

ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME

Sunday, November 9, 2025

On behalf of Fr. Will, our parish staff, and leadership teams, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your incredible support and participation in our recent parish initiatives — the **CSA Drive**, the **Increased Offertory Program**, and our beautiful **Anniversary Mass and Reception**.

Your generosity, faith, and commitment to St. Mary's truly embody the spirit of our parish family. Through your prayers, stewardship, and presence, you continue to strengthen our community and help us carry forward the mission of Christ in our midst.

A special word of gratitude to all our volunteers and ministry leaders who gave so generously of their time and talents to make these efforts successful and our anniversary celebration so memorable.

May God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness and love for our parish and school.

Together, we look forward to all that God has in store for our parish and school in the days ahead.





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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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Build your
child's future
with
**Faith +
Choice**



Get Ready for the Texas Education Freedom Account (Texas EFA)! Exciting news for families considering Catholic education! The new Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program—formerly known as ESA—can help make private education more affordable. Applications are expected to open in January 2026, and now is the time to prepare.

- [Learn about Texas EFA](#) – Find out who qualifies and what's covered.
- [Sign up for updates](#) – Stay informed and ready to apply.
- [Prioritization 1 Info](#) – Families of children with disabilities may qualify for early prioritization. Start gathering documentation now—504 plans do not qualify.

Join us for Texas EFA Info Sessions at St. Mary's School Cafeteria:

Sunday, November 16 after the 9:30 AM Mass
St. Mary's is here to help! Visit our [Texas EFA](#) page for resources and updates.

Parish Giving

November 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	19,061.35
Parish School	\$	1,169.02
Building Fund	\$	108.00
Other	\$	2.00
Holy Days	\$	20.00
Helping Hands	\$	12.00
Total	\$	20,372.37

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Nov 11 th	Knitters & Crocheters	Ave Maria Room	10:00 am
	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Nov 12 th	Family Catechesis	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Thurs. Nov 13 th	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm



MARVELOUS THINGS

REGISTRATION OPEN!

All high school students are invited to join St. Mary's Youth Group for the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC).

- Cost: \$200 (includes conference, hotel, transportation, and meals)
- Scholarships available & Payment plan offered
- Deadline: Dec. 21, 2025 (registration after the Dec. deadline will include additional fees)
- Chaperones: Free (please contact Julie Rex after registering)

A weekend of:

Faith-filled talks & prayer

Fellowship with teens across the Diocese

Fun, worship, & unforgettable memories

St. Mary's Youth Group is going—are you coming?



JAN 30TH-FEB 1ST, 2026

LOCATION: WACO CONVENTION CENTER

Register Today!

Once you Register, we will hold your spot. \$25 Deposit to be paid as soon as possible to the Parish office or online.



For more information or to request a scholarship or donation
Contact: Julie Rex
ph#254-773-4541 ext. 306 or Email: re@stmarytempletx.org



Children's Choir for Christmas Eve

4:30PM MASS

**REHEARSALS ON
DECEMBER 1, 15, & 22 (6:00PM - 7:00PM)
AND DECEMBER 24 (3:30PM) IN THE
CHURCH**

**CONTACT DARRELL ST. ROMAIN
MUSIC@STMARYTEMPTX.ORG**

AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TEMPLE, TX

GRADES 4TH - 8TH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



Religious Education Information November

Sacramental Prep

Wed., 19th @6:15pm
O'Reilly building, upstairs

Family Catechesis

Wed., 12th @6:15pm
O'Reilly, downstairs



St. Mary's Youth Group Middle/High School

Youth Nights: 12th & 19th
(Friendsgiving on the 19th)
6-7:30pm

MS-Ave Maria Room

HS-O'Reilly Building, downstairs

HS Holy Hour: Sat., 15th (Begins @5:30pm Vigil Mass)



Confirmation 2026

Sessions for this year's class set to
begin January 4th, 2026

All Sessions will be held on Sundays, 2-4pm
at St. Mary's Catholic School

Dates:

January-4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

DCYC 1/30-2/1

Retreat 2/7-2/8*

February-15th, 22nd

March-1st, 8th, 16th, 22nd

Confirmation Date: TBA



A certificate of Baptism & First Holy Communion will need to be presented to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Student must maintain an attendance of 80% & have already completed one year of confirmation prep classes. (If confirmation prep was outside of St. Mary's, a copy of attendance/completion from the Parish will need to be given to the church office)
Asterisk* indicates Mandatory (Retreat Cost \$100-scholarships available)

For More Detailed
information
contact Julie Rex
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Adult Faith Formation Presents...

Who is Jesus?

Why we need a Savior & the Preparation for
the Messiah.



In this series, we will explore why humanity
needs a Savior by looking honestly at our
brokenness and the reality of sin in the
world.

We'll go back to the beginning—God's
beautiful plan for creation, the dignity of the
human person, and how the Fall disrupted
that harmony. Then, we'll trace how God, in
His mercy, prepared the way for the Messiah
through the covenants, the prophets, and
the longing of Israel for redemption.

Whether you're returning to the Church,
beginning your faith journey, this is the place
to start.



Dates: Thursdays

- November 13th & 20th
- December 11th & 18th

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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!

Nov. 9th	Ernie & Tish Degenhardt	9:30am
Nov. 16th	Bill Keller	9:30am
Nov. 23rd	Ryan Colburn	7:30am
Nov. 30th	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

November 10th – November 16th

Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) Mass Intention Card Sale Nov. 15th & 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.

Tuesday	8:15AM	† Ervin Ketterman
Wednesday	5:30PM	Don Neil
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	5:30PM	† Frances Pechal
Saturday	8:15AM	† Ervin Ketterman
	5:30PM	† Tou Sain Hunter
		† Marie Swoboda
		† Loretta Kuykendall
Sunday	7:30AM	Deceased members of Council 3444 & Assembly 1138
		† Elmer Hoelscher
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Altar Society News:

We would like to thank our October Cleaning & Hospitality Crew:

Diane Wolfe
Debra Hollingsworth
Debra Kotzian
Doris Marek

Thank you for your service to the Church and to the Altar Society.

Join us on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 in the Regina Caeli Room at 12:00 noon for our monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend and see all the great things the Altar Society is doing.

Wednesday, November 19th at 10:00am Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton is hosting our Kileen/Temple Deanery Meeting all members are encouraged to attend.

This weekend, November 9, 2025

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate and to praise God. May we take good care of our precious sacred spaces, and may Jesus Christ be the cornerstone of all.