



**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Back to School Prayer**

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**BACK TO SCHOOL Blessing**

Join us this Sunday, August 3rd following the 9:30am Mass for the Blessing of the School and Backpacks.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be served by Chef Anthony in the cafeteria.

We encourage all our students to bring their backpacks for a blessing and encourage everyone to check out the school, the new Chapel & stay for lunch!



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### 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.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## BAPTISM CLASSES

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.

# Parish Giving

July 27, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	10,963.00
Parish School	\$	88.00
Building Fund	\$	649.47
Other	\$	32.00
Crosier Mission	\$	100.00
Helping Hands	\$	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,839.47</b>

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon. Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Office	Closed for	Staff Retreat
Tuesday -	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Friday			
Tues. Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Knitters & Crocheters	Ave Maria Room	10:00 am
Wed. Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	6:30 pm
Thurs. Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	1st Day of School	SMCS	8:00 am
	Rescue Project	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 2025

### Synopsis of Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes (July 22, 2025)

The meeting opened with a prayer and proceeded with follow-ups from the prior session. The following agenda items were discussed:

#### Major Agenda Items:

- **RCIA Reformat:** A new 4-year formation plan proposed by Deacon Chris is under consideration, potentially incorporating the *National Directory for Catechesis*.
- **Rescue Project:** Currently drawing strong participation from families and adults. The council discussed doing the Rescue Project again for **Lent 2026**.
- **Master Planning:** A firm from Waco has been selected to conduct a **space utilization analysis** for the church campus.
- **Increased Offertory Program:** Scheduled for rollout with a homily on **August 23** and a commitment appeal on **August 30**, with a target of **6% increase in the offertory**.
- **Advent Mission:** Planned for **December 12th–13th**, featuring an evening gathering for families and a morning session for adult faith formation.
- **Pastoral Council Recruitment:**  
Nominations for new members will open in **August**, with a parish-wide announcement.





## Religious Education Information

2025-2026

Religious Education Kickoff Event begins with Family Fun Night

**Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:15pm**

Location: In front of the Parish Office

We at St. Mary are excited to invite your family to sign up for Religious Education 2025-26!

At our Kickoff you will enjoy Free Snocones and have a chance to meet your Catechists!

- We will have Family Catechesis & Sacramental Preparation for Elementary. This means that your family (parents & elementary aged) will attend the sessions together as a family.
- Middle/High School-We continued our partnership with Ablaze Ministries. Our Catechist teams work together with your child to build relationships, and teach them to be a part of a mission-driven community.
- Then, we invite all families to come to our Family Fun Nights on the *first Wednesday* of each month. This is a time for our families to socialize with other parish families with food and fun for all families in our community. This will be provided at no cost to the families.



**RE Calendar is available on the website and will also be available on the first day of classes and at our next Family Fun Night on Wednesday, September 3rd.**

**Sacramental Prep families will meet in the O'Reilly Building, upstairs for all classes.**

**All other elementary families will meet in the O'Reilly Building, downstairs for all classes.**

**Middle School Ablaze students meet in the Ave Maria Rm, Ave Building**

**High School Ablaze students meet in the O'Reilly Building, downstairs for all classes.**

Religious Education Registration	Donation
	
Link for registration: <a href="https://stmarytempletx.org/register2024/">https://stmarytempletx.org/register2024/</a>	Link for payment: (select option <b>RE Fees</b> ) <a href="https://stmarytempletx.org/donate/">https://stmarytempletx.org/donate/</a>

Those interested in volunteering or becoming a Catechist, please contact Julie Rex:  
[re@stmarytempletx.org](mailto:re@stmarytempletx.org) or contact the Parish office at: 254-773-4541



## **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 10th	Ken & Jan Bartz	7:30am
Aug 17th	Francisco & Suzanne Maldonado	9:30am
Aug 24th	SMCS 3rd Grade Class	9:30am
Aug 31st	Debra Hollingsworth	7:30am

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



## **Liturgical Ministries**



### **All Liturgical Ministers:**

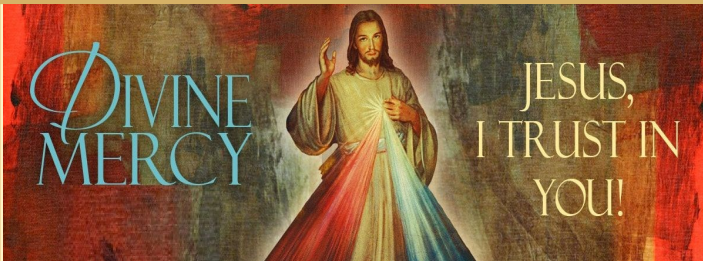
**Please check the Ministry Scheduler Pro for all  
upcoming daily and weekend Mass schedules.**



## **Mass Intentions**

### **August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	Cristine Erka
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Criselida "Cris" Hernandez
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Don & Mary Ball (55th Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b> <b>5:30PM</b>	Chris Leal Ben Dorskicil, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>	† Wayne Kelly † Richard Lewis † Marilyn Havranek For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



**All are invited to join our Divine Mercy  
Ministry and guest speaker Alyssa Tavarez  
on  
Sunday, August 17th at 3:00pm.**



In this presentation,  
Alyssa will share about  
the dramatic history of  
God's love and mercy as  
interwoven through the  
transformative message  
of St. Faustina, the  
spirituality of St. Therese  
of Lisieux, the miraculous

appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of  
Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing  
papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Save the Date and enjoy this beautiful moment  
of fellowship and prayer.



### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Men's ACTS Retreat**

*"Lord open the doors for us" Luke 15 22-30*

You are invited to join the 2025 Our Lady of Guadalupe Men's ACTS retreat on August 21<sup>st</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The retreat is to be held at the Cedar Break Retreat Center in Belton Texas. We begin Thursday evening at 6pm and conclude Sunday after the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

An ACTS Retreat weekend is a 3-day, 3- night, retreat presented by fellow parishioners like you. If you'd like to enjoy a weekend of relaxation and fun, and at the same time get closer to God, then this weekend is for you. You will find it a unique and richly rewarding experience.

Sponsorships are available, so that no one would be denied participation due to financial need. This will be a life experience you will never forget.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact one of the following:

- Mike Navarro, 254-493-4346
- Paul Ramirez Jr. 254-314-0799
- Jaime Ybarra, 254-721-1679

