

St. Mary Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

"Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo en la tierra para pedir algo, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo concederá. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos". Mateo 18,19-20

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Through dedication to our Catholic Faith and a caring environment, we strive to live a Christ centered life. We believe that through worship, education and service we may hand on an authentic faith to provide hope for our next generation.

PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Ramon D. Frayna, Pastor: 979-280-5371, emergency only
Deacon Conception Luna, Retired
Leticia Garza, Bookkeeper: lgarza@stmaryhearne.org
Cathy Vega, Parish Secretary: cvega@stmaryhearne.org
Rita Benefield, Coordinator of Faith Formation
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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

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

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.

ST. MARY'S

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF

Homecoming & Fall Festival

HEARNE 2026 TEXAS

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

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SUNDAY October 4th

402 W. First Street
HEARNE, TX

Bilingual Mass starts at 10 am

Festival Starts at 11am

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, & Fri
9:00am-2:00pm

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VIGÉSIMO TERCER DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 8 8:00 AM

†Louise Lewis †Juan Gallegos †Zach Garrison

Wednesday, September 9 8:00 AM

†Michael John Salazar †Manuel Amaya †Elvira T. Medrano

Thursday, September 10 8:00 AM

†Rose Mary Cordova †George B. Saenz

Friday, September 11 8:00 AM

†Richard Lehoski (sp.) H. Saenz

Saturday, September 12 5:00 PM

†Pilar Aguirre †Gloria Aguirre †Monica Jones

Sunday, September 13 9:00 AM

†Sam & Lena Corpora †Vence & Frances Corpora †Johnny Patranella

Sunday, September 13 11:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

SANCTUARY CANDLE IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†EVELYN ZEIG

BY THE ZEIG FAMILY



Altar Flowers in Honor of
JOSE & KRISTA HERNANDEZ
on their Wedding Day, August 29
by Mike & Brenda Werlinger

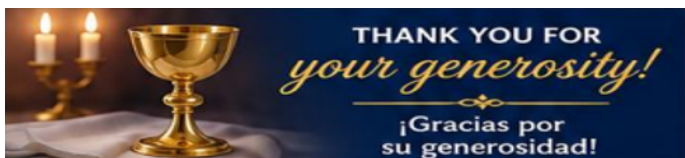


Weekend Of
08/29/2026 - 08/30/26

Weekly Funds Needed	\$4,000
WEEKLY Actual Amount Collected	\$3,927
BELOW WEEKLY COLLECTION	-\$73.00

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." – [Ez. 33:7]
Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us as stewards to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 7: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

September 9: St Peter Claver/ 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

September 10: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

September 11: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

Sept. 13: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sir 27:30–28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



WE PRAY FOR OUR CHRONICALLY SICK PARISHIONER'S!
SI USTED DESEAQUE OREMOS POR SU FAMILIAR ENFERMO!

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

NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR 2 MONTHS. IF A NAME NEEDS TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL THE SECRETARY.

23TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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?

VIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Nuestro Evangelio sobre el perdón de este domingo apunta hacia el hecho de que desde el principio los miembros de la iglesia estuvieron en desacuerdo sobre algunos temas. La enseñanza sobre la oración nos recuerda que Cristo siempre debe de estar en el centro de nuestras vidas y corazones. La esencia de los ministerios; el número de congregaciones religiosas y asociaciones laica nos recuerdan que hay muchas maneras de vivir el Evangelio. En medio de nuestras diferencias, la fe y la humildad nos llaman a enfocarnos en Cristo quien es la verdad para todos ¿Cómo puede mostrar a los demás el amor reconciliador de Cristo esta semana?

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



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!
Congratulations!

To Jose Hernandez Jr and Christa Lopez
who were united in the Sacrament of
Matrimony last Saturday, August 29, 2026.
May God bless and keep you all the days of your
life. Best wishes!

THANK YOU
GRACIAS

THANK YOU! Bishop Reidy and the Diocese of
Norwich Outreach to Haiti expressed their
gratitude for the help extended to our sisters
and brothers in Haiti: " St. Mary's Church
raised a total \$2, 851.00

SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

Did you know we are about to begin a special season?
The Season of Creation goes from September 1 to
October 4. It was established by Pope Francis as a part of
his encyclical "Laudate Si" which emphasizes the
importance of the natural world as a gift from God.

This year's theme is "living water." In Ezekiel 47:1-12 the
writer portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the
temple of God. The vision invites human responsibility
by recognizing ecological damage. We are called to work
for the renewal of creation so environmental healing and
human well-being may flourish together.

What can you do this week to enjoy the water around us
and care for it?



**NB: As we prepare to celebrate Creation Sunday
on September 6, perhaps Noah is inviting us to
rediscover what it means to be human: not owners
of creation, free to exploit it until there is nothing
left, but stewards entrusted with keeping life alive.**

PRAYER

Creator of life, source of living water,
we come before you in wonder and gratitude
for the gift of our common home.

You nourish the earth with your flowing grace,
sustaining every creature and plant. Forgive us for
the times we have plundered and polluted your
precious resources.

Grant us the wisdom and courage during this Season
of Creation to change our ways, protect our fragile
waters, and act justly with all creation. Renew our
hearts that we may be faithful stewards of your earth.
Amen.



Faith Formation News
Noticias de Formación de Fe

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday, September 9 – First Day of Classes
- Miércoles, 9 de septiembre– Primer Día de Clases
- Opening Mass– New Faith Formation Year – 6:30 PM
- Apertura de la Misa de Nueva Formación en la Fe – 6:30 PM
- Mark your Calendars, Sunday, September 20 – CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
- Marque su Calendario, 20 de septiembre -- Domingo Catequético

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.

Friendly Reminder: As we start a new school year, parents are the primary educators of their children in the Catholic Faith and should take an active part in your child or children's sacramental preparation. Parents are also expected to help the children develop a life of prayer and a love for the Mass or the Eucharist.

- Parents must remain their children's first teachers, especially in faith and values. Parents have a sacred responsibility to shape their children's character from the beginning, when basic values and attitudes are first formed. Do not give to other people the task of forming the children. What comes first will always be remembered.

Recordo: Comenzamos el nuevo año escolar, los padres son los principales educadores de preparación Sacramental. También se espera que los padres ayuden a sus hijos desarrollar y mantener una vida de oración y devoción de la Santa Misa o Eucaristía.

- Los padres deben seguir siendo los primeros maestros de sus hijos, especialmente en la fe y los valores. Los padres tienen la responsabilidad sagrada de moldear el carácter de sus hijos desde el principio, cuando se forman los valores y actitudes básicos. No les des a otras personas la tarea de formar a los niños. Lo que viene primero siempre será recordado.