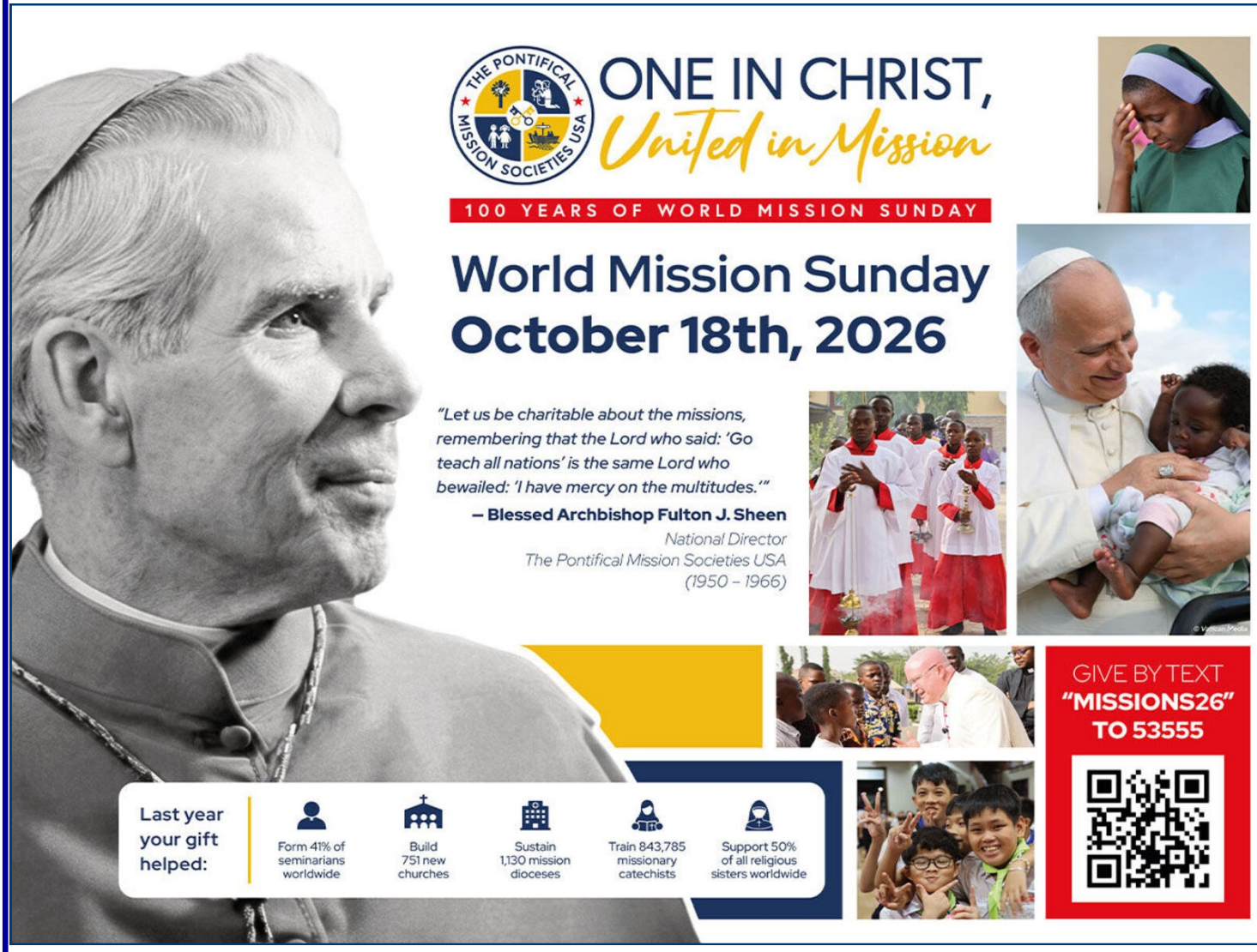
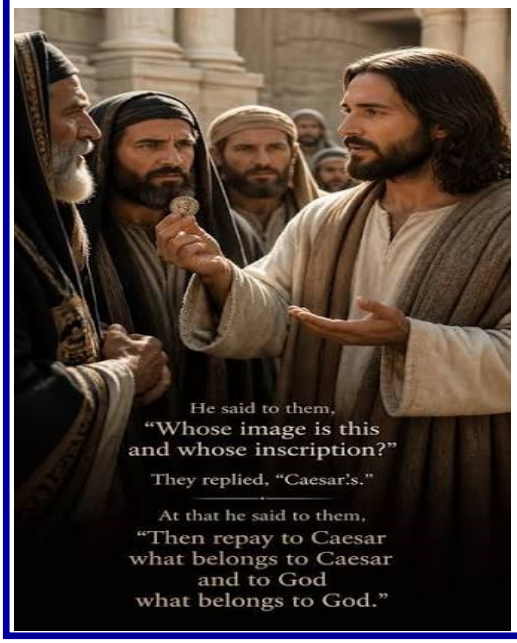
Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026





In today's Gospel we see that God continues to invite, but that the first on the list did not accept the invitation. The second-tier invitees did come, but we see in the parable that it is possible to be asked to leave if we are not ready to accept all that God has to offer, both the banquet and the wedding garment. When we accept being in a relationship with God, we are called to embrace whole new ways of being and thinking which are determined by God's will, not ours. Some invited by God might not be on our list, who is it that God is calling us to accept that might be difficult right now?

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Sunday Worship

Saturday	Vigil Mass 4:30 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	3:00 pm
Sunday	8:45 am



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



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.



Parish Giving

October 11, 2026

Sunday Collection	$	14,417.55
Parish School	$	208.00
Building Fund	$	223.00
Other	$	2.00
Helping Hands	$	1,086.25
Total	**$**	**15,936.80**

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	
Tues. Oct 20th	TMIY "That Man Is You" Meeting	O'Reilly Building	6:00 am - 7:30 am
	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
Wed. Oct 21st	Family Catechesis	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
	Middle School & High School Youth Groups	O'Reilly Building & Ave Maria Building	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct 22th	Adult Faith Formation "The Creed"	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Sun. Oct 25th	Becoming Catholic Bible Study	O'Reilly Building (Upstairs)	11:15 am
	Trunk-or-Treat & Open House	School Grounds	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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!

Oct 17th	Bill Keller	4:30pm
Oct 25th	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

October 19th - October 25th

Monday	**NO MASS**	
Tuesday	**8:15AM**	† Christopher Masullo
		† Theresa McAtee
Wednesday	**5:30PM**	† Nancy Hubnik
Thursday	**8:15AM**	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	**7:00AM**	Jana Prueshank (Birthday)
Saturday	**8:15AM**	† Angeline Kosel
		† Mark Kosel
	4:30PM	† Barbara Leary
		† Horace Hunter
		† John Christopher Reagan
Sunday	**7:30AM**	Julie Zaleski
	9:30AM	For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church

Religious Education Information October

Sacramental Prep
7th & 28th
6:15pm
upstairs in O'Reilly bldg.

Family Catechesis
14th & 21st
6:15pm
downstairs in O'Reilly bldg.

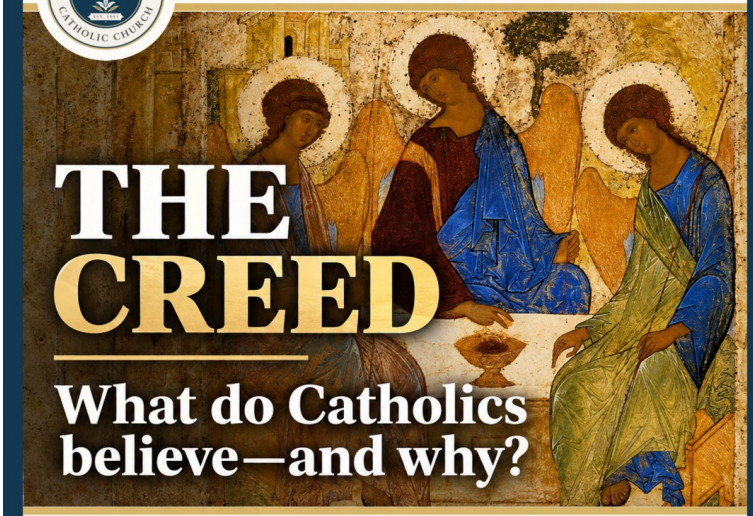
St. Mary's Youth Group
Middle/High School
Youth Nights: 14th, 21st, 28th
6-7:30pm

MS & HS-Ave Building

Special MS/HS Youth Night
7th -*Grace in Every Bead: The Rosary—More Than Repetition*
w/Dcn. Bonifacio Rodriguez
(meet in downstairs O'Reilly bldg.)



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE CREED

What do Catholics believe—and why?

5 THURSDAYS • OCTOBER 8–NOVEMBER 5

6:00–8:00 PM • O'REILLY BUILDING

REGISTER NOW • COME JOIN US

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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
re@stmarytempletx.org

worldwide marriage encounter

MARRIED COUPLES:
How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse before the holidays – just the two of you?

Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other! The next Weekend is scheduled for November 13-15 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Austin Northwest/Lakeline. To apply online visit: austinme.org or contact Zeb & Geraldine Evans: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space.



Trunk or Treat – Candy Donations Needed!

We are collecting candy donations for our upcoming **Trunk or Treat** event!
Your generous donations will help make this a fun and memorable event for everyone!

Please drop off any candy donations in the Parish Office by Thursday Oct. 22nd

If you are interested in hosting a trunk for the event, please contact the **School Office** to sign up or use the link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A5AE2EA6F8C07-66576896-smcs

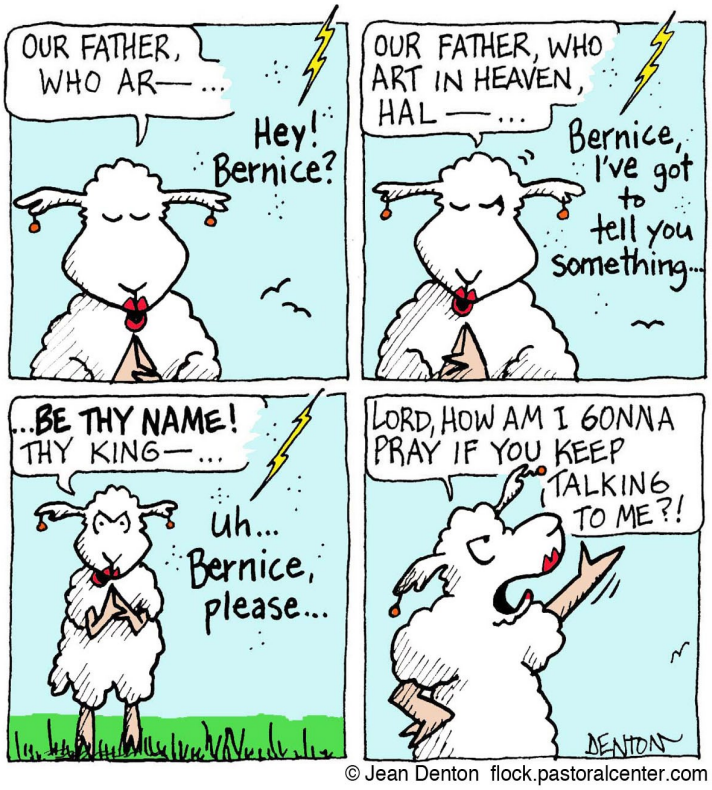
Thank you for your generosity and for helping make this event a sweet success!





Deep in the Heart Casino Night is Saturday, November 14, 6–10 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Hall in Belton.

Join us for BBQ, Texas tunes, casino games, and auctions as the St. Mary's Trust Fund celebrates 40 years of support for Catholic education.



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"I have called you by your name...I am the Lord and there is no other."

Sheepish Question:
What am I missing in my prayer?

The Knights of Columbus Patriotic Degree

highly encourages you to exercise your fundamental right

and vote in the upcoming elections.

If we care about and love our country, voting is the ultimate expression of this commitment.

Voting invites us to use our Catholic moral framework to select our leaders.

https://www.usccb.org/faithbeforepolitics

- a great resource of information.

https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections

- information on voting in Bell County

Early Voting: Monday, October 19, 2026, to Friday, October 30, 2026

Dates and Times

- Monday, October 19 to Friday, October 23 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, October 24 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Sunday, October 25 - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Monday, October 26 to Friday, October 30 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – The Deadline for receiving Ballots by Mail (they must be postmarked by Election Day).

Locations and Hours

Early Voting will be conducted in person during hours of operation at:

Site	Polling Site	Address	City	State	Zip Code
4	Morgan's Point Event Center (EV)	60 Morgan's Point Blvd	Morgan's Point Resort	TX	76513
11	Belton Annex (EV)	550 E. 2nd Avenue	Belton	TX	76513
13	Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center (EV)	307 Millers Crossing	Harker Heights	TX	76548
14	Thomas Arnold Elementary School Gym T3 (EV)	620 Thomas Arnold Road	Salado	TX	76571
16	Jackson Professional Learning Center (EV)	902 Rev R A Ambercrombie Drive	Killeen	TX	76543
17	Killeen Senior Center @ Lions Club Park (EV)	1700 E. Stan Schleuter Loop	Killeen	TX	76542
27	Temple ISD Admin Building (EV)	401 Santa Fe Way	Temple	TX	76501
36	True Deliverance Ministries (EV)	709 W Dean Ave	Killeen	TX	76541

Notice of Voting Priority

November 3, 2026 (Tuesday)—ELECTION DAY. Voting will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at one of the Election Day polling locations.

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

To register, click the QR Code.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE KNIGHTS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Go to **kofc.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

Knights of Columbus®

Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3444 and Assembly 1138 will be held ***Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 4:20 p.m. at St Mary's***

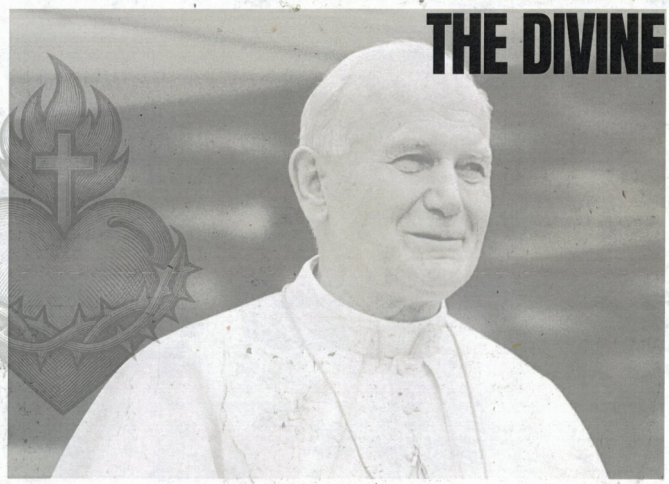
All members, families and friends are urged to attend. This Mass is for the memory of our deceased Brother Knights. Please plan to attend with your family. Special recognition will be made for members who have gone to their eternal reward since the last Memorial service.

Roll call of deceased members will proceed a few minutes before mass begins.

OCTOBER
24 | NOON-2PM

CREATED TO CREATE: CREATING BEAUTY, ENCOUNTERING THE DIVINE

Inspired by Pope St. John Paul II's theology of beauty, we will listen to a reflection while painting an image of the sacred heart. This sip and paint event will include light horderves and refreshments. Bring a beverage to share!



All young adults ages 18-35 in the Bell County area are invited.

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St. Mary's Catholic Church O'Reilly Building
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Together, WE ARE ONE

Commitment Weekend
October 24th - 25th



Special thanks to Father Francisco Rodriguez III, the staff and parishioners at St. William Parish in Round Rock.

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There will be no Divine Mercy meeting this Sunday, Oct. 18th.

Please come out and visit our booth at the St. Luke Fest Sun., Oct. 18th from 9am - 4pm.

We hope to see you there!



MANUS DEI

FAITH ✦ FELLOWSHIP ✦ FRATERNITY

HOSTED BY ST. LUKE AND ST. MARY

Topic: All Saints Day

PRESENTED BY FR. WILL

A Call to Holiness

Join Fr. Will for an evening exploring All Saints Day and discussing the priesthood. Enjoy fellowship with other fathers and sons as we grow together in faith and fraternity.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
ST. LUKE PARISH HALL
Doors Open: 6:00 PM
Program: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

DINNER PROVIDED
Prepared by Terry Orf and served by the Knights of Columbus.

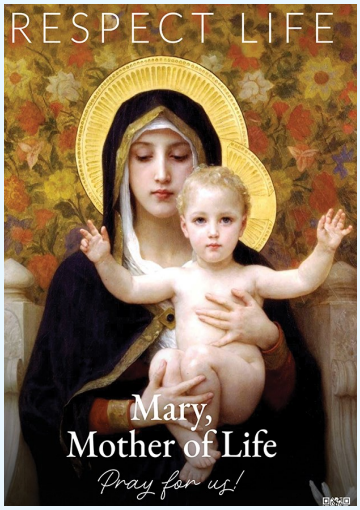
ACTIVITY
There will be an activity for fathers and sons.

OPEN Q&A
Bring your questions!

FATHERS & SONS

2nd Grade and Up
From St. Luke and St. Mary
Including all fathers and sons from Temple-area parishes.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST



October is Pro-Life Month!

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Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today!

Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and more will receive funds from this campaign. Baby Banks can be turned in by Nov. 2nd.
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