

Sunday, September 21, 2025

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours, who have voluntarily dedicated themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from your Word and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in glorifying your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Book of Blessings*

# Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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*“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope”*

1 Pet 3:15



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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.



Are you feeling drawn to the Catholic Church?

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

September 7 & 14, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	15,104.68
Parish School	\$	2,262.26
Building Fund	\$	128.00
Other	\$	252.00
Helping Hands	\$	124.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,870.94</b>

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

## "Fully Invested" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at [www.stmarytempletx.org](http://www.stmarytempletx.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

**All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, October 12.**

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support St. Mary's Catholic Church. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions.

**We are grateful for your support!**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Knitters & Crocheters	Ave Maria Room	10:00 am
	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Catechesis & Sacramental Preparation	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
Thurs. Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Sat. Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Altar Server Training	Church & O'Reilly Building	8:15 am - 12 Noon

## St. José Sánchez del Río Chapel (St. Mary's Catholic School)

**Join us on Friday, September 26, for the Blessing of the St. José Sánchez del Río Chapel.**

This beautiful space will serve as a sanctuary for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth for our students and families. We invite all community members to a 5:30 pm Mass and Dedication, with a reception immediately afterward.

Doors open at 5:00 pm.

*Please note that seating will be limited in the chapel; however, we will have overflow in the hallway and want as many as possible to join us!*





# Altar Server Training

Does your child feel called to actively participate even more in the beauty of the Mass?

We're inviting all current and aspiring altar servers to join us for our Fall Altar Server Training!

Children in 3rd grade and above, who have received their First Communion are eligible to serve in this ministry.

Join Us!



Starting At 08:15 am until noon

DATE: 27, September 2025

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

BRING A TOWEL, BECAUSE IT'S A

# FOAM Party

ACTIVITIES:

- Sausage wraps
- Yard games

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2025

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



Location: Behind the Ave Building  
1018 s. 7<sup>th</sup> street  
Temple, TX 76504

### "Seasons of Hope" Grief Program

St Mary's, St Luke's and Our Lady of Guadalupe, is offering a Four Part Grief Program titled, "Seasons of Hope."

The "Seasons of Hope series is a progression of four 6-week Christ centered programs using Scripture & Catholic traditions to bring comfort to those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Season One sessions will be held at St Luke's Catholic Church, in the John Paul II room beginning September 23 - October 28, 2025.

Season Two sessions will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, in the O'Reilly building on January 6, - February 10, 2026.

The Third six week sessions will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, on February 17, 2026 - March 24, 2026.

The Four six week sessions are yet to be determined on a date and place.

Each two hour session begins at 6:30 p.m. The fee of \$20 covers the cost of the materials. A Registration form may be obtained at the parish office. Online sessions will also be offered. Contact the parish office or Deacon Barney for more details.

Seasons of Hope is a unique grief support program that invites those who grieve and mourn to meet Christ through scripture, prayer, reflection and activities that offer comfort and help to foster healing and spiritual growth.



#### Season 1: Class Topics

- "For Whom are You Looking"
- "Our Sources of Consolation"
- "Shattered Dreams"
- "Finding Joy"
- "The Way of the Cross"
- "Untie Him"



1 Thessalonians 4:13

"But we do not grieve as others who have no hope"

#### Online Classes

Cost: \$20 which includes the journal/workbook.

Send registration fees to:

St. Luke Catholic Church  
2807 Oakdale Dr.  
Temple, TX 76502-1350

#### For class schedule information contact:

Judy Hoelscher, Grief Ministry Team Member

Phone or text: (254) 541-1902

Email: judyhoelscher51@gmail.com



## 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!

Sep 28th	SMCS Class Rotation (Contact Kristine Ramirez)	9:30am
Oct 4th	Russell & Marilyn Krumnow	5:30pm
Oct 12th	Joe & Melinda Pena	9:30am
Oct 18th	Kris & Janet Haynes	5:30pm
Oct 26th	SMCS Class Rotation (Contact Kristine Ramirez)	

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

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	Clergy & Religious Holy Souls in Purgatory † Frank & † Lydia Rangel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Herman Wilde † Frances Pechal
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Nancy & † Charles Schoenrock
	<b>5:30PM</b>	Judy & Wayne Kelly † Herman Wilde † Albert & † Elizabeth Flentge
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	Elizabeth Maldonado (Birthday)
	<b>9:30AM</b>	† Rosa Jansing For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church

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# Rosary Crusade

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

12PM-3:30PM: PERPETUAL ROSARY & DEVOTIONS  
3:30PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, PREACHING, VESPERS  
4:30PM: BENEDICTION; LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRIORY  
5505 E. STATE HIGHWAY 29  
GEORGETOWN, TX 78626

*Come for some, come for all. Families welcome!*

LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING!  
EMAIL: GEORGETOWN@SISTERSOFMARY.ORG

# DIVINE



# MERCY

### Do you ever wonder what Divine Mercy is?

All are welcome to come and explore the infinite, compassionate love of God directed toward humanity's suffering and sin, offering forgiveness, healing, and a path to reconciliation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Join us and see how you can grow in trust in God's mercy and show it to others.

**Sunday, Sept. 21st at 3:00pm, Regina Caeli Room**