheon is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at noon at the new Salvation Army facility, 419 W. Avenue G, in Temple.

### SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG, LET THE CONGREGATION SING HIS PRAISE!

Psalm 149 invites us to sing praise to God...the music ministry invites you to join us in praise through music and song. Easy to join – no experience necessary, practices are short and no long term commitment required. See a choir member after mass or contact: Jim Mason 254.913.1259, Bill Keller 254.624.7408 or Glen Webster at 254.773.2952.



Knights Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 12  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 6:15pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30pm  
Both meet at the K of C Hall at 2218 W. Ave. D  
BINGO: Tuesday Nights at the K of C Hall



Please welcome the following new members to our parish family:

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| Yepez Family  | Ralston Family |
| Kovar Family  | Bell Family    |
| Yezak Family  | Minor Family   |
| Bryant Family |                |

*Amanda Arney and David Alexander*



### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes begin Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Ave Maria Building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

RCIA is a process for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or inquiring about initiation in the Church. Adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments are also encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office at 254.773.4541 to register for these classes.



**KJT**  
Catholic Union of Texas

Society #114 Fundraiser:

Enjoy a bake sale after the 7:30am, 9:15am and 11:00am masses on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Funds provide financial support for local Catholic charities.

### EIM AREA WORKSHOPS

Please register online prior to the workshop. If you have any questions, call Lilia Medina at the Parish Office or [lilia.medina@stmarytempletx.org](mailto:lilia.medina@stmarytempletx.org)  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Temple 9/18 1:00pm

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11 ATTACKS

Mrs. Wyles reminded us that we should pray for healing from this violence:

*“Dear Lord,  
It is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our holy desire, peace among all God’s children.  
Lord, grant us peace. Amen”*