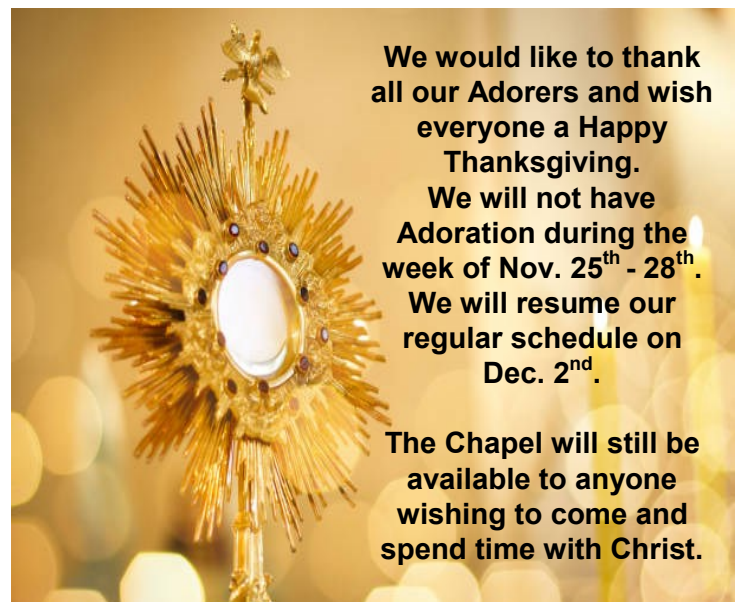


Sunday,  
November 23, 2025

# FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

This great feast of Christ the King allows us to remember the paradoxical nature of the reign of Christ. Ours is a king whose arms are flung wide to embrace the world in love, but those arms were nailed to a cross, a form of execution for the lowest. Christ's power to give life is manifested in the midst of powerlessness. Christ unmask the false illusions of political or economic power or social prestige and shows that his reign is to be found with the poor, the helpless and among sinners. Will we join him?





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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. 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Parish Giving

**November 16, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$	8,670.00
Parish School	\$	93.00
Building Fund	\$	28.00
Other	\$	22.00
World Home Mission	\$	888.95
Helping Hands	\$	42.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,743.95</b>

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	No Adoration this week	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Nov 25 <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	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed		
Thurs. Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Thanksgiving		
Fri. Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed		
Sat.- Sun. Nov	CEF Card Sale	Narthex Of Church	After all Masses

**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

**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 will be sold on  
the weekend of Nov. 29 & 30.**

**Get your prayer card now!**



# 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: 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Friendsgiving on the 19th)  
6-7:30pm

MS-Ave Maria Room  
HS-O'Reilly Building, downstairs

HS Holy Hour: Sat., 15<sup>th</sup> (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  
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 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- December 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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!

Nov. 23rd	Ryan Colburn	7:30am
Nov. 30th	Debra Hollingsworth	7:30am
Dec. 7th	David & Maureen Bennett	9:30am
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

### November 24<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† Pam Jez Belyeu
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	† Ervin Ketterman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	Mike Elko † Henry & Helen Janacek
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b>	† John Sanders † Henry & Helen Janacek
	<b>5:30PM</b>	Clergy & Religious Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<b>7:30AM</b>	† Terry Alessi Nell Newton
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church

### Magnificat Bookstore

Want to help Central TX Catholics deepen their faith? Want to learn more about your own faith while meeting and interacting with other local Catholics?

The Magnificat center is looking for volunteers to work in the store. The money raised through the store supports the chapel of the Incarnation, used by Central Tx Catholics for Eucharistic Adoration. No experience needed. Flexible schedule and volunteer discount .

Contact Gretchen Reilly,  
[254-770-3070](tel:254-770-3070).



### Sunday, November 23 - No Open Gym

We invite everyone to take advantage of our beautiful playgroup at St. Mary's School this weekend after Mass!

Open Gym returns next week. Thank you.

### Altar Society News:



Save the Date for  
**December 7, 2025**  
In the Regina Caeli  
Room at 12Noon



We will be celebrating our Annual Altar Society Christmas Party. Come & enjoy fellowship and the Christmas Spirit with your fellow ladies of the Altar!