



**JULY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm  
To schedule an hour with Our Lord  
please contact MaryAnn or Phil  
Everett at 254-721-0931 or  
254-721-8142 or  
Helen Marie Kreitz 254-773-6946.  
Every First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm.  
Make a date to receive His Grace.

*“Come to me all you who labor  
and are burdened, and I will give you  
rest.”* *Matthew 11:28*

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Thank you to our families, your prayers  
strengthen those being called by God to live out  
their vocation.

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| Aug 27 | C & S Guenat | 9:15am  |
| Sep 3  | A Mikeska    | 11:00am |
| Sep 10 | J & C Oakes  | 11:00am |

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Join us on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> after the  
7:30am or 9:15am masses for  
breakfast snacks to learn more  
about our parish and  
committees.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Novenas are certainly among  
the most popular forms of  
devotion in modern times.  
They have ancient roots, even  
strong biblical roots. A novena

is a prayer that involves nine steps. It may  
involve nine prayers to be recited over a certain  
period. Or it may require the same prayer to be  
repeated nine times; for example, daily over nine  
days or weekly over nine weeks. The practice is  
traced back to the day of the ascension, when  
Jesus initiated nine days of prayer: *“he charged  
them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for  
the promise of the Father. . . and when they had  
entered, they went up to the upper room, where  
they were staying . . . All these with one accord  
devoted themselves to prayer, together with the  
women and Mary the mother of Jesus”* (Acts 1:4-  
14. For nine days the disciples prayed, and on  
the tenth day, Pentecost, they received the Holy  
Spirit. So what is significant about the number  
nine? It is suggested that it is one short of ten, a  
round number that represents fullness and  
perfection, so it is a sign of our human  
neediness, our imperfection. Even in God’s  
creation, a child is in the womb for nine months  
before birth.

A popular novena called the *“Christmas novena”*  
is nine days of prayers or meditations leading up  
to the feast of the Nativity. Each day represents  
one of the months that Jesus dwelt in his  
mother’s womb. Another novena *“Immaculate  
Conception novena”*, which can help believers  
prepare for this great feast day of the Blessed  
Virgin. As we pray novenas, it’s good for us to  
remember the fundamentals of Christian prayer.  
We go to God in our need; we raise our minds  
and hearts to him; and we ask him for good  
things. We are not out to change God’s mind;  
God does not change. Rather, prayer is God’s  
favorite way of changing our minds. God  
sometimes gives us what we want so that we’ll  
grow in our trust and learn to ask him for what we  
need. It pains me deeply when someone  
publishes what they call a *“never-fail novena.”*

God hears every prayer, and he answers every prayer with our best interests in mind. The phrase “never-fail” suggests, however, that God can somehow be managed or manipulated, and it can create a crisis of faith for those who believe it’s a guarantee that they’ll get what they want, just the way they want it. May we continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with his grace and that our hearts will be united with our Lord.

Fr. Steve

### Stewardship Moment

“The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

See Psalm 119

### YOUR GIFT TO GOD

July 23, 2017

|                       |           |                  |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Collection     | \$        | 8677.60          |
| Building Fund         | \$        | 1578.47          |
| Generations To Come   | \$        | 100.00           |
| Children’s Collection | \$        | 76.50            |
| School                | \$        | 27.00            |
| Peter’s Pence         | \$        | 25.00            |
| Helping Hands         | \$        | 2.00             |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$</b> | <b>10,486.57</b> |

Note: totals include online giving



Please welcome these new members to our parish community:

Mr. & Mrs. Mistrot and family

Mrs. Holst and family

Mr. & Mrs. Degenhardt

### St. Mary Week Ahead

| Date                            | Event                                   | Location          | Time            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Monday<br>July 31 <sup>st</sup> | Quilting Angels                         | Ave Maria Bldg    | 9:00am          |
|                                 | Boy Scouts                              | O’Reilly Building | 6:00pm          |
| Tuesday<br>Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Adult Bible Study                       | Regina Caeli Rm   | 1:30pm & 6:00pm |
|                                 | Trust Fund Meeting                      | Parish Office     | 6:00pm          |
|                                 | Men of Joseph                           | O’Reilly Rm 111   | 7:00pm          |
| Wed<br>Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament      | Church            | 7:30am          |
|                                 | Reboot Live Meeting                     | Regina Caeli Rm   | 6:00pm          |
| Thursday<br>Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)            | Church            | 6:15pm          |
|                                 | W.O.M.E.N. Meeting                      | Regina Caeli Rm   | 6:30pm          |
|                                 | Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses) | Church            | 7:00pm          |

### Welcome Our Holy Land Guests

The Holy Land group will be here next weekend, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> after all the masses selling their beautiful wood carvings. Get a start on your Christmas shopping!



## FALCON'S CORNER

### FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

How deep and strong is your faith even in the face of struggle and adversity? St. Paul reminds us: there is good even in the midst of human pain and suffering. It is God's actions that bring forth good and God has a plan for all of us with the power to bring it to fulfillment. Paul's focus is on "the big picture" of God's plan to bring all things and all people together in Christ. When you focus on seeing God's hand, even in the pain and the sorrow of everyday life, you gain such peace and strength.

#### **Religious Education Classes 2017-2018:**

Registration forms are available on-line at: [www.stmarytempletx.org](http://www.stmarytempletx.org), in the back of church and at the Parish Office. Completed Registration forms **and payment** need to be returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible to secure a place for your child(ren). On-line payment is available on the Parish website as well.

**Religious Education Parent & Child Meeting, and Opening Prayer Service:** Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church. This is an important meeting. Attendance is required for parents or guardians.

**Catechist Training and Meeting:** 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Regina Caeli Room. RSVP to Religious Education Office by Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Catechists are still needed** for grades PreK to 10<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education. Confirmed teens and adults are needed to share their faith with the youth of the parish. PLEASE step up to help. Materials and training provided. Call Patricia St. Amour SOON. You have much to offer our kids!

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

#### **2017-2018 School Year**

Registration is well under way for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in learning more please give us a call and set up a tour (254-778-8141). You may also visit our website at [www.stmarys-temple.org](http://www.stmarys-temple.org). Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

#### **School Office Hours**

The office will open full time beginning the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> with operating hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

#### **New and Used Uniform Sale**

The school will be selling new and used uniforms on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Used Uniforms will be in the band room – cash or checks only.

New Uniforms will be in the gym – All forms of payment are accepted.

#### **RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Registration is now available for the Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 class. This is a process for welcoming new members into the Church, or for Catholics who have not received all of the sacraments or anyone interested in learning more about their faith. Classes begin on Thursday, September 14, 7:00pm to 8:30pm and meet every Thursday in the Regina Caeli Room in the Ave Maria Building. Contact the office with your name and phone number. One of our program facilitators will contact you.

## AUG 5<sup>th</sup> TO AUG 6<sup>th</sup> ,2017

### 5:30 PM MASS

Deacon:  
Lector: P. Everett  
Lay Ministers: C. Hussey, P. & MA Everett  
Greeters: B. Goonan  
Altar Servers: A. & E. Atkins, Z. Herzog,  
A.Tavernier

### 7:30 AM MASS

Deacon:  
Lector: R. Schigut  
Lay Ministers: K. & R. Oujezdsky, R. Schigut  
Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman,  
C. Reeves  
Altar Servers: L. & MV & M. Maldonado,  
R. McNeill

### 9:15 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez  
Lector: B. Dolgener  
Lay Ministers: K. & J. Bartz  
Greeters: A. Pechal, W. & E. Wilde  
Altar Servers: A. Marin, M. Knight  
T. & N. Bennett

### 11:00 AM MASS

Deacon:  
Lector: JA Mason  
Lay Ministers: A. Payne, JA & J. Mason  
Greeters: D. & K. Frei, N. Moreno  
Altar Servers: A., V. & N. Basile, J. Garcia

### **Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound**

**Aug 6, 2017**

P/MA Everett, R. Schigut, K/R Oujezdsky,  
D. Kaminski, K & J Bartz, C. Hussey, A. Payne,  
J. & N. Glover

## JULY 31<sup>st</sup> to AUG 6<sup>th</sup> , 2017

**Monday** No Mass  
**Tuesday** 12:10PM † Catherine Deutscher  
**Wednesday** 7:00AM  
**Thursday** 7:00AM † Andrew Mireles  
**Friday** 10:00AM † James Grygar  
12:10PM † Mary & John Staebler  
**Saturday** 7:30AM † Benjamin Kirshner  
4:00PM Confessions  
5:30PM Deceased Danowski &  
Santacroce Families  
**Sunday** 7:30AM Albert F. Vrana Sr.  
9:15AM † Dr. Matthew Mireles  
11:00AM For the People



### **Cedarbrake Retreat Center**

Healing Journey  
August 3, 2017  
9:00am-2:30pm

This is a chance to come to a deeper understanding of forgiveness and to experience God's healing power. Beverly Collin, assistant director at Cedarbrake, along with The Mercy of God Prayer Team, will present this retreat where you will learn that forgiveness is about letting go of pain in order to heal. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:2547802436) or visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

### **Catholic Night at Dell Diamond**

Round Rock Express, Round Rock  
Thursday, August 5, 2017  
7:00pm

Gates open at 6 p.m. Discounted tickets are available online (\$11 for Infield Reserved and \$5 for Lawn). Visit [www.rrexpress.com/aug5](http://www.rrexpress.com/aug5), and use Coupon Code: catholic. For group purchases and videoboard recognition, contact Alyssa at [\(512\) 238-2207](tel:5122382207).