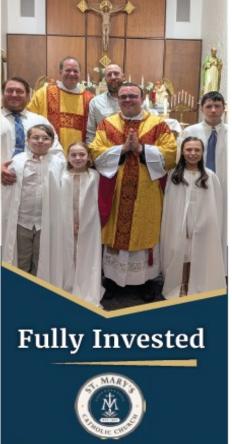
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 24, 2025

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds the people of his time that their status as "the chosen people" did not guarantee admission to God's Kingdom. That is true of us as well. God's kingdom is given as gift, but to accept the gift we must faithfully follow Jesus through the narrow door, which means living in him and for him in everything we do. That narrow door includes our love and care for the poor and vulnerable. Are we strong enough to be servants to the least as Jesus was?



Know | Love | Serve | Proclaim

"Fully Invested" Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our "Fully Invested" Program. I'm proud to be part of the St. Mary's Catholic Church community.

On Commitment Weekend, August 30 & 31, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Mary's Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.stmarytempletx.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary's Catholic Church!

"Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Luke 13:24



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Pastor: Fr. Will Rooney stmaryoffice@stmarytempletx.org

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

The mission of St. Mary's Catholic Church is for all to KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE our Lord Jesus Christ; provide for the Catholic Educational needs of our children and adults, and proclaim the Good News of His Saving Grace to all we encounter.

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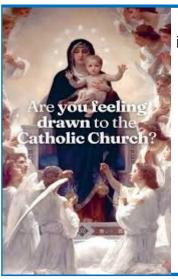






If you are a parent or Godparent in need of a Baptism preparation class. Please contact
Julie Rex in the Parish Office
or Register online.

Classes are offered every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or in need of Sacraments please contact Julie Rex in the Parish Office for more information.

All are welcome and invited to attend Mass and get more information about Catholic Faith Formation.



August 17, 2025

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Sunday Collection	\$	8,697.28
Parish School	\$	1,088.00
Building Fund	\$	28.00
Parish Mission	\$	150.00
Assumption	\$	409.00
Other .	\$	52.00
Helping Hands	\$	642.25
Total	\$	11.066.53

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Your giving makes a difference!

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH **5TH ANNUAL** TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 SAMMONS PARK GOLF COURSE TEMPLE, TEXAS **Registration Begins: 7:00 AM** Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM \$90 PER PLAYER **4-MAN SCRAMBLE PRIZES & HIGHLIGHTS** Hole-in-One Contest · Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin Awards Following Lunch **REGISTER TODAY!** Goodie Bag for Each Player Register by September 1st (254) 231-2185 Contact: Jeremiah Oujezdzsky PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. MARY CHURCH AND SCHOOL

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Friday		Chapei	
Tues.	Knitters &	Ave Maria	10:00 am
Aug 26 th	Crocheters	Room	
Sat.	EIM	O'Reilly	9:00 am
Aug 30 th	Workshop	Building	

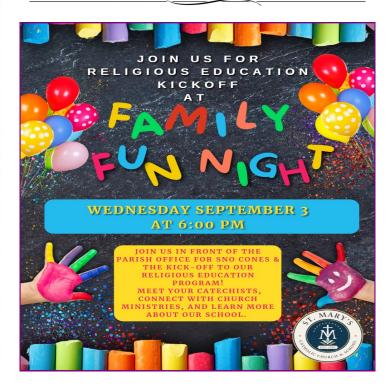
Knights of Columbus of Christ the King Fish Fry

Skip the work and the cleanup & come out to enjoy a fish dinner in support of our seminarians and wheelchair fundraisers. Dine-in or take-out.

Friday, September 5th 5-7 PM Christ the King Family Life Center 250 E 24th Ave, Belton, TX

Meal includes 4 pieces of fish (fried or grilled), Cole slaw, beans, fries, hush puppies, drink (bottled water, tea)

Adult plate - \$14; College Students - \$8 Kid plate (10 and under) - \$6 - 2 pcs of fish & sides Clergy, active military, first responders in uniform free





ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Want to grow closer to God?

Wondering what His plan might be for you?

Whether you're exploring the Catholic Church for the first time or seeking to deepen your faith as a lifelong Catholic, Adult Faith Formation is for you.

Our first sessions will cover:

- Why Believe? Discover the reasons for faith in God and the beauty of the Catholic Church.
- How to Pray Learn practical ways to connect with God in your daily life.
 Join us as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2025 6PM-8PM

> For more information, contact Julie Rex: re@stmarytempletx.org



Location: O'Reilly Building, downstairs-Dinner provided



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!

Aug 24th	SMCS 3rd Grade Class 9:30am	
Aug 31st	Debra Hollingsworth 7:30am	
Sep 7th	Kathleen Hampton 7:30am	
Sep 14th	Samuel & Julie Rex 9:30am	
Sep 21st	Bruce and Stephanie McAtee 9:30am	
Sep 28th	SMCS Class Rotation	
·	(Contact Kristine Ramirez) 9:30am	

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

Our friends at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic
Church in Temple invite you to their
annual Jamaica Festival on Sunday, August 31st,
from 11 am to 10 pm. Families can enjoy all-day
fun with a kids' wristband for unlimited games,
including a giant bouncy house obstacle course.
Don't miss the cultural experiences — the colorful
cabalgata horse procession at 2:30 pm, traditional
matachines dancers, amazing live music, and
incredible food from both Hispanic and American
traditions. Come for the afternoon
family fun and stay for the evening concerts. All
are welcome — this is a joyful celebration for the
whole community!







All Liturgical Ministers:

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



August 25th – August 31st

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	Aurore
Wednesday	5:30PM	Arnold & † Frances
•		Pechal—59th Wedding
		Anniversary
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the
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		Life
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Friday	5:30PM	† Angeline Kosel
Saturday	8:15AM	Loris Edwards
	5:30PM	† George & RosaLee
		Wilkinson (Anniversary)
		Dcn. Barney & Janie
		Rodriguez 49th
		Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	7:30AM	† Rikk Alessi
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	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of
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		St. Mary's Catholic
		Church



Altar Flowers this weekend have been provided in memory of +Lauire Colburn
With great love from Ryan Colburn

Our Social Outreach Ministry would like to say Thank You for participating in the Social Outreach Ministry donation drives this year (Simon cross & School Supply Drive).

This year we collected enough supplies to assist over 35 High School students with six boxes of supplies plus three additional boxes for SMCS!

