

Join us in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Wednesdays During Lent

• 5:00 PM – Vespers (Church)

Fridays During Lent

- 4:30 PM 5:20 PM Confessions
 - 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 - 5:30 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Sundays During Lent

• 4:00 PM – Holy Hour & Solemn Vespers (Church)

Sunday, March 8, 2025





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Sunday Worship

Saturday Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm 7:30 & 9:30 am

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert

Daily Mass

Saturday: 8:15 am Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 am Wednesday & Friday: 5:30 pm **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:45 am





Join us each Wednesday for Family Catechesis or **Sacramental Preparation**

For more information contact Julie Rex in the Parish Office at (254) 773-4541 or re@stmarytempletx.org



All Middle & High School students are invited to join us each Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm in the O'Reilly Building for food, fun and faith formation!

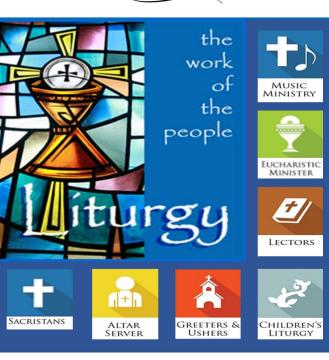
Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm for our Parent & Godparent Baptism Preparation classes.



Please contact the parish office to register for any class at (254) 773-4541



BAPTISM



If you are interested in serving the Lord and our parish as a

Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector or Usher for weekday or weekend Masses please contact the Parish Office at (254) 773-4541.

We hope you will join us for one of the opportunities we have this Lent at St. Mary's.

Thursday Lenten Series on 7 Deadly Sins Presented by Seminarian Soloman Akpan

March 27th, April 3rd and April 10 We begin with Vespers at 6pm and end by 8pm

"The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God" (St. Gregory of Nyssa) Join us as we seek to root out the capital vices (sinful habits & tendencies) and grow in virtue so we can be more like Jesus!



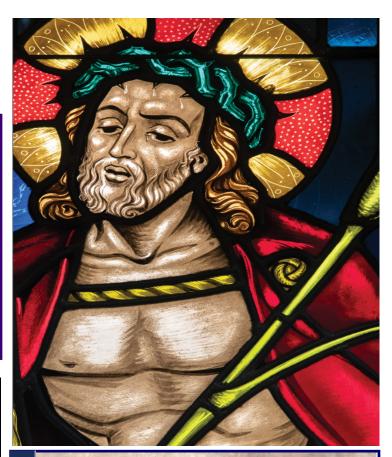
in the Ave Maria Building

Each Friday during Lent. Take out & dine in plates available.

Adult plates -\$14 & Children plates \$8

Mar. 7th Mar. 21st Apr. 4th

Mar. 14th Mar. 28th Apr. 11th 101N YOUR PARISH FAMILY MARCH 19



The Solemnity of St. Joseph

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you." Psalsm 84:5)

All are welcome to join us for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th.

We will begin with Mass at 5:30pm and enjoy food and fellowship with a St. Joseph's Altar in the Regina Caeli Room from 6:00pm -9:00pm.



CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call Debra Hollingsworth at (713) 586-9800.

Thank you for participating in this prayer initiative and may God richly bless you with every good gift as you pray for priestly vocations!

Mar 16th	Kevin & Rachel Oujezdsky	7:30am
Mar 23rd	Tanner & Katherine Hicks	9:30am
Mar 30th	Kathleen Hampton	7:30am

Call or Text Debra Hollingworth at (713) 586-9800 if interested in filling an "Open" slot!



Pastoral Council Updates to the Parish:

Synopsis of Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes (Feb 25, 2025)

The Pastoral Council meeting began with an evening prayer, followed by a review of previous meeting discussions and some key updates on school finances, new initiatives and changes in marriage prep at the parish.

Key Updates:

• **School Report:** Enrollment stands at 196 students, with an increase in tuition aid requests due to inflation. A significant parish subsidy is planned for the following school year, though the passage of HB2 could alleviate the need to provide a large parish subsidy in the future.

• **New Initiatives:** A new organ will be purchased and installed in the choir loft. Lent promotional flyers are ready for distribution, which includes the lenten retreat led by Seminarian Solomon.

• **Marriage Preparation:** The parish is adopting the "Witness to Love" program, requiring engaged couples to meet with a mentor couple. Fr. Will is currently looking for a marriage formation coordinator to take on this new initiative.

• **Communication & Engagement:** There are plans to use Flocknote to promote family adoration hours. The yearly church calendar will be used to promote events on the website in the future and help streamline the use of church spaces.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer.





All Liturgical Ministers:

Please check the Ministry Scheduler Pro for all upcoming daily and weekend Mass schedules.

210ass Intentions

March 10th – March 16th

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	No Mass 8:15AM 5:30PM 8:15AM	 † Cpt. Mark Kett † Katherine Smith Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday Saturday	5:30PM 8:15AM	Ryan Colburn Clergy & Religious Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5:30PM	† Gilbert Lefner † Deborah Keller John Mikeska Family
Sunday	7:30AM	 † Richard Lewis & † Marilyn Havranek † Joseph Gellesh
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St, Mary's Catholic Church



Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) Mass Intention Card Sale

On March 15 & 16th in the Narthex.

The purpose of the Clerical Endowment Fund is used to aid in the education of seminarians for the Austin Diocese.

> CEF Mass Intention Cards can be purchased for \$2, \$5 and \$25.

Please stop in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend and Altar Society will be happy to help you get your prayer cards.



March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,832.11
Parish School	\$ 1,868.00
Building Fund	\$ 78.00
Worl Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Helping Hands	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 12,822.11

Thank you for your continuous generosity. Your giving makes a difference!

Music During Lent

As we enter this penitential season of Lent, I am often reminded how music can reflect the austerity of this liturgical time. Additionally, there is a joy that is solemn during Lent. We joyfully take up our crosses as we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving because we know what awaits us during the Easter season-the joy of our resurrected Christ.

Music during Lent can be somewhat of a paradox as we rejoice that Christ is our savior even as we acknowledge all the ways we have failed as disciples. Because of this, we refrain from singing the Gloria and the Alleluia during Lent. The choir will sing the Entrance Antiphon in Latin, and at the 9:30am Sunday Mass we will chant the Creed in English. Moreover, music will only be played to accompany singing. So, there will be no improvisations during offertory or communion. This silence will offer us more time to reflect on the readings, Fr. Will's homilies, and receiving Christ in the Eucharist. As we journey through this Lenten season, I pray that the music will help you celebrate the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that leads us to Easter joy.

> Your Brother in Christ, Darrell St. Romain Director of Sacred Music



Altar Flowers this weekend have been provided in celebration of the Birthday for D'Anne

by Martha Duarte.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon.	Quilters	O'Reilly	9:00 am
Mar. 10 th		Building	
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly	6:30 pm
		Building	
Tuesday	Adoration	Adoration	9:00 am
-		Chapel	
Friday			
Tues.	Knitters &	Ave Maria	10:00 am
Mar. 11 ^h	Crocheters	Room	
	Cub Scouts	O'Reilly	6:00 pm
		Building	
	Men of	Ave Maria	7:00 pm
	Joseph	Room	
Wed.	No RE	Enjoy	
Mar. 12 th		Spring	
		Break!	
	No Youth		
	Group		
Thurs.	RCIA	O'Reilly	6:00 pm
Mar. 13 th		Building	
Fri.	Stations of	Church	5:00 pm
Mar. 14 th	the Cross		
	KC Fish Fry	Ave Maria	5:00 pm
		Building	

