

Sunday, September 7, 2025



How much are we willing to give up to be a follower of Jesus?

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to let go of everything important and dear to us: family, friends, possessions, position and even our very selves. Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Philemon in the second reading had to give up social status in order to receive his runaway slave as a brother as Paul asked. Do we accept as brothers and sisters those whom society rejects because of Christ?

How do we live that out?

### ***“Fully Invested” Program***

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church.

For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you!

This is an opportunity to ***reflect upon and renew*** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at [www.stmarytempletx.org](http://www.stmarytempletx.org).



*Take  
up  
your  
cross  
and  
follow  
me*

**Fully Invested**



Know | Love | Serve | Proclaim



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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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*with* us!



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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

August 31, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	6,541.00
Parish School	\$	168.00
Building Fund	\$	28.00
Other	\$	2.00
Parish Mission	\$	500.00
Helping Hands	\$	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,246.00</b>

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Sept 9 <sup>th</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 10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Catechesis & Sacramental Preparation	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
Thurs. Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Sat. Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	EM, Lector & Usher Training	Church	9:00 am - 10:45am
Sun. Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Taco Sunday Knight of Columbus	O'Reilly Building	After 7:30am & 9:30 Masses

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 5TH ANNUAL GOLF 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 Ujezdsky

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
ST. MARY CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Join us for Adult Bible Study as we begin a new series called Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom.



Session will begin on  
Tuesday, Sept. 2nd from  
1:30pm - 3:30pm in the  
O'Reilly Building.



# Religious Education Information September

## Sacramental Prep

Wed., 10th & 17th @6:15pm  
O'Reilly building, upstairs

## Family Catechesis

Wed., 10th & 24th @6:15pm  
O'Reilly, downstairs



## St. Mary's Youth Group

### Middle/High School

Wed., 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> @6-7:30pm

MS-Ave Maria Room

HS-O'Reilly Building, downstairs



## High School Retreat at Riverbend in Glen Rose

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 4-5. Your teens will have an opportunity to step back from the busyness of the world and just breathe. Our teens are busy, stressed, anxious and burnt out from all the expectations that are placed on them. Here in the church, we want them to find peace. Breathe is all about giving them rest, fun, and time with Jesus.

For more information, email Julie Rex:  
[re@stmarytempletx.org](mailto:re@stmarytempletx.org)



### 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 RE Fees) <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



## 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
6PM-8PM**

For more information, contact Julie Rex:  
[re@stmarytempletx.org](mailto:re@stmarytempletx.org)

Sign up



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!

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 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 8<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Marvin Taylor
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Rudolph & Gertrude Radasevich
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Angeline Kosel Lynn & Norry Grygar (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b> <b>5:30PM</b>	Chris Leal † Clem & Anna Jo Mikeska John Mikeska Family Charles Janek Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>	Dr. Darrell St. Romain (Birthday) † Frances Pechal For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



### St. Mary Altar Society Members' Meeting

**Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025**  
**12pm (noon)**  
**Meeting in the Regina Caeli Room**  
**Guests are welcome!**

If you would like to know more about how you can help and be a part of this incredible ministry please contact Pam Engbrock or the Parish Office!



**Altar flowers this weekend have been provided in loving memory of the birthday for +Santiago O'Canas by Martha Duarte**

**THE GROVE**

EVERY MONDAY **6-8 PM**

**THE CRU HOUSE**  
905 N Main Street Belton, TX 76513

**POT LUCK DINNER**  
Beginning at 6 PM

Are you a young adult age 22 to 39 looking for the opportunity to engage in weekly spiritual enrichment?

Join us for Nights at the Grove, where we will delve into Catholic identity and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ.

## September Events

2025

<b>EVERY MON</b>	<b>THE GROVE BIBLE STUDY</b> Explore and grow in prayer through Scripture
<b>FRI 05</b>	<b>HOLY &amp; HAPPY HOUR</b> Adoration & fellowship at St. Mary's
<b>SUN 14</b>	<b>POST-MASS MUNCH</b> What makes Mass even better? Meeting up with your friends after for some brunch!
<b>SAT 20</b>	<b>BOWLING W/ THE SPIRIT</b> Join us at Sparetime to see some pins roll

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