

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2026



The Gospel this Sunday seems to contradict everything Catholic teaching offers about just wages and fairness. However, the point of the Gospel is not just wages, it is God's generosity toward all of us, even those of us who get serious about accepting the invitation to "working in the vineyard" later in our lives. God's generosity is an inspiration for us to practice both justice and charity. Justice means that we give to every person what is due to them as a child of God. Charity goes beyond justice by loving others and giving beyond what justice requires because of that love. We are loved so much and therefore should love greatly in turn. Who needs love this week from me?

A Change to Our Saturday Mass and Confession Schedule

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier this year, many of you completed a survey about our Saturday Mass schedule. I reviewed the responses and discussed the schedule with our Parish Pastoral Council and parish staff. After considering that feedback and the long-term pastoral needs of St. Mary's, I requested and received Bishop Garcia's permission to adjust our regular Saturday schedule.

Beginning Saturday, Oct 3, 2026, our regular Saturday schedule will be:

- Confessions beginning at 3:00 PM instead of 4:00 PM.
- The anticipated Sunday Mass beginning at 4:30 PM instead of 5:30 PM.
- Our Sunday Masses at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM will not change.

I recognize that any change to the regular Mass schedule can be difficult for some parishioners. I believe, however, that this adjustment will serve the long-term good of our parish. It will make it easier to hold parish events and community gatherings after the Saturday Mass, provide more daylight during the winter months for parishioners who are visually impaired as they travel to and from church, and offer a more accessible time for younger families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and I welcome your feedback. Please help us share the new times with family and friends who regularly attend Saturday Confessions or the anticipated Mass.

In Christ,
Fr. Will Rooney
Pastor



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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: 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

Connect
with us!



Facebook
[@St Mary's Catholic School-Temple, Tx](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCatholicSchool-Temple-Tx)



Instagram
[@SMCSTEMPLETX](https://www.instagram.com/SMCSTEMPLETX)

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. 20th Open Gym!

Join us each Sunday afternoon
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 13, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$	13,056.25
Parish School	\$	673.00
Building Fund	\$	318.00
Religious Education	\$	107.00
Helping Hands	\$	770.00
Total	\$	14,924.25

*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 22 nd	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Sep. 23 rd	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. 27 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.

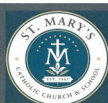


LEARN MORE

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



Confirmation 2027

All Sessions will be held on
Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm
at St. Mary's Catholic School Auditorium
Dates:
October-18
November 1, 8, 15
December 6, 13
Retreat 1/9-1/10
DCYC 1/29-1/31
January 17, 24
February-7, 14, 21, 28
March-7

Confirmation Date: TBA



A certificate of Baptism & First Holy Communion will need to be presented to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

For More Detailed information
contact Julie Rex
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JESUS IS CALLING-WILL YOU TEACH IN HIS NAME?

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION

At St. Mary's, we are called to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ —so that we can share Him with everyone we encounter. We invite you to live this mission by becoming a Catechist. Catechists are essential in helping form the faith of our children, teens, and adults. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or simply someone with a heart for sharing Christ, there's a place for you.

No experience needed—just a willingness to say
"yes." Training and support are provided.

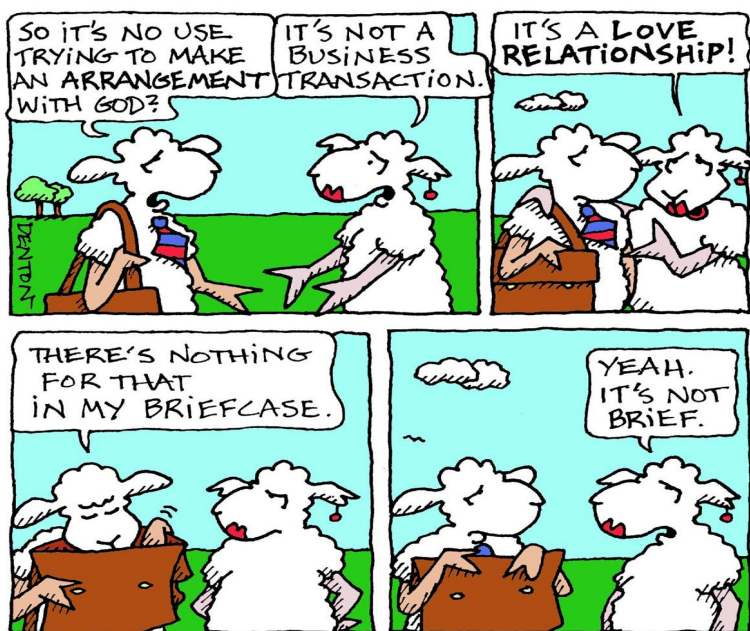
Will you help us pass on the faith?

Religious Education Programs

Include:

Baptism Prep
Family Catechesis
Sacramental Prep
Middle/High School Youth Group
Confirmation
Adult Faith Formation

Contact Julie Rex,
Director of Faith Formation for more
information at:
re@stmarytempletx.org



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"So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Sheepish Question:

It's not in my bag, so where can I look to deepen my relationship with God?

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 OCTOBER 7 & 21
SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 NOVEMBER 4 & 11



Do you ever wonder what Divine Mercy is?

All are welcome to come and explore the infinite, compassionate love of God directed toward humanity's suffering and sin, offering forgiveness, healing, and a path to reconciliation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Join us and see how you can grow in trust in God's mercy and show it to others.

**Join us Sunday, Sept. 20th at 3:00pm
in the Regina Caeli Room**

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:

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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.





Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans Reflection ~ Ryan Colburn ~

My spiritual life has been so deeply blessed through my involvement as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Sacristan that I am honored and joyful to share my journey with you!

Shortly after coming into full communion with the Church in 2016, I felt a growing desire to play an active role in bringing Christ to our parish community. Becoming an EMHC became a profound fount of grace for me. While we all receive Christ during Mass, participating in delivering His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is a unique privilege and a beautiful expression of our baptismal calling.

This ministry is especially moving through our Homebound EMHC outreach. Imagine the immense joy, comfort, and peace that parishioners who cannot physically attend Mass experience when we bring the Holy Eucharist directly to their homes!

Alongside serving as an EMHC, I felt drawn to assist our priests through Mass preparation as a Sacristan and Altar Server. While our youth often serve at weekend Masses, our daily Masses rely on dedicated adults. Preparing the sanctuary and assisting Father at the altar are not only holy works of service, but also a deeply rich and quiet form of prayer that has deepened my love for the Sacred Liturgy immeasurably.

Whether you are working or retired, these ministries need you—and you need these ministries!

If you feel even a small nudge in your heart to serve, I encourage you to step forward. Please consider saying “Yes” to joining us in these vital liturgical roles.

Peace be with you!
Ryan

If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister or Sacristan, please contact Nancy Glover or Ryan Colburn in the Parish Office.

***The Power of Extraordinary Ministers
Jesus provides the blessing and the substance, but He chooses human assistants
to physically hand the nourishment to His people.***

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 27th	SMCS Class Rotation	9:30am
Oct 3rd	Debra Hollingsworth	4:30pm
Oct 11th	Theresa Medrano	9:30am
Oct 17th	Bill Keller	4:30pm
Oct 25th	SMCS Class Rotation	9:30am



Mass Intentions

September 21st - September 27th

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	† Guessan Konan
Wednesday	5:30PM	Jill Horner
		† Tom Ortega
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	7:00AM	† Christopher Masullo
Saturday	8:15AM	Adriana Cabiness (Birthday)
	5:30PM	† Linda Lackey Julie Madler Francis Madler
Sunday	7:30AM	Elizabeth Maldonado (Birthday)
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Altar Flowers this
weekend have been
provided in
Loving Memory of
+Linda O'Canas
by Martha Duarte.



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

St. Mary Catholic Church
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.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We are excited to offer you an unforgettable National Night Out, a perfect event designed to bring families together for a day filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments.

What We Have:

- ✓ Delicious food and refreshing beverages
- ✓ Fun Foam party for you and your kids to enjoy! So come, bring your friends and family, and of course a towel for some fun in the sun!

Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30pm
St. Mary's School grounds

