



*V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 8th

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

MASS SCHEDULE : 8:15AM & 5:30PM

ADVENT MISSION
Mother of Joy ~ Bearer of Hope

It's not too late
to register for
this year's
Advent Mission.

Scan the QR
code or contact
the parish
office.



"Our Advent Retreat includes moments for reflection, prayer, and creative activities — great for individuals, families, and anyone looking to enter the season with joy."

CHRIS BARTLETT
Friday Evening Presenter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
Starting with 5:30 PM Mass
Dinner & Guest Speaker
All ages welcome and encouraged to attend.

DCN. CHRIS HABERBERGER
Saturday Morning Speaker

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
Morning of Reflection
Starting with 7:00 AM Holy Hour and Mass at 8:15 AM
Breakfast & Child Care available



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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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ANNUAL HOLIDAY
Giving Tree

As we give thanks and prepare for the upcoming Christmas season we remember those less fortunate. Please consider taking an ornament from our Annual Giving Tree and sharing the cheer.

Our giving tree will be in the Narthex beginning Nov. 29th and we ask all gifts be returned to the parish office wrapped and with the original ornament by Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

Thank you!

**It's that time of year again
 ... Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for a loved one (living or deceased) to help make St. Mary's Church look beautiful for the Christmas season, please pick up a flower donation envelope in the church entry. Write the donor's name and that of your loved one on the envelope. Donation per flower \$15.00.

All Flower Order envelopes due by
 Monday, Dec. 15th.

Parish Giving

Due to the Holiday Schedule Offerings for Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 30th & Dec. 7th will be published on Sunday, Dec. 14th.

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



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

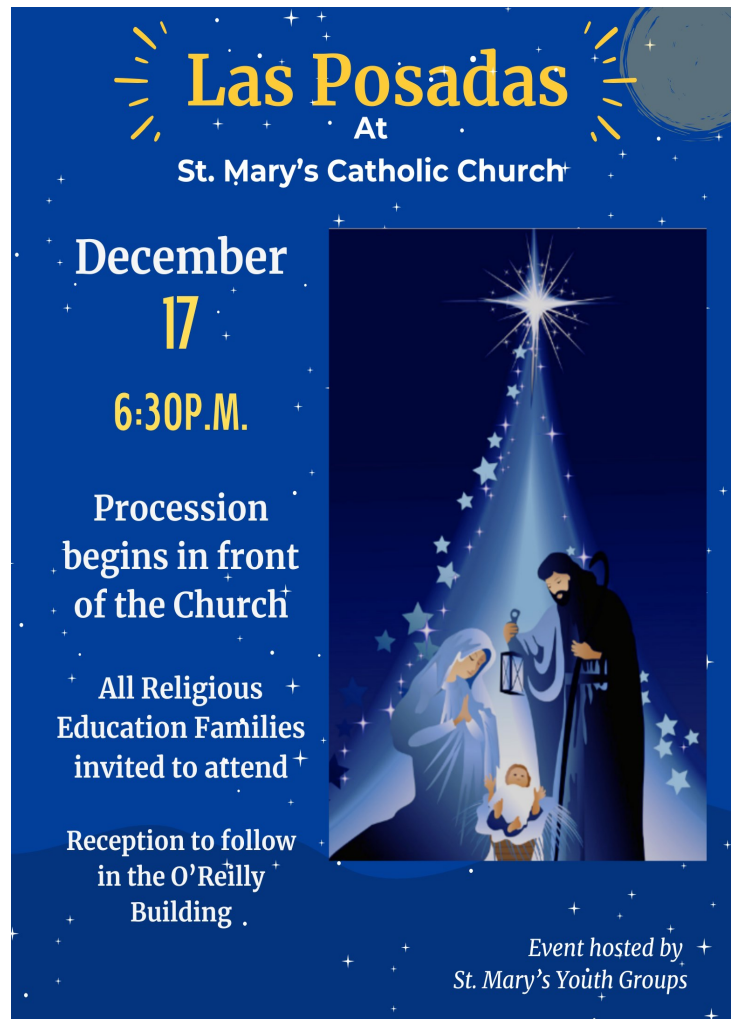
CONTACT DARRELL ST. ROMAIN
MUSIC@STMARYTEMPLETX.ORG

AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TEMPLE, TX

GRADES 4TH - 8TH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Dec 9 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. Dec 10 th	Sacramental Preparation	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
Thurs. Dec 11 th	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Fri - Sat Dec 12-13	Advent Retreat	School Gymnasium	



Las Posadas
At
St. Mary's Catholic Church

December 17
6:30P.M.

Procession begins in front of the Church

All Religious Education Families invited to attend

Reception to follow in the O'Reilly Building

Event hosted by St. Mary's Youth Groups



Prayer Service for the JUBILEE OF PRISONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Temple | 2 p.m.
Santa Cruz, Buda | 3 p.m.



austindiocese.org/events/jubilee-of-prisoners

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 2: Dates and Topics

- January 6, 2026- "Remembering"
- January 13, 2026- "Seeking Consolation"
- January 20, 2026- "Stumbling Blocks"
- January 27, 2026- "Living Hope"
- February 3, 2026- "The Cross"
- February 10, 2026- "Do not be Afraid"



Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Location of Classes

Parish St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Bldg. O'Reilly Bldg.
 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Cost: \$20

To register:

Name of Church: St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Address: 1018 S. 7th St. Temple, TX 76504
 Phone : 254.773.4541
 Email: stmaryoffice@stmarytempletx.org



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
 re@stmarytempletx.org



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.

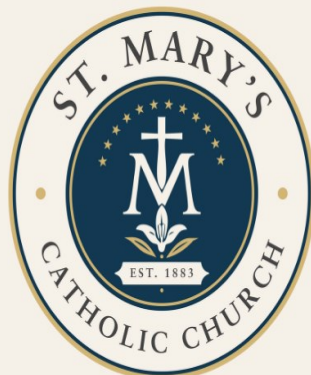
Dates: Thursdays

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

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: O'Reilly building, downstairs

Dinner provided



Diocese of Austin DCYC

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





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!

Dec. 14th Joe & Melinda Pena 9:30am
Dec. 21st Francisco & Suzane Maldonado 9:30a
Dec. 28th Nestor & Vicki Centeno 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

December 8th – December 14th

Monday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
	5:30PM	Benefactors of St. Mary's Catholic Church & School
Tuesday	8:15AM	Intention of TOG † Edward Lee Ortiz
Wednesday	5:30PM	† Robert "Bob" Mihatsch
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
	8:15AM	† Nora Cruz
Friday	8:15AM	† Frances Pechal
	5:30PM	Private Intention
Saturday	8:15AM	† Glibert Lefner 40th Wedding Anniversary
	5:30PM	Kris & Janet Haynes † Richard Lewis
Sunday	7:30AM	† Marilyn Havranek
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Men of the parish, have you ever considered whether God might be calling you to the priesthood?

Join Fr. Greg Gerhart, the Vocation Director of the diocese, for Heart of Jesus: A Discernment Retreat for Men. The retreat will include time for prayer, spiritual conferences on discernment and vocations, and opportunities to speak with priests, seminarians, and other men discerning their vocation. The retreat will take place on December 17-19 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton, TX, and is open to single men who are 18-49 years old. Register today at www.austinvocations.com



**Looking for the perfect gift?
This Christmas share a meaningful gift with someone you love. Purchase a prayer card to offer comfort, hope & blessings during this special season.**

CEF Prayers cards are available in the Parish Office.

Altar Society News:

We would like to thank our November Cleaning & Hospitality Crew: Rachel Oujezdsky, Kathleen Hampton, Joan Caughlin, Estella Reynero & Cathy Hussey.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Kevin Oujezdsky, Ryan Colburn & Kris Haynes for your help with the Advent banners and decorations.

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

