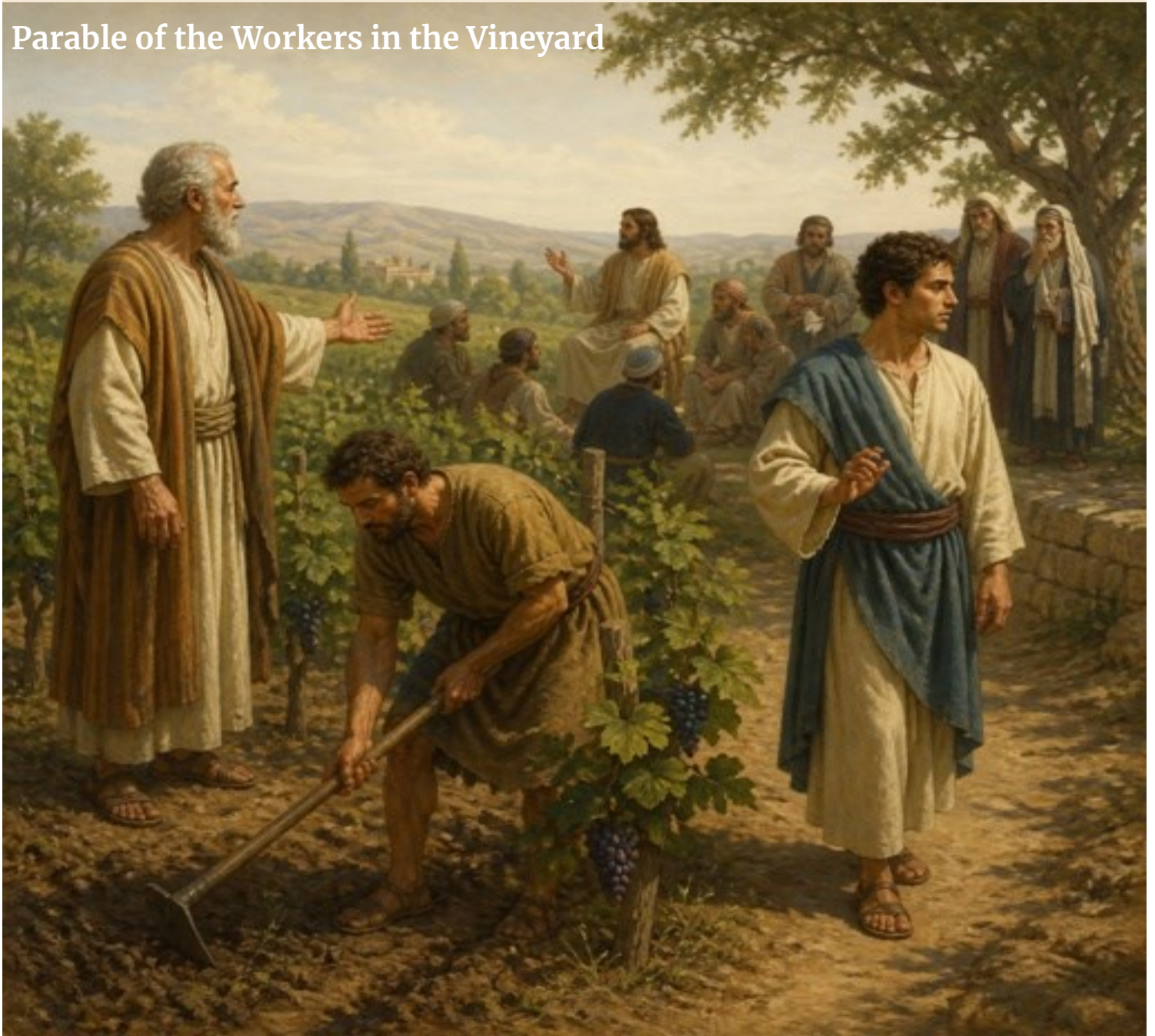


Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



The readings today challenge us to ask important questions about ourselves: What kind of tenants are we? Do we claim the vineyard of our lives for our own and turn God out or do we recognize that everything we have comes as gifts from God and is to be given back in praise? As we reflect on the gift of life and dignity given to each of us, how are we called to show greater respect for life: for the unborn; those on death row; the immigrants coming to our country with or without legal permission; enemies who kill others without regard? Where do we need to grow in love for the life and dignity of others?

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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

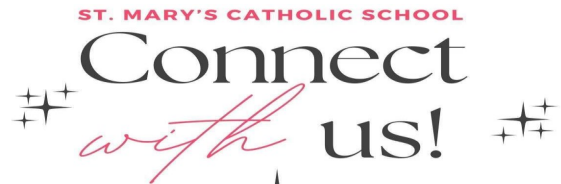
Friday: 7:00 am

Reconciliation

Friday 7:30 am

Saturday 3:00 pm

Sunday 8:45 am



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

**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 ~ 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!



Altar Society News:

The Altar Society would like to thank the ladies who cleaned the Altar & hosted Hospitality for the month of August:

Kathy Wachel, Linda Brook, Rachel Dragoo, Rita Spinn and Rosemary Chudej.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 11th at 11:00am in the Regina Caeli Room.

If you would like more information about how you can help please contact Pam Engbrock or the Parish Office.

Parish Giving

September 27, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$	10,073.65
Parish School	\$	63.00
Building Fund	\$	28.00
Other	\$	132.00
Helping Hands	\$	7.00
Total	\$	10,303.65

*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 6 th	Adult Bible Study	O'Reilly Building	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Building	7:00 pm
	National Night Out Foam Party	School Grounds	5:30 pm
Wed. Oct 7 th	Sacramental Preparation	O'Reilly Building	6:15 pm
	Middle School & High School Youth Groups	O'Reilly Building & Ave Maria Building	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct 8 th	Adult Faith Formation "The Creed"	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Sun. Oct 11 th	Becoming Catholic Bible Study	O'Reilly Building (Upstairs)	11:15 am
	Open Gym	School Gym	1:00 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 11th	Theresa Medrano	9:30am
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 5th - October 11th

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday	8:15AM	† Gino Castro
Wednesday	5:30PM	Malikai & Leilari Hoff (Birthday)
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	7:00AM	Private Intention
Saturday	8:15AM	† Christopher Massullo
	5:30PM	† George Wilkinson
		† Gilbert Lefner
		Deceased members of
		† Leonard & † Margaret Hoelscher Family
		† Mr. & † Mrs. Ben Rodgers (Anniversary)
Sunday	7:30AM	† Gino Castro
		Hal Varva (95 th Birthday)
	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



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. Marys School grounds





ST. MARY'S
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 TEMPLE

All Are Welcome!

Trunk-or-Treat & Open House

 **October 25th**
 **2:00-4:00 PM**

Kids are welcome to wear their costumes!

Join us for candy, games, trunk-or-treat fun, and a chance to explore St. Mary's!



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FAITH • LEARNING • COMMUNITY

LEARN MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS!

OPEN TO EVERYONE!
NO NEED TO BE A CHOIR MEMBER!

Discover the building blocks of music!

All ages & skill levels welcome.



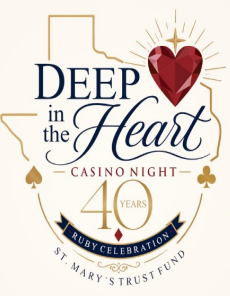
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:00pm

DATES: AUGUST 19 & 26 OCTOBER 7 & 21
 SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 NOVEMBER 4 & 11

SAVE THE DATE

Join Us for
BBQ, Cocktails,
& Texas Tunes!

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14**



Doors Open at 6:00 PM
Christ The King Parish Hall



“PARISH MINISTRY TRAINING WORKSHOP”



LECTOR AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

 **DATE:** Saturday, October 10, 2026
 **TIME:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 **LOCATION:** St. Mary's Catholic - Main Church

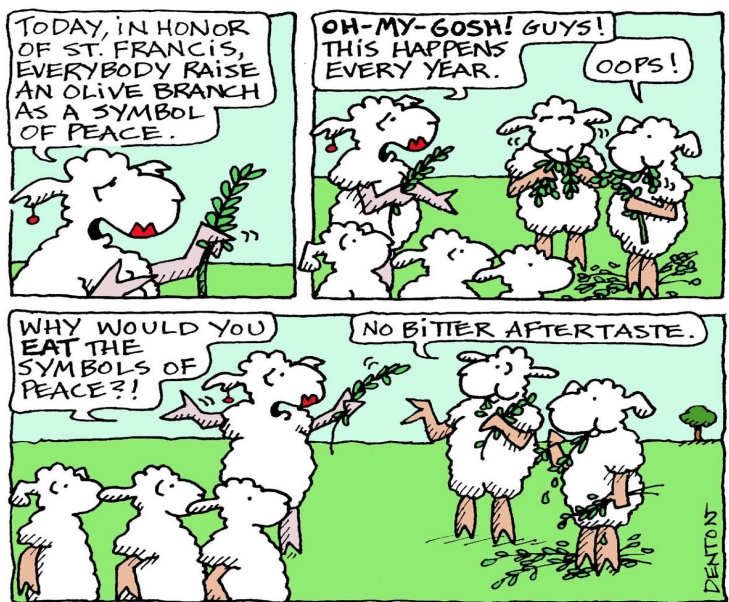
ABOUT THE TRAINING

- **For Lectors:** Proclaiming the Word of God with clarity and reverence.
- **For EMHCs:** Assisting with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- **Roles, Responsibilities, and Liturgical Guidelines.**
- Hands-on practice session.

ALL CURRENT & NEW MINISTERS ARE INVITED. MANDATORY FOR NEW MINISTERS.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CONTACT: music@stmarytempletx.org | 254.773.4541



TODAY, IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS, EVERYBODY RAISE AN OLIVE BRANCH AS A SYMBOL OF PEACE.

OH-MY-GOSH! GUYS! THIS HAPPENS EVERY YEAR.

OOPS!

WHY WOULD YOU EAT THE SYMBOLS OF PEACE?!

NO BITTER AFTERTASTE.

DENTON

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“Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

Sheepish Question:

How and with whom shall I SHARE the peace of God in Christ Jesus today?