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Sunday, November 30, 2025

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF COZY, FESTIVE FUN!

COOKIE DECORATING
CRAFTS
HOT CHOCOLATE

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF CREATIVITY, LAUGHTER, AND WINTER CHEER!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3RD
6PM-7:30PM
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA



The Advent & Christmas season is nearly upon us, and we are excited to bring the joy and light of Christ to our parish grounds once again!

We invite you all to join us for a **Christmas Light Decorating Day** as we transform our parish grounds into a beautiful, welcoming display for all to enjoy.

Saturday, December 6th!



Breakfast with Saint Nicholas

Plan to join St. Mary's WOMEN's Ministry and School as they serve the Annual Free Breakfast with St. Nicholas.

December 7th after the 7:30am & 9:30am Masses

There will be lots of food and games for everyone.

Parents, remember to bring your camera!



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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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 School-Temple, Tx



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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 Thanksgiving Holiday

Offerings for Sunday, November 23rd & Sunday, November 30th will be published on Sunday, December 7th

**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. Dec 2 nd | 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 3 rd | ADVENT Family Fun Night | School Cafeteria | 6:00 pm |
| Thurs. Dec 4 th | Adult Faith Formation | O'Reilly Building | 6:00 pm |
| Sat. Dec 6 th | Sacramental Preparation Retreat | Regina Caeli Room | 9:00 am - 12 Noon |
| Sun. Dec 7th | Breakfast w/ St. Nicholas | School Cafeteria | After 7:30 & 9:30 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!

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
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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.

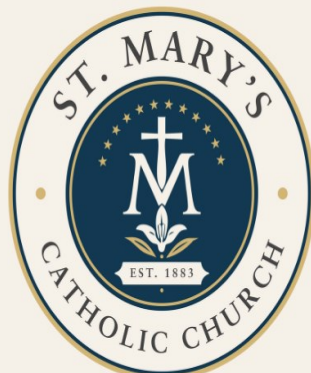
Dates: Thursdays

- 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!

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| 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:

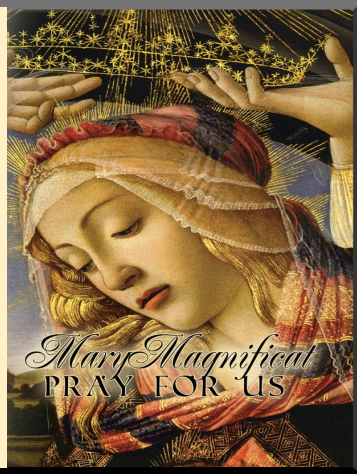
Please check the Ministry Scheduler Pro for all upcoming daily and weekend Mass schedules.



Mass Intentions

December 1st – December 7th

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).

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| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | 8:15AM | Christopher Asback |
| Wednesday | 5:30PM | Debra Hollingsworth (Birthday) |
| | | Rosemary Flores (Birthday) |
| Thursday | 8:15AM | Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life |
| Friday | 5:30PM | † Frances Pechal |
| Saturday | 8:15AM | † Pam Jez Belyeu |
| | 5:30PM | Caroline Wilde Living & Deceased Members of the Lantz & Wilcox Families |
| | 7:30AM | † Charles Guenat Linda & David Conner |
| Sunday | 9:30AM | For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church |

ADVENT MISSION Mother of Joy ~ Bearer of Hope

"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

DCN. CHRIS HABERBERGER
Saturday Morning Speaker

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

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

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!