

# St. Mary Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 TWENTY FOURTH 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

### Director of Religious Education:

Tessa Walker

### Maintenance:

Jim Simpson

## Holy Family

### Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive  
Huntington, TN 38344  
731-584-6459

### Mailing Address:

220 W. Main Street  
Camden, TN 38320

### 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



## SUFFERING FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

Jesus began to teach the Apostles that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this time he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mark 8:31-33)

This was most likely not the reply that Peter was expecting from Jesus. Peter was struggling with fears as Jesus explained that He would be entering into much suffering and death at the hands of the religious leaders of the time. Peter loved Jesus and was fearful and anxious about the thought of his Master suffering and being killed. So Peter, motivated by fear and confusion, tried to "talk some sense" into Jesus.

The result? Peter was rebuked in the presence of the other Apostles by Jesus. Jesus went so far as to say, "Get behind me, Satan." That must have hurt.

To understand this properly, we must start with the obvious conclusion that Jesus' words were words of great love. Jesus is not capable of anything other than love. Therefore, we must seek to understand how these strong words from Jesus were loving and holy.

The key to understanding this is the second thing Jesus said. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus had just revealed to the Apostles the deepest mystery of His life's mission.. Namely, He just revealed that His mission was to accept unjust persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders. But in revealing this, it is also clear that He intended to bring good out of this suffering. He would not have allowed this suffering if it were not for some greater good. The hard part is that, in order to understand this great mystery of suffering, one needs deep faith. The Apostles were being challenged to see this situation from the divine perspective. Peter was having a hard time doing so, and that is why Jesus had to challenge him directly.

Jesus' rebuke was a rebuke of love, Helping Peter break free of his fear and limited vision so as to enter into this profound mystery of Jesus' loving sacrifice.

Reflect, today, upon your own struggles with the Cross of Christ. His sufferings

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continue to be made present in our world through the love and sacrifices of His sons and daughters. When Christians suffer on account of their faith, we must see this from the eyes of God, not the eyes of men. We must see the divine blessings that accompany such sufferings and we must accept them in accord with the great mystery of God's plan.

Lord, I too lack the necessary faith to see the blessings that accompany Your Cross, as well as the many crosses I am given in life. Help me to be purified in my faith so that I can see Your hand at work in all things, even suffering, injustice and persecution. May I see life from Your perspective alone. Jesus, I trust You.

(My Catholic Life)



# United in Faith

## *Campaign Kickoff*

Be on the look out for more information in the coming weeks!



Save the date for our always fun church picnic that will be held on Sunday, September 26 after the 10:45 Mass. The picnic will be held at the St. Mary Pavilion. The Knights of Columbus will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers, and we would like everyone to provide a side dish and/or dessert to go with the meal.

This year along with other activities, we will be having a cakewalk headed by Julia Johnson. We will need baked goods or desserts to give away at this event. You can drop them off at the fellowship hall after the 5:00 pm Mass on the 25th or bring them with you to the picnic. Please email, or call Julia Johnson at 931-209-0263 [jjohnsn8@gmail.com](mailto:jjohnsn8@gmail.com) if you are donating an item or with any questions. With any other questions or concerns, contact Sandy at 731-584-6459. Hope to see a great turn out from St. Mary and Holy Family.

### STILL TIME TO REGISTER

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 began on Thursday, August 26 at 6 p.m. Please call the office at 731-584-6459 to register .



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, Sept. 12	PRE Classes Begin
Sunday, Sept. 12	Ladies Guild Meeting (St. Mary)
Wednesday, Sept. 15	KC Meeting (St. Mary—6 PM)
Friday, Sept. 17	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 AM)
Sunday, Sept. 26	Church Picnic (St. Mary—1 PM)

## **Knight's Corner**



There will be a Knight's of Columbus meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at St. Mary in Camden. Mrs. Julia Johnson will be sending refreshments. Refreshments will be served at 6 PM with the meeting to follow.

If you are a Catholic gentleman and are not a Knight, and are thinking about it, you can go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to enroll on line. Council 9754 needs you.

Wyatt Brooks G/K

## **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



The Eucharistic Congress is a popular, free faith-filled Catholic event that will encourage you in your faith. Plan to attend this year's event Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9 at the Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN. Visit [www.CDOM.org](http://www.CDOM.org) to register and view the schedule.

## **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

### **Week Ending**

09/05/2021

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	75
Regular Offering	\$1,903.76
Families Contributing	15
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	42
Regular Offering	\$1,377.00
Families Contributing	19

## **TWO COLLECTIONS**

09/19/2021- General Offering/  
Religious Education

## **STARTING BACK PRE Classes**



The Parish Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 am. If you have further questions, please contact Tessa Walker at 731-220-5199.

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 Tessa Walker or call the office.

## **Ministry Schedule**

For September 19, 2021

### **St. Mary Catholic Church**

#### *Lectors*

Saturday: Pat Baloga

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

#### Eucharistic Minister

Pat Baloga (Sat.)

Deacon (Sun.)

#### *Counters*

Tricia Smothers and Pat Baloga

### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

#### *Lector*

Sunday: John Edwards

#### *Counters*

Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

<b>Mass Intentions</b>					
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS FOR</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>
Saturday	09/11/2021	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Krupa	St. Mary Parishioner
Sunday	09/12/2021	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Fran Birkhead	Richard and Lois Mahoney
Sunday	09/12/2021	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse	"Cackle Group"
Monday	09/13/2021	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Fran Birkhead	St. Mary Parishioner
Tuesday	09/14/2021			NO MASS	
Wednesday	09/15/2021	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Billy Purcaro+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Thursday	09/16/2021	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Crystal Purcaro+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Friday	09/17/2021	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Arlene Conrad	Greg and Grace Garza
Saturday	09/18/2021	St.. Mary	5:00 PM	Roger Gibbons	St. Mary Parishioner
Sunday	09/19/2021	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Elsie Oulette	Lois Mahoney
Sunday	09/19/2021	St. Mary	10:45 AM	John Tezak+	Tricia Smothers

### **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, 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.