

St. Mary Catholic Church

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Director of Music:

Pam Warren

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Holy Family Catholic Mission

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220 W. Main Street
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Services:

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

Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

Director of Music:

Dorothy Wood

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Herbert Ene
Deacon: Wayne Tedford
Secretary: Sandy Simpson
Accounting: Lois Mahoney

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE

“As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.’” (John 6:66-69)

As a result of what? As a result of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had given, but for some, it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:23). He goes on to say, “for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55).

From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught.

The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather, Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe.

Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. “Master, to whom shall we go?” In other words, Peter was saying, “Lord even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected, be misunderstood...you are the best option.” Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

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Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best “option” to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular or unpopular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground.

Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all, and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You.

(2021 My Catholic Life)

Congratulations



Congratulations to Maxine Sara Walker on receiving your First Holy Eucharist today. All are invited to the reception following mass to celebrate with Maxine.



KNIGHTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Knights of the month; Wayne Tedford, Dennis Blackwell and Wyatt Brooks, and the Family of the month; Carl and Joan Reetz.. Thank you for all you do for your church and your community.

The Knights are having a **“Pancake Breakfast”** at St. Mary on Sunday, August 29 immediately following Mass. All are invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal and catch up with your church family. Donations only.

Multicultural Festival Schedule

The Festival listed below will showcase and celebrate the different heritage and traditions that contribute to the cultural tapestry of our Diocese during our 50th Anniversary. Enjoy delicious foods, beautiful arts-crafts, interesting demonstrations and wonderful music, dances-performances from around the world. Admission is free. For more information on the Festivals, visit: **CDOM50Years.**

Saturday, September 11, 6:00 pm—7 pm (South Eastern Deanery) St. Mary Catholic Church, 1665 Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or do you know someone who is interested, or if you are just wanting to learn more about your faith, RCIA classes will begin on Thursday, August 26 at 6 p.m. Please call the office at 731-584-6459 to register .

DATES TO REMEMBER



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| Thursday, Aug. 26 | RCIA Class (St. Mary at 6:00 pm) |
| Sunday, August 29 | PRE Registration (After Mass) |
| Sunday, August 29 | KC Pancake Breakfast (St. Mary—After Mass) |
| Sunday, September 5 | Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family—Sharon Reiter and Deborah Thorne will be hosting) |
| Sunday, September 12 | Ladies Guild Meeting (St. Mary) |

Second Collection for Haiti

On Sunday, August 29, there will be a second collection for the people of Haiti. The recent hurricane has left many injured, homeless, and without food or shelter. Please be generous.

TIME /TALENT/TREASURE

We are in need of **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers** and **Counters** at both St. Mary and Holy Family. Please think about volunteering for one of these services. You can call the office at 731-584-6459 or speak to Father Herbert or Sandy.

STARTING BACK PRE Classes



The Parish Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 am. Registration will be on Sunday, August 29 immediately following Mass. The Knights of Columbus are also having a pancake breakfast that day, so you can register your child and enjoy breakfast at the same time. If you have further questions, please feel free to call or text Debra Davenport at 731-336-0259.

We are in need of teachers and a Youth Director. Please think about volunteering for these most rewarding positions. You can get in touch with Debra Davenport or call the office.

Our condolences go out to Bob Vargas on the loss of his father, Gerald Vargas, and to June Myers on the loss of her sister, Mary Virginia Jones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time.



Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

08/15/2021

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| St. Mary —Enrollment | 73 |
| Regular Offering | \$1570.50 |
| Families Contributing | 16 |
| Holy Family — Enrollment | 42 |
| Regular Offering | \$515.00 |
| Families Contributing | 11 |

TWO COLLECTIONS

08/29/2021- General Offering/
Haiti Special Collection

Ministry Schedule

For August 29, 2021

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Minister

Joyce Rushing (Sat.)

Dan Ebeling (Sun.)

Counters

Tricia Smother and Pat Baloga

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Wyatt Brooks and Richelle Stokes

Counters

Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

| Mass Intentions | | | | | |
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| | DATE | CHURCH | TIME | MASS FOR | REQUESTED BY |
| Saturday | 08/21/2021 | St. Mary | 5:00 PM | Gilbert Jambard+ | Gil Jambard |
| Sunday | 08/22/2021 | Holy Family | 8:30 AM | Mary Virginia Jones+ | High School Friends |
| Sunday | 08/22/2021 | St. Mary | 10:45 AM | Bill Ebeling | Dan and Jean Ebeling |
| Monday | 08/23/2021 | St. Mary | 12:00 PM | Jack Dashper | St. Mary Parishioner |
| Tuesday | 08/24/2021 | | | NO MASS | |
| Wednesday | 08/25/2021 | Holy Family | 12:00 PM | Regina Pagano+ | Joyce Parker |
| Thursday | 08/26/2021 | Holy Family | 12:00 PM | Holy Family Parishioners | |
| Friday | 08/27/2021 | St. Mary | 12:00 PM | Mike Tezak | Tricia Smothers |
| Saturday | 08/28/2021 | St. Mary | 12:00 PM | Donald Wilson+ | Betty Gagnon |
| Sunday | 08/29/2021 | Holy Family | 8:30 AM | Holy Family Parishioners | |
| Sunday | 08/29/2021 | St. Mary | 10:45 AM | Mr. Mrs. Steve Ruhlman | St. Mary Parishioner |

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: Lorna Houts, Jim Simpson, Pat Baloga, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Steve Ruhlman, David Johnson, Patrick Schasser, 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: Karen Pierce, Dwayne Pierce, 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: Nancy Vargas, mother of Bob Vargas, Alex Reiter, grandson of Sharon Reiter, Ron Ketelsen, 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 Waters; Elizabeth Brown, sister of Barbara Taylor; 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:

Kyle Bissen, grandson of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, 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.