



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*

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Sunday, December 21, 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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Applications Open Soon!

Beginning February 4, 2026, parents can submit applications for the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program. Education freedom accounts are designed to open doors, expand opportunities, and give each Texas child the chance to learn in the environment that fits them best.

First awards will be available to participating children for the 2026-27 school year.

Sign Up For Family Updates



Parish Giving

All offertory donations during the holiday break will be printed in the January 4, 2026 bulletin.

*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 23 rd	Decorate the Church	Church	9:00am
	Advent Penance Service	Church	6:00 pm
Wed. Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve		
Thurs. Dec 25 th	Christmas Day		



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed the following days for the holidays:

December 24th—January 1st
We will be back in the office Friday, January 2nd.

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



Advent
PENANCE SERVICE

Prepare your heart for Christ!
 Join us Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:00pm.
 All are welcome!

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. 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 22nd – December 28th

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	Laura Martin & Family Bob Anthony Chavis (Birthday)
Wednesday	4:30PM Midnight	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday	9:30AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	5:30PM	Rachel Oujezdsky (Birthday)
Saturday	8:15AM 5:30PM 7:30AM	† Evangeline Ciupek Clergy & Religious Holy Souls in Purgatory † Wayne Kelly † Crisilda Hernandez † Esdela Soto † Anjelica Allen
Sunday	9:30AM	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!