

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026



Called By Name ==
SUNDAY
DOMINGO
== Del Llamado

**Do you know someone who may be called
to the priesthood or religious life?**

**¿Conoces a alguien quien podría ser
llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa?**



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swarfield@stmarys-temple.org

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: 5:30 pm
Friday: 7:00 am

Reconciliation

Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:45 am

At St. Mary's Catholic Church and School we provide opportunities to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE Jesus Christ.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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with us!



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Do not miss the Bulletin Deadlines!



The deadline for bulletin submissions is
Monday by 12:00 noon for the Sunday
immediately following.

Please send submissions in as soon as they
are available. Placement in the bulletin is
subject to available space.

Occasionally, there may be an early deadline,
due to a holiday or a Holy Day of Obligation.
Please contact the Parish Office if you
have any questions.



Sunday, Sept. 13th No Open Gym.

Join us again on Sunday, Sept. 20th
from 1:00–4:00 PM.

Come out, get active, play, laugh, and enjoy
some quality time together as a family. There's
something for kids of **all ages**, and it's a great
opportunity to connect with others in our
church family.

Bring the family and join
us for an
afternoon of fun!



Parish Giving

September 6, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$	19,222.67
Parish School	\$	1,152.75
Building Fund	\$	53.00
Religious Education	\$	232.00
Helping Hands	\$	92.00
Total	\$	20,752.67

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



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**THE KNIGHTS
ARE LOOKING FOR A
FEW GOOD MEN**



Go to kofo.org - Find and click. "Join Us" or "Join"
Fill out the items with red asterisk(*)
For "Preferred Local Council", type "3444"
Type **PROMO CODE - BLESSEDMCGIVEY** to join for free

For more information contact Ernie Degenhardt @ 210 325-1594, or Joe Peña @ 254 780-5157

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Sep. 15 th	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Sep. 16 th	Religious Education	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
	Middle School & High School Youth Groups	O'Reilly Building & Ave Maria Building	6:00 pm
Sun. Sep. 20 th	Becoming Catholic Bible Study	O'Reilly Building (Upstairs)	11:30 am
	Open Gym	School Gym	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

BECOMING CATHOLIC

A Sunday Bible study for anyone curious
about the Catholic faith.

EVERY SUNDAY

DONUTS

Refreshments after the
9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM

Bible study begins

UPSTAIRS

O'Reilly Building

Curious? Seeking? Just wondering?

For those seeking Baptism or Confirmation, exploring becoming Catholic, or simply curious. Each week, we open the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, make room for honest questions, and help you take a next step.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE CATHOLIC.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND MASS FIRST.
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED - JUST COME.

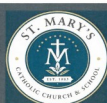


LEARN MORE

CATHOLIC? BRING A FRIEND WHO IS CURIOUS.

This is your place.

COME AS YOU ARE. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL US:

re@stmarytempletx.org

stmarytempletx.org/becoming-catholic

JOIN OUR CHURCH Choir!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
unto the Lord!
Psalm 100:1



WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Contact:



DR. DARRELL ST. ROMAIN



music@stmarytempletx.org

**All are
Welcome!**

Use your voice.
Lift hearts.
Glorify God together.

BE PART OF SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SING WITH YOU!



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Elementary (K-5)

Sacramental Preparation
(1st Holy Communion - Yr 2)

For children who are entering 2nd grade or older and are in their second year of preparation, and are ready to receive First Holy Communion this year.

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

For elementary students who are not receiving a sacrament this year, including: Kindergarten through 5th grade students
Children in Year 1 of preparation for First Holy Communion

Materials Donation

A donation to help cover the cost of supplies and materials is strongly encouraged:
\$30 per child, or \$75 per family

Middle/High School (6-12)

Youth Group

For all middle and high school students, including those in Year 1 and Year 2 of Confirmation preparation.

Confirmation Preparation (Year 2)

For students who are entering 9th grade or older and are in their second year of preparation, and are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please note: Students preparing for Confirmation must be enrolled in both Ablaze Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation.

Register Here



Those interested in leading as a catechist, please contact:
Julie Rex-Director of Faith Formation
Email: re@stmarytempletx.org



Religious Education Information September

Sacramental Prep

9th & 23rd
6:15pm
upstairs in O'Reilly bldg.

Family Catechesis

9th & 16th
6:15pm
downstairs in O'Reilly bldg.

St. Mary's Youth Group

Middle/High School

Youth Nights: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
6-7:30pm

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





"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

Sheepish Question:

Who have I failed to forgive? Why?
Who has surprised me with mercy?

LEARN MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS! OPEN TO EVERYONE! NO NEED TO BE A CHOIR MEMBER!

Discover the
building blocks
of music!

All ages & skill
levels welcome.

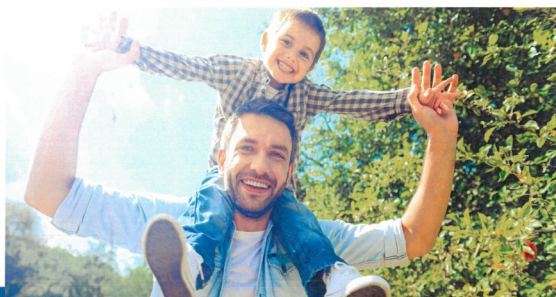


WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:00pm

DATES: AUGUST 19 & 26
SEPTEMBER 9 & 23

OCTOBER 7 & 21
NOVEMBER 4 & 11

If you've been waiting for a sign . . .



WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, JESUS CHRIST WANTS TO ENCOUNTER YOU RIGHT THERE...AND TAKE YOU FURTHER.

CONTENT

That Man Is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II. Men attending That Man Is You! typically consider the content to be the program's greatest strength.

STRUCTURE

That Man Is You! is designed as a 26 week interactive multimedia men's program capable of appealing to men in a media-dominated culture. It meets for 13 weeks in the Fall and 13 weeks in the Spring. Each session has three essential elements: social gathering over a meal, DVD presentation and small group discussion.

Our first session begins on September 15, at St. Mary's Church, in the O'Reilly Room. Sessions will run every Tuesday with the following schedule:



For Men only.

Our first session begins September 15th, 2026 and runs every following Tuesday.

Sessions will be held at St. Mary's Church, in the O'Reilly Building. See Our Schedule for showtimes.

To register, click the QR Code.



Our Schedule

5:45am Doors Open
6:00am Welcome/Small Breakfast
6:30am Video Presentation
7:00am Group Discussion
7:30am Dismissed/Social Hour

For more information, contact Richard Jemal at (512) 375-5840.

Serving at the Altar A Beautiful Way to Grow in Faith

Thanks to the young members of our parish and their parents who participated in our recent altar server training sessions! We are grateful for those who give their time to help make our liturgy beautiful.

If you're interested in becoming an altar server, we have programs for both boys and girls:

Boys serve in Manus Dei

Girls serve as the Daughters of St. Therese

To learn more or to sign up, please contact Susan at altarservers@stmarytempletx.org.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - TEMPLE, TEXAS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION | FALL 2026

WHO IS...?

An Introduction to Christianity

Three evenings for the questions at the heart of faith: Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is a Christian?

Honest questions are welcome. No previous study is needed.



CHRIST PANTOCRATOR MOSAIC - HAGIA SOPHIA

THREE THURSDAYS

6:00-8:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

WHO IS GOD?

Thursday | 6:00-8:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

WHO IS JESUS?

Thursday | 6:00-8:00 PM

OCTOBER 1, 2026

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

Thursday | 6:00-8:00 PM

Start with the biggest questions.

Whether you are curious, returning to faith, or ready to go deeper, come explore the heart of Christianity. Come to one evening or all three.

WHERE

O'Reilly Building St. Mary's Catholic Church | 1018 S. 7th St., Temple

Bring your questions.

COME AS YOU ARE. LET'S EXPLORE TOGETHER.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US:

re@stmarytempletx.org
stmarytempletx.org/faith-formation/adults

"Seasons of Hope" ~ Grief Program

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will continue "Seasons of Hope (Season Two), a bereavement program which looks at grief and mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection and faith sharing to bring about comfort and healing following the loss of a loved one. Classes begin October 6, and run through November 10, 2026. Classes will be held in the St. Padre Pio Room A-8 in the Family Center. Class will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A fee of \$20 covers material costs.

Registration information may be obtained by calling or texting the "Seasons of Hope Coordinator at 254-760-5644.





Ernie Degenhardt & Jay Wimberly ~ Reflections of being an Usher

We love ushering because it creates a culture of hospitality. Ushers offer simple, heartfelt greetings before and after Mass—much like you would welcome close friends and family into your home for a special meal. And Mass truly is that special occasion! These warm, genuine greetings are often the very first impression that regular members, newcomers, and visitors receive. Beyond a warm welcome, ushers provide directions, answer questions, assist with seating, guide the Communion lines, collect offerings, and help maintain a respectful, reverent environment throughout the liturgy.

If you enjoy meeting new people, helping others, and creating a welcoming atmosphere, ushering is the perfect ministry for you! Ushers are the face of the parish, giving you a wonderful reason to greet parishioners, learn names, and play an essential role in evangelization. Serving in this way is also a beautiful, visible reminder of stewardship. It inspires all of us to give of our time, talent, and treasure. Even during the collection—as I carefully navigate the basket pole to avoid hitting anyone in the head—I reflect on how that basket holds far more than monetary donations; it represents the collective prayers, gratitude, and gifts of our entire St. Mary's community.

We would love to have YOUR support. Please consider saying “yes” to this rewarding ministry—it has been an absolute honor for Tish and me to serve our parish family, and we know you will find it just as fulfilling.

If you would like to become an usher, please contact Jay Wimberly at jwimberly4@yahoo.com.

The Power of Ushers
“God can use small acts to accomplish great things.”

VOCATION PRAYER MINISTRY

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!

Sep 20th	Nestor & Vicki Centeno	9:30am
Sep 27th	SMCS Class Rotation	9:30am

**Help us pray for new priests and
religious sisters!**

Sign up to host the Vocation Tablet in your home for one week. During your week, spend a few minutes each day in prayer, asking God to bless our Church with holy and faithful vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Individuals and families are welcome to participate.



Mass Intentions

September 14th - September 20th

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	Private Intention
Wednesday	5:30PM	† Mary Ann Colburn
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	7:00AM	† Frances Pechal
Saturday	8:15AM	All Souls in Purgatory
	5:30PM	Krissy & Steve Loos
		† Harold Hart, Jr.
		† Jacquie Piraino
		† Janice Reilly
Sunday	7:30AM	Brandi Ortega (Birthday)
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



The Altar Society is back from summer break!

All are invited to join us on
Sunday, September 13, 2026 at
11:00am in the Regina Caeli Room for
our monthly business meeting.

We have lots of important new items to discuss. We hope you can join is for this meeting!



Month of the
Rosary

Why has Mary repeatedly asked us to pray the Rosary?

Rosary Retreat

Presented by the St. Mary Altar Society
Wendy Staab, Chair of the Austin DCCW Leadership commission, will address the history and miracles of the Rosary as well as Mary's messages and promises to those who pray this powerful prayer.

Open to Men & Women

Saturday, October 3, 2026
9:30 AM - Lunch
Doors open at 9:00 AM

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1018 South 7th St., Temple, TX 76504

Register by September 28, 2026
Use QR Code to Register - Payment Due at the Door >OR<

Cost: \$10 per person
includes lunch & handouts

Make checks payable and mail to:
St. Mary Altar Society
c/o Pam Engbrock
1018 South 7th St., Temple, TX 76504

Questions: Contact Pam Engbrock 254-541-6120

Rosary Need Repair?
Jim Staab will repair it on site for you free of charge.



DATE ~~~~~ TIME
SEPT 19 6-8 PM

Date NIGHT Out

JUST YOU. JUST ME.

Enjoy a night alone with your beloved. Stop by the school gym and receive a gift bag filled with conversations starters, date ideas, and small treats!

PARISH-PROVIDED CHILDCARE
AVAILABLE IN GYM

REGISTER NOW



<https://church.smttx.org/date-night-2026>