

St. Mary Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

25° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Llama a los trabajadores y págales su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta que llegues a los primeros”.
- Mt 20, 1. 8

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Contact your parish or school's EIM site administrator, Rita Benefield, at, for additional assistance. Please note that when your compliance is 60 days away from its expiration, you will receive an email from system@virtus.org prompting you to login and complete the required action.

WELCOME! BIENVIENDO MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday–Friday | 8:00am

First Friday Devotion | 7:00–8:00pm
(Spanish)

CONFESSION: Saturday | 4:00–4:45pm

OFFICE HOURS **CONTACT US:**

Tues, Wed, & Fri
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ST. MARY'S



SUNDAY
October 4th

402 W. First Street
HEARNE, TX

Bilingual Mass
starts at 10 am

Festival Starts
at 11am

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Homecoming & Fall Festival

HEARNE **2026** TEXAS

Mexican Food
Spaghetti Dinner
(11 am–2 pm)
Hamburgers

Cake Walk
Games for Kids
Train Rides
Plant Booth

Live & Silent Auction
Live Auction at 1pm

BINGO
1pm in air conditioning

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Chicken on a
Stick

Wood Fired Pizza
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VIGÉSIMO QUINGO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 22 8:00 AM

†Maria Anjeles Barcenar †Maria Campos

Wednesday, September 23 8:00 AM

†Domingo Castillo †Jesse Castillo, Jr.

Thursday, September 24 8:00 AM

†Alice Maldonado

Friday, September 25 8:00 AM

†Richard Lehoski

Saturday, September 26 5:00 PM

†Fr. Robert Herald †Guadalupe Serna

†Marcos J. Vega

Sunday, September 27 9:00 AM

†Adolfo Rios †Johnny Cortez †Jimmy Ruiz

Sunday, September 27 11:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

SANCTUARY
CANDLE IN
LOVING
MEMORY
OF
†JUAN
GALLEGOS
BY MARTHA
GALLEGOS
&
FELICIANA
GALLEGOS



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

September 22: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

September 23: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

September 24: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

September 25: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

September 26: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

September 27: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Weekend Of
09/12/2026 -09/13/2026

Weekly Funds Needed	\$4,000
WEEKLY Actual Amount Collected	\$4,719
Online Giving:	\$390
ABOVE WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$1,109

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".
- [Mt. 20:16]

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts through stewardship, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Please pray for our "parishioners" that Jesus be a source of strength and comfort for them.

[Por favor, oren por nuestros "parroquianos" para que Jesús sea una fuente de fortaleza y consuelo para ellos.]

Mary Aguirre	Charles Fazzino	Johnny Ruiz
Earnest Alvarado Sr	Rachel Flores	Joel Syzdek
Ken & Sandra Anthony	L.B. Lehoski	Patty Syzdek
Romualdo Campos	Veronica Hopcus	Francisco Torres
Carmen Cortez	David Martinez	Margaret Vaca
Francisco DeLeon	Frank Mata	Sharon Woods
PeeWee Espitia	Alan Mateo Piña	Lisa Yezak
Corbin Estes	Angel Reistino	

Names are automatically removed after 30 days.

Please call the church office to add a name.

[Los nombres se eliminan automáticamente después de 30 días. Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para agregar un nombre.]

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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?

**THE BEST PRAYER CATHOLICS HAVE IS
THE MASS.. WHICH IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL**

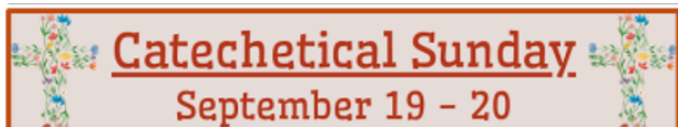
VIGÉSIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El Evangelio parece contradecir todo lo que la enseñanza católica ofrece sobre salarios justos y equidad. De cualquier modo, el punto del Evangelio no es sólo los salarios, es la generosidad de Dios hacia nosotros, incluso hacia aquellos de nosotros que aceptamos la invitación de "trabajar en el viñedo" tarde en nuestras vidas. La generosidad de Dios es una inspiración para nosotros para practicar ambas, la justicia y la caridad. La justicia significa que demos a cada persona lo que les corresponde como hijos de Dios. La caridad va más allá de la justicia al amar a los otros y dar más allá de lo que la justicia demanda por amor. Somos muy amados y por lo tanto debemos amar mucho en reciprocidad. ¿Quién necesita amor de mí esta semana?



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2026

This year, "Catechetical Sunday" is on Sunday, September 20, and its theme is: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" Our theme reveals Jesus' mission and identity. Appointed by the Holy Spirit, he is sent to bring hope, healing and freedom – especially to the poor, the brokenhearted and the forgotten, serving as a model to continue Christ's work by sharing the Good News and caring for those most in need.



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-PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS-

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

ORACIÓN POR LOS CATEQUISTAS

Padre amoroso, rezamos hoy por nuestros catequistas. Les agradecemos por su don de ministerio en su Iglesia. Concéddeles tu sabiduría para que puedan crecer en la comprensión y enseñanza de tu Palabra. Concéddeles también tu amor para que puedan ser heraldos fructíferos de tu Palabra y llevar a otros a amarte. Derrama tu Espíritu Santo sobre ellos para otorgarles sabiduría sobre lo que es importante; conocimiento de las verdades de la fe; comprensión de su significado; juicio correcto sobre cómo aplicarlos en la vida; coraje para perseverar incluso ante la adversidad; reverencia ante todo lo que es sagrado y santo; y ese celo amoroso que lleva a otros a un encuentro transformador con su Hijo. Oramos esto a través de Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén

REMINDER – Our Volunteer Catechists are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the Primary Educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.



OCIA 2026- 2027 SCHEDULE

OCIA: COME AND SEE

Have you been coming to Mass but are not Catholic? Has God placed upon your heart a curiosity about Catholicism, a longing for a closer relationship with Him as you search for answers to your faith questions? If so, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Join us as we plant the seeds of faith and explore the riches and traditions of Catholicism. OCIA- the Order of Christian initiation of Adults is for anyone who is not baptized, or someone baptized in another Christian faith, a baptized Catholic who have not received Communion and Confirmation. We invite you to ask questions of what Catholics believe in an open, informed and welcoming environment.

Call the office to register. Classes begin on Sunday, October 18, 2026

WHY DO I HAVE TO ATTEND MASS?

Here are some solid responses to the typical "reasons" you may encounter about not attending Mass.



- **I don't need to go to Mass to get close to God.** At Mass, you receive God himself- Jesus Christ is truly present in the sacrament. Even a beautiful mountain vista can't compare to that.
- **I don't get anything out of Mass.** Don't expect it to be entertainment. Learn about what it does: joins us at Christ, separates us from sin, wipes away venial sins, commits us to the poor and prepares us for heaven.
- **I don't have the time.** There are 24 hours a day. 168 hours a week. Mass takes one hour. That's less than 1% of your week. Make the time.
- **I'm a sinner. I don't deserve to be at Mass.** Welcome to the club! We are a Church of saved sinners. None of us deserves to be here.

SEE YOU AT MASS!

