



St. Mary's School and Parish

1019 South 7th St

St Mary's Catholic Church and School have deep ties with the Temple Community. The first Catholic service in Temple was held in 1883 at the home Thomas Sulton. The St. Mary's rectory was erected in 1894 and the church was completed in 1895. Father Heckman founded St. Mary's Academy; now know as St Mary's School, in 1897. Father Heckman played a pivotal role in the foundation and direction of St. Mary's. The original Church on South 3rd and Avenue F was quickly outgrown by the rising amount of parishioners. With the need for expansion the building was sold to Scott and White Hospital in the 1920's. St. Mary's purchased an area by South 9th and 7th Street where the church was erected at. The rectory and school preceded the competition of the church dating to 1928. The buildings were done in a beautiful Spanish Mission style complemented with southwestern landscape.