

St. Mary Catholic Church

APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Services:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:45 AM
Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

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Services:

Sunday: 8:30 AM
Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

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Dorothy Wood

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M, W, Th, F
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION FROM REV. FR. HERBERT ENE

(Acts 10: 34, 38-42; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20: 1-9)

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

This is our **Responsorial Psalm** for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has turned into comedy.

On **Good Friday** we heard of the story of how Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place.

It was a story of betrayal and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. Jesus was scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the Cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. It would have been a bad story—a tragedy, if that were the end of the story. But glory be to God it is not.

Death is not the end of the story. There is one more final chapter, a chapter of the story of **Jesus rising from the dead in all glory and majesty**. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord, who will prevail over all human-kind, his enemies included. For us his embattled followers this is good news. **Praise God! Alleluia!**

It is good news to know that **truth is immortal**. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, and bury it in the grave; All in pursuit of our life's ambitions, but on the third day **Truth will rise again**. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth; do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining; knowing that by and by it will shine again.

Brothers and sisters, it is the end of the story that counts. That is why the

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the church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. This period in our life, we are facing enormous difficulties as a result of **COVID-19** pandemic. We are facing both health, political, and economic crisis. We have heard many confusing and conflicting views on the **COVID-19 and its vaccines**. At this point in time, we are struggling with the dark side of our human nature. It is a struggle between light and darkness, between good and evil, between life and death. At such a moment, we need to remind ourselves that God is not asleep. He is fully aware of these trials.

Although the darkness and death often appear to be stronger than the light and life, they have not yet triumphed. Jesus has proved them wrong by his resurrection from the dead. This victory is what we celebrate today. The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express their victorious reign of Christ in a special way: **"The power of this holy [Easter] night," it proclaims, "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts our hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride."**

Our celebration of Easter reminds us that **the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say**. Yes, we may be going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, and misrepresentations. At times the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won, both in us and in our world. **And we know that in Christ we shall overcome.**

The Risen Lord himself, represented our beautiful Easter Candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil. And as persons connected to Jesus by baptism, we need to **'walk always as children of the light'**, following in his footsteps. We should reject darkness, evil and sin in every shape and form, and then promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism.

May I use this opportunity to thank all of our

parishioners—individuals and groups, who through their tremendous sacrifices of time, talent and treasure, made this day possible. Many of you worked behind the curtain to see that our two churches (**St. Mary Camden and Holy Family Huntingdon**) remain clean, safe and beautiful. Permit me not to mention names of groups or individuals, for God who sees in secret knows you and will bless you abundantly. I am proud of you. I wish you all a happy Easter. Remain ever blessed.

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME! AND ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD!



#SERVE LOVE

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

Serving together to support our neighbors struggling with food insecurity, homelessness, and literacy gaps. With the opportunity to celebrate 50 years as Catholics in West Tennessee, there is something for everyone. Join us in a family, friendly event to pack snack packs, hygiene kits, and literacy kits to be distributed locally in areas of most need across West Tennessee.

**Sunday, June 13th at St. Mary Catholic Church
3:00 –5:00 PM
1665 US-45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE MEMBERSHIP

The Tennessee Knights of Columbus welcome you to join the largest Catholic fraternal benefits organization in the world for **free** through June 30, 2021, using the discount code **MC GIVNEY2020** at www.kofc.org/join. We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to do in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. This amazing one-year membership (\$30 value) is in honor of recently beatified Blessed Michael J.

McGivney, a young Catholic priest who founded the Order in 1882. If you are a baptized, practicing Catholic gentleman, age 18 or older, please join today!



POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Mary Church is looking for a qualified cleaning person. You would be required to work three hours per week preferably on a Friday or Saturday.

If you are interested, please call: 731-584-6459 to set up an interview.



PLEASE Wear Your Face Mask Until Further Notice!

COVID-19 continues to be a threat in our country and in our community. We urge all of our parishioners and friends to be attentive: physical distancing when together, wearing protective masks and frequent washing of hands. **Under the Bishop's decree, we must continue the wearing of face masks and practice social distancing until further notice.** We must care for our neighbor as we are to care for ourselves and our family. (Lv. 19.34)



Remember the FOOD BANK

During these difficult times, and with our unemployment rate at an all time high, the Camden Food Bank is in need of any support that you can give. Some of the items that are needed are: canned soups, canned vegetables, cereal, juice, canned tuna, canned spam, cookies, etc.

They can also use laundry soap, cleaning supplies, shampoo, bar soap, and toothpaste. Anything is most welcome and appreciated.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week Ending
03/28/2021**

St. Mary —Enrollment	86
Regular Offering	\$759.82
Families Contributing	15
Holy Family — Enrollment	42
Regular Offering	\$725.00
Families Contributing	13

ONE COLLECTION

04/11/2021- General Offering

Ministry Schedule

For April 11, 2021

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Pat Baloga

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Counters

Pat Baloga and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Pat Allen

Counters

Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

Mass Intentions					
DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	04/03/2021	St. Mary	5:30 PM	Richard Gagnon+ / Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	04/04/2021	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deloris Parisi+	Mary Jane Klinzing
Sunday	04/04/2021	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Thomas Tremellent+	Joyce Parker
Monday	04/05/2021	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Esther Lomax+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Tuesday	04/06/2021			NO MASS	
Wednesday	04/07/2021	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Barbara Vogel+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Thursday	04/08/2021	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Dave Haire+	Joyce Parker
Friday	04/09/2021	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mark King	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	04/10/2021	St. Mary	5:00 PM	David Johnson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	04/11/2021	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Grady John Stanfill+	Diana Stanfill
Sunday	04/11/2021	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Victoria Morris+	Stephen and Leah Koonce

Prayer Intentions for the Health and Recovery of our Parish Family...

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress.
The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. (Ps. 46)



St. Mary's: Joshua Westfall, Steve Ruhlman, Sherry Goldman, David Johnson, Patrick Schasser, Danny Lomax, Willis Parker, Sherrie Goldman, Fran Birkhead, Jim McMillon, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Anna Robertson, Vicky Story, Jane Adams, Richard Mahoney, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Barbara Krupa, Mary Brown, Raul Simoes, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Jackie Eason, Mary Jane Klinzing, Nacho Ramirez, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Teddy Brou, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Carl Reetz, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Paul Harrison, friend of David McCloskey; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedmore, sister of Pam McMillan; Susan, Mason and Ryan Schaffer; Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; Jeff and Edna Henry; John and Linnie Waters; Nathan Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; Elizabeth Brown, sister of Barbara Taylor; Eric Reiter, son of Sharon Reiter; Kaelynn Bressler, niece of Dan and Jean Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbara Taylor; Arley McMillon, brother of Jim McMillon;

Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Richard Muenze, brother-in-law of Pam McMillon; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbel; Gerald Coltharp, family member of Craig & Kathy Coltharp; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; John H. Costello, brother of Pam McMillon; John Brinker, uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Carol Dilgard, friend of Fr. Charles Allen; Ruth Johnson, aunt of Jean Ebeling; Dee Vohnoutka, sister of Garry Korbel; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix, Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece; Robert Vohnoutka, husband of Garry Korbel's sister; Debra Thibedau, sister of Betty Gagnon; Della Jungels, Carrie Etter's mother; Matthew Ebeling, son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman.

For those on active duty in the military:

Garry Brown, son-in-law of Greg and Grace Garza; Jonathan Placido, son-in-law of Arlene Conrad; Zakkary Klinzing, grandson of Mary Jane Klinzing; Eric Huot, husband of Lorna Johnson Huot; Brendon Dugger, son of Sigi & Tom Dugger and grandmother Bella Stahl; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill.