

St. Mary Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Yo les aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en el camino del Reino de Dios".
- Mt 21, 31

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The mission of the Diocese of Austin's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) program is to help protect people from abuse and unethical behavior through education, action, and reporting, and to listen to and learn from those who have experienced abuse in order to provide healing. EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese. Looking for resources and information about safeguarding children and other vulnerable people? Do you want to volunteer and are new to the EIM process? Are you returning to ministry and already have an EIM account? Visit austindiocese.org/eim to learn more about EIM policies and procedures and how they help keep our parishes and schools safer for everyone.

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
9:00am-2:00pm

979-279-2233
office@stmaryhearne.org

ST. MARY'S

Homecoming & Fall Festival

HEARNE 2026 TEXAS

Mexican Food	Live & Silent Auction	Live DJ
Spaghetti Dinner (11 am-2 pm)	Live Auction at 1pm	Cold Beer
Hamburgers	BINGO 1pm in air conditioning	Chicken on a Stick
Cake Walk	THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS	Wood Fired Pizza
Games for Kids	Memorial Funeral Home	Raffle
Train Rides		
Plant Booth		

ALLEN SAMUALS CHEVROLET • GMC BUBBA MOORE FOUNDATION WE PUMP IT SEPTIC SERVICE J&S PAINT & BODY A+ GLASS

SUNDAY October 4th

402 W. First Street
HEARNE, TX

Bilingual Mass
starts at 10 am

Festival Starts
at 11am

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VIGÉSIMO SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 29 8:00 AM

Deceased Members of Altar Society †Richard Villapando

Wednesday, September 30 8:00 AM

†Mathis Ottea †George B. Saenz

Thursday, October 1 8:00 AM

†Dennis Zeig

Friday, October 2 8:00 AM

†Richard Lehoski

Saturday, October 3 5:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, October 4 10:00 AM

†Jessie Lopez †Eugene Lehoski †Vence & Frances Corpora
†Flor Lugo Gonzalez †Victor Cortez †Theresa Sanchez

SANCTUARY CANDLE IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†JOHNNY CORTEZ BY MARY CORTEZ



Weekend Of
09/19/2026 -09/20/2026

Weekly Funds Needed	\$4,000
WEEKLY Actual Amount Collected	\$4,333
Online Giving:	\$343.40
ABOVE WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$333

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."
[Phil. 2:3]

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe that in stewardship everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us give God thanks for second chances. All of us fail sometimes, maybe quite often. But this does not mean that we are condemned forever, unable to overcome our faults and past sins. We are constantly invited to repent, seek forgiveness, and change our behavior. Saint Paul, who knew a thing or two about doing all this, calls upon us to reject selfishness and instead look out for the interests of others. Let us pray today for a change of heart that will lead us to more closely follow the road to God's kingdom.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 28: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

September 29: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51

September 30: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

October 1: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10

October 3: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

October 4: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIM- Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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.]

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

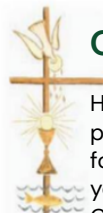
Names are automatically removed after 30 days.

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.]

VIGÉSIMO SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Reunidos aquí para celebrar la Eucaristía, demos gracias a Dios por las segundas oportunidades. Todos fallamos alguna vez; tal vez bastante a menudo. Pero eso no significa que estamos condenados para siempre e incapaces de superar nuestras faltas y nuestros pecados pasados. Constan-temente se nos invita a arrepentirnos, a pedir perdón y a cambiar nuestro comportamiento. San Pablo, a quien nada de esto le es desconocido, nos exhorta a no buscar nuestros propios intereses, sino los del prójimo. Oremos hoy para poder cambiar nuestras actitudes de manera que tomemos más rectamente el camino que nos lleva al Reino de Dios.



OCIA: COME AND SEE



Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults
a journey of faith

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, Oct. 18, 2026**



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 26-27)

Today is PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY! It seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Today, we specifically honor our priests without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Celebrate and thank a priest today!

PASTORS, SHEPHERDS, NOT SPIRITUAL SUPERHEROES

In many of our Christian communities we often speak about the importance of praying for priests and supporting their spiritual life. However, we do not always reflect deeply on another essential dimension of their lives: their emotional well-being. Your pastor needs closeness, fraternity, and human support to live his ministry with joy and balance. Priests also cry. They experience loneliness. They feel tired. They sometimes carry heavy emotional burdens. Like every person, they need encouragement, gratitude, and moments where they can simply be heard without judgment. A truly Christian community is not one that demands perfection but one that accompanies, understands, and supports. If we desire priests who are emotionally healthy, close to their people, and able to serve with love, we must also ask ourselves what kind of community we are building around them?



Thank you, Catechists -- "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor". [Lk. 4:18] As we begin a new catechetical year, we give thanks for the gift of our 15 catechists who generously share their time, faith and love in serving our children, youth and families. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen our catechists as they proclaim the Good News and help others encounter the love of Christ.

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. [Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children]

7 HABITS OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES / 7 HÁBITOS DE LAS FAMILIAS CATÓLICAS

PRAY TOGETHER
Daily family prayer, Rosary, or simple prayers



ORAR JUNTOS
Oración familiar diaria, Rosario u oraciones sencillas

ATTEND MASS
Every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation



ASISTIR A MISA
Todos los domingos y días festivos de precepto

PRACTICE FAMILY CHARITY
Support a cause together through giving or service



PRACTICAR LA CARIDAD FAMILIAR
Apoyar una causa juntos a través de donaciones o servicio

FILL YOUR HOME WITH SACRED ART
Catholic images and statues that inspire faith



LLENAR EL HOGAR CON ARTE SACRO
Imágenes y estatuas católicas que inspiren fe

GO TO CONFESSION
Encourage the whole family to receive the Sacrament regularly



IR A LA CONFESIÓN
Fomentar que toda la familia reciba el Sacramento regularmente

USE CATHOLIC MEDIA
Stay close to the Church through good content



USAR MEDIOS CATÓLICOS
Permanecer cerca de la Iglesia a través de buen contenido



CELEBRATE THE FAITH
Live the joy of Saints' days and liturgical seasons

CELEBRAR LA FE
Vivir la alegría de los días de los Santos y temporadas litúrgicas