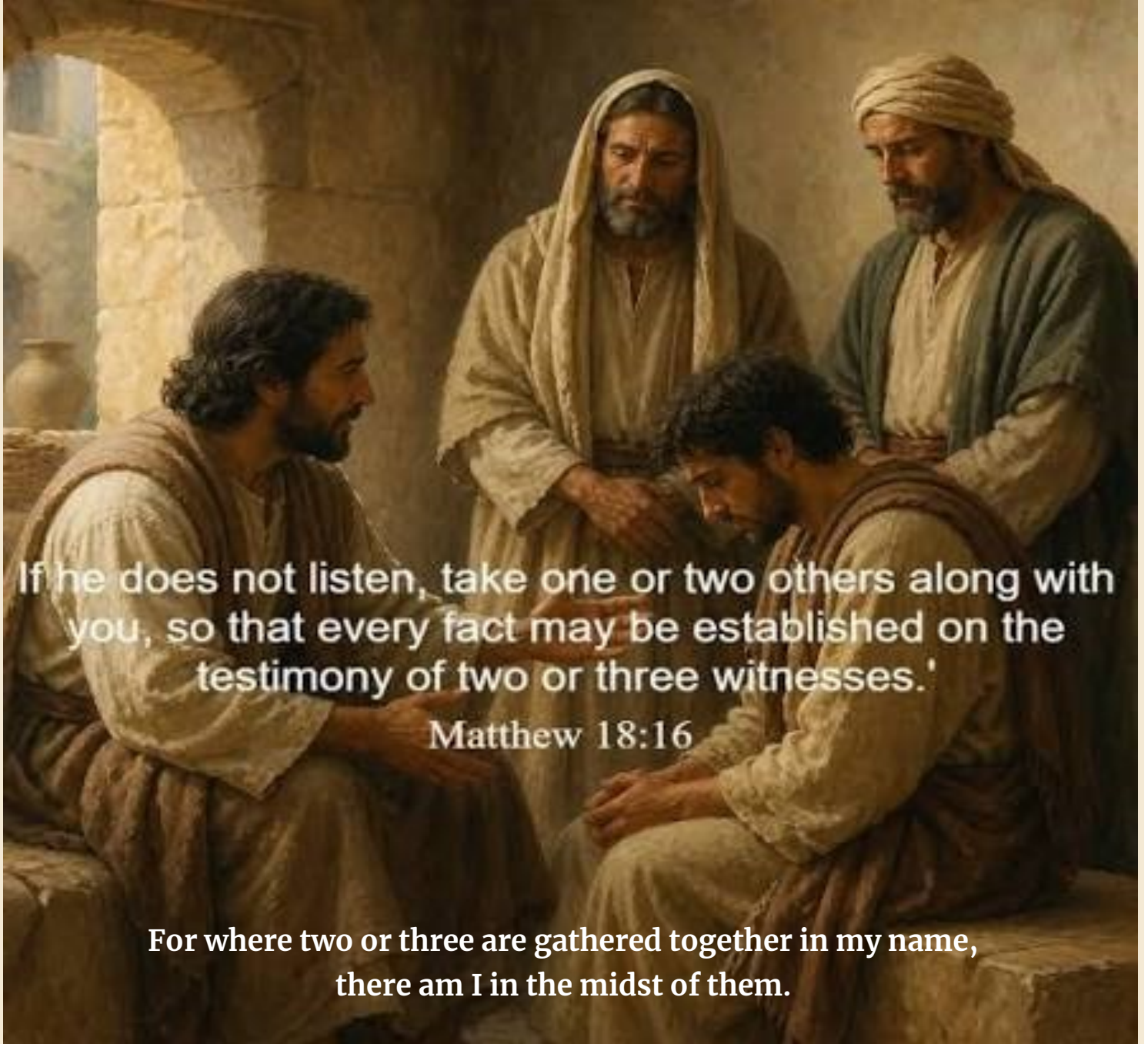


Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026



If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

Matthew 18:16

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.

Our Gospel this Sunday on forgiveness points to the fact that from the beginning, members of the church disagreed on issues. The teaching on prayer reminds us that Christ must always be at the center of our lives and hearts. The myriad of ministries; the numbers of religious congregations and lay associations remind us that there are many ways to live the Gospel. In the midst of our differences, our faith and humility call us to focus on Christ who is the truth for all. How can you show forth Christ's reconciling love this week?



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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

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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.



Join us for Open Gym!

Just because school is starting doesn't mean
the fun has to stop! **Open Gym is open to
families every Sunday 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

August 30, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,372.00
Parish School	\$	113.00
Building Fund	\$	123.00
Religious Education	\$	92.00
Helping Hands	\$	12.00
Total	\$	12,712.00

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



THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Sep. 8 th	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
	Seasons of Hope	O'Reilly Building	6:30 pm
Wed. Sep. 9 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. 13 th	Becoming Catholic Bible Study	O'Reilly Building (Upstairs)	11:00 am
	Open Gym	School Gym	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

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

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



Materials Donation

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

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

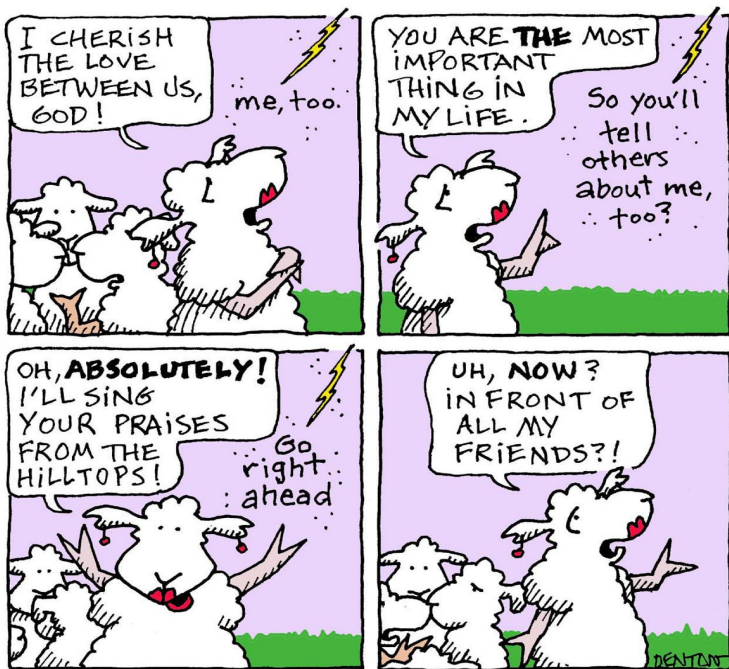
6:15pm

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)



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"Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Sheepish Question:

What is it about the good news of Jesus that I'm keeping from people I love? Why?

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

Day of Reflection on Mission

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

8 AM – 3:30 PM

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What Is My Mission?

How is Christ Calling Me to Live as a Missionary Disciple Today?

Join Monsignor Roger Landry, Bishop Daniel Garcia, and other inspiring presenters for a powerful day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. Together, we will explore how Christ calls each of us to live as joyful missionary disciples in our daily lives. Come be renewed in faith, strengthened in purpose, and sent forth with courage to share the Gospel with the world.

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GARCIA



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Presenter

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Presenter

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Presenter

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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.**

CATHOLIC? BRING A FRIEND WHO IS CURIOUS.



LEARN MORE

This is your place.

COME AS YOU ARE. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL US:

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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.



Join
us
today!

Ministry of Lector



Beverley Roeder ~ Reflections on 25 Years of Proclaiming the Word as a Lector

Growing up, I was never an altar server like my brothers were. In fact, I never really thought about serving in a liturgical ministry until I wandered through a ministry fair here at St. Mary. Having lived in the parish for many years, I hadn't yet served in any formal capacity, though my son was an altar server at the time, and my father served as a deacon here.

Still, when the opportunity arose, I felt nervous—but I said yes.

I met one-on-one with Helen Marie Kreitz, who patiently walked me through my responsibilities. The topic that almost always comes up when talking about being a lector is the challenge of biblical names and places. They certainly can be difficult to pronounce! But you know what? It was okay. Sometimes I pronounced them correctly, and sometimes I didn't; I simply gave it my best effort.

I truly believe that becoming a lector has brought me closer to God. As I prepare for Mass and practice the readings, it gives me dedicated time to reflect on the scriptures and gain a deeper understanding of the text. Through this preparation, I have learned so much about the Church, and my faith has grown immensely. For me, it is no longer just about having a duty to serve—it is about the profound privilege of getting to serve.

Having been a lector for more than 25 years, and serving as the ministry's main contact for the last several years, I can proudly say we have a wonderful group of people in this ministry. Our doors are always open to anyone feeling called to serve. Even after all this time, I still get a little nervous on the Sundays I am scheduled, but it remains such a beautiful experience to voice the sacred scriptures of the Word of God.

For more information about becoming a Lector, contact Beverley Roeder or the Parish Office.

The Power of Lectors

“They don’t just read scripture ... they give voice to the Word of God”

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 13th	Bruce & Stephanie McAtee	9:30am
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 7th - September 13th

Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:15AM	† Guessan Konan
Wednesday	5:30PM	† Christopher Masullo Norry & Lyn Grygar 54th Anniversary
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	7:00AM	All Men & Women of our Armed Forces
Saturday	8:15AM 5:30PM	† Monty Sanders † George Wilkinson † Anthony "Tony" Chudej † Thomas Chudej
Sunday	7:30AM 9:30AM	† Berni Hickman 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

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 **Make checks payable and mail to:**
includes lunch & handouts 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

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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!

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