

*Jesus was led  
by the Spirit  
into the desert  
for forty days*



*Lent.*  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL

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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Meeting link: [stmarytempletx.org/meet](http://stmarytempletx.org/meet)

### **Sunday Worship**

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

### **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

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*Thank You*  
Thanks for supporting our school!



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](mailto:re@stmarytempletx.org)



**Ablaze**  
YOUTH

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  
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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 Solomon 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!



*Save the Date!!!*  
*Saturday, March 29, 2025*  
*Lenten Retreat*

*RSVP on Flocknote or contact the Parish Office*



## **The Solemnity of St. Joseph**



**"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you." Psalms 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.**



## **Fish Fry Fridays**

**Join us from 5pm - 7pm 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**



## 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 Hollingsworth at (713) 586-9800  
if interested in filling an "Open" slot!



Liturgical  
Ministries

### All Liturgical Ministers:

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



## Mass Intentions

### March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>

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



### 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.



### **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.**

# Parish Giving

March 2, 2025

|                     |           |                  |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Collection   | \$        | 10,832.11        |
| Parish School       | \$        | 1,868.00         |
| Building Fund       | \$        | 78.00            |
| World Home Missions | \$        | 20.00            |
| Helping Hands       | \$        | 24.00            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>12,822.11</b> |

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



**Knights of Columbus**

**St. Mary's Council 3444**

**We are Catholic Men who LEAD, SERVE, PROTECT and DEFEND.**

**We share a desire to be better HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS, NEIGHBORS and ROLE MODELS and to put charity and community first!**

**We invite you to put your faith into action!**

**Contact Joe Pena, David Matocha or any brother Knights for more information.**