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V. And the Word was made flesh.

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

Sunday, December 14, 2025



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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

November 23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	9,482.15
Parish School	\$	93.00
Building Fund	\$	133.00
Other	\$	2.00
Helping Hands	\$	12.00
Total	\$	9,722.15

November 30, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	9,328.74
Parish School	\$	163.00
Building Fund	\$	33.00
World Home Mission	\$	4.00
Other	\$	2.00
CCHD	\$	35.00
Helping Hands	\$	567.21
Total	\$	10,130.95

December 7, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	14,595.32
Parish School	\$	5920.05
Building Fund	\$	53.00
Holy Days	\$	10.00
Candles	\$	158.75
World Home Mission	\$	37.00
Other	\$	2.00
Helping Hands	\$	24.00
Total	\$	20,800.12

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Dec 16 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 17 th	Las Posadas	O'Reilly Building	6:30 pm
Thurs. Dec 18 th	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm

Las Posadas

At
St. Mary's Catholic Church

December
17

6:30 P.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

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.

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
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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!

Dec. 21st	Francisco & Suzane Maldonado	9:30a
Dec. 28th	Nestor & Vicki Centeno	9:30am
Jan 3rd	Bernie & Katherine Lenart	5:30pm
Jan 11th	Oscar & Natalia Fuentes	9:30am
Jan 18th	Samuel & Julie Rex	9:30am
Jan 25th	SMCS Class Rotation	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 14th – December 21st

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	† Ervin Ketterman
Wednesday	5:30PM	† Don Ball
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	5:30PM	† Frances Pechal † Henry & Stazie Horelica
Saturday	8:15AM 5:30PM	† Pam Jez Belyeu Deceased members of the Alessi Family † Mark Kosel † Angeline Kosel
	7:30AM	† Herman & † Adeline Wilde
Sunday	9:30AM	† Elmer Hoelscher For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

All are invited to come and help decorate the church for Christmas!

Monday, Dec. 22nd at 9:00am

There are lots of things to get done and many hands make for quick work!

We hope to see everyone come and help prepare the manger for Our Lord Jesus Christ!