

PROCLAIMING THE PRAISES OF THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 4, 2026



Join us as we gather for food, fellowship and a joyful celebration of the Three Kings and the light of the Christ revealed to the world.

There will be time to visit, share a meal and enjoy simple traditions together as a parish family.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy so we hope to see you all there!

Join Us for an
Epiphany Party!

Family Fun Night is back, and we're celebrating the spirit of Epiphany with joy, laughter, and togetherness to begin the new year!



3 Kings Costume Contest!
Dress up as one of the three wise men and you could win a prize!



New Year's Food:
Black Eyed Peas & Cornbread



Delicious Desserts



Crafts:
Make a Crown & More!



Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 2026 • 6pm
Location: School Cafeteria



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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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with us!



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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

December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	60,597.33
Parish School	\$	296.00
Building Fund	\$	106.00
Other	\$	304.00
Holy Days	\$	8,057.90
Retired Clergy	\$	1,051.40
Helping Hands	\$	64.00
Total	\$	70,476.63

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Jan 6 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. Jan 7 th	St. Mary's Epiphany Party	School Cafeteria	6:00 pm
Thurs. Jan 8 th	Adult Faith Formation	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Fri. Jan 9 th	Witness to Love Date Night	School Gymnasium	

Be Light Date Night

Open your hearts to the powerful way God can enter more deeply into your marriage. Take your beloved by the hand and join us for the Be Light Date Night series from *Witness to Love*.



9 January 2026, 6-8pm

Join us for dinner and discussion
RSVP to WTL@stmarytempletx.org
no later than 7 January 2025



WITNESS TO LOVE

Witness to Love is a Catholic marriage program that connects engaged couples with mentor couples from their parish. Centered on relationships and Church teachings, it strengthens communication, trust and spiritual growth. The program builds community support and helps couples prepare for a lifelong, Christ-centered marriage rooted in virtue and authentic commitment



Religious Education Information January

Sacramental Prep

1st Reconciliation: Jan. 10th
10am-12pm
in the church
21st -Session 1: First
Communion
upstairs in O'Reilly bldg.

Family Catechesis

14th & 28th
6:15pm
downstairs in O'Reilly
bldg.

St. Mary's Youth Group Middle/High School

Youth Night: 14th, 21st, 28th
6-7:30pm

MS-Ave Maria Room
HS-Youth House (Old Rectory)

Confirmation Class

Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
2-4pm
Location: St. Mary's School
Auditorium
(enter through the cafeteria)
Student must be registered
Contact Julie Rex

HS is invited to join us for DCYC: Jan. 30th-Feb. 1st
(Contact Julie Rex at: re@stmarytempletx.org
for more information)

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"



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

Matthew 5:4

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



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. Students 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/confirmation 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

Please join us for the next series,
"That they might have life."

Beginning Jan. 15th
6-8pm

Location: O'Reilly building

For more information contact:
Julie Rex
Email: re@stmarytempletx.org

Altar Society News:

We would like to thank our December Cleaning & Hospitality Crew:

Melinda Pena, Dorothy Ramos, Evelyn Jez, Herlinda McGahan, Gloria Retana, Stella Lerma, Theresa Medrano, Holly Cobb, Kristen Lannuccilli and Renee Martinez.

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





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!

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

January 5th – January 11th

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	† John & Joy Asbach Family
Wednesday	5:30PM	Paul Ciupek Clyde Ciupek Family
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	5:30PM	Intention of Lola & Baby Ruth Fleurette
Saturday	8:15AM	† Charles Guenat
	5:30PM	† Wayne Kelly
	7:30AM	† Frances Pechal
Sunday	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

NEWS

Announcing the 2026 Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Knight of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly 1138 will host a group trip in to view the exhibit in Round Rock. This is the third year for the exhibit in a three-year cycle highlighting the miracles cataloged by Blesses Carlo Acutis. Posters, activities, presentations and children's interactive displays cover documented miracles spanning the ages, many happening in recent times!

WHEN: Saturday January 31st at 1:00pm
WHERE: Saint William Catholic Church
620 Round Rock W Dr.
Round Rock Texas

COST: There is no admission fee but donations are gladly accepted. Donations raised before the trip will benefit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit expenses and the Assembly 138 Chalice donation program.

TRANSPORTATION: No transportation is provided but carpooling is encouraged.

RSVP by January 23rd so the organizers will know how many people to expect.

For details or donations contact William Keller at (254) 624-7408 (call or text) or wkeller@hot.rr.com

Come to learn How to Pray

Let's learn together how to have a relationship with Jesus



An Introduction to Liturgy, Liturgy of the Hours, & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us!
Thursday, January 8th
6pm - 8pm

Location: O'Reilly building



For more information, please contact Julie Rex
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