

St. Mary Catholic Church

January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Catholic Church

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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

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Herbert Ene

Deacon: Wayne Tedford

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

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Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



BLESSED

Today's readings include calls to humility in the words of the prophet Zephaniah, the letters of the apostle Paul, and the beginning of one of history's most famous teaching sessions, when Jesus pointedly instructs his followers with His Sermon on the Mount. The ten verses we know as the Beatitudes have, individually or collectively, been the focus of countless homilies, sermons, Bible classes, and academic studies. However, that familiarity, and perhaps also the grace and poetry of these beautiful words, can lead us to miss important parts of Jesus' teachings as we gloss over the words. Poet Hannah Clark eloquently points out that we can become desensitized as we repeatedly read the word "blessed" (in her discussion of Thomas Ingmire's illumination in *The Saint Johns Bible*), so our mind wanders and we miss some of the rich meanings of seemingly simple words.

Many people undervalue the word "Blessed", for instance. I know individuals who think of being blessed as some good thing that occurs after having done something on the list, something akin to a spiritual carnival game where one receives a small prize for having hit the target. Being blessed, though, is more than just some good thing happening to us, it is a state of being. The Aramaic word Jesus may have used—toowayhon—conveys a much deeper sense that we are enriched by God's providence and grace, that we are spiritually fortunate and prosperous, blissful, delighted, and content. One commentator notes that toowayhon includes the idea that blessed persons "enjoy union and communion with God."

Come to think of it, some individuals subconsciously change the verb tense from present ("Blessed are") to future ("Blesses will be"). They think of blessings as only occurring in the future, when our "reward will be great in heaven." However, Jesus did not present a list of If/then statements, whereby you do a thing and get a token to be redeemed at a later date. We can be blessed now. We can enjoy a deep relationship with our Triune God now.

Don't worry, I am not going to go through the Beatitudes word by word. I do want to share a few insights I have heard/read that struck me over the years.

When Matthew's Gospel writes about the poor in spirit, that does not refer to individuals who are weak in the faith. Rather, it refers to those who are not spiritually arrogant but who, having recognized their own limitations, rely completely on God. The poor in spirit are those who are not spiritually arrogant but who, having recognized their own limitations, rely completely on God. The poor in spirit are thus doubly blessed because they are closer to God now, and (as one hard mouth, but one with a gentle mouth—a meek horse, as the Greeks described it—move in unison with its rider. We are called to have gentle souls that respond quickly to the Spirit's guidance so that our thoughts and action are in concert with God's plan for us. Can you imagine the joy of such and intimate connection with God?

Blessed are the ones who bring and maintain peace. Peace is more than just the absence of conflict.

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Peace is more than just the absence of conflict. I recently heard a pastor talk about how our understanding of the meaning of the word “peace” benefits when we look at the Hebrew word shalom. Shalom indicates peace, yes, but also harmony, tranquility, completeness, wholeness, welfare, with all things in their right place. In short, shalom is a peace that comes from God. When Jesus says “Blessed are the peacemakers,” He is talking about persons who bring God’s peace to volatile situations as well as to troubled souls, Part of the blessing of being a peacemaker is the blessing of personally experiencing God’s peace. Only one who possesses God’s peace, even at a small level or for a period of time, can bring that peace to others.

As you read the parts about “righteousness” - those who hunger and thirst for it, those who are persecuted for its sake-think back to our reading today from 1 Corinthians. Paul writes that Jesus became righteousness for us—Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness....It can be tempting, and stressful, to focus on a list of Do’s and Don’ts. How much better to hunger and thirst to be with and like Christ.

In the last of today’s reading, the part about being insulted, persecuted, lied about, the key phrase is “because of me.” As we aspire to live Christ-like, Spirit-led lives, we will find ourselves in difficult situations. Remember that we are promised (Luke 21:14-15) that God will give us the words we need so that our defense is Christ-like and Spirit-led.

(David Crawford, Creighton University)

BACKPACK MINISTRY

On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food for the children’s Backpack ministry. Richelle will take all collected food and deliver it to be distributed among those children in need throughout the schools in Huntingdon.. Please be generous and THANK YOU!



First Friday of the Month February 3

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9:00 am and Mass will begins at 12:00 pm.

First Saturday of the Month February 4

Mass, recitation of the scriptural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass begins at 9:00 am.

DATES TO REMEMBER : February, 2023



February 5	Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family)
February 5	Fellowship Sunday (St. Mary)
February 8	Little Flowers Club (SM 3:30 PM)
February 13	SM Ladies Guild (10:30 AM)
February 15	Knight’s Meeting (SM 6 PM)
February 18	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 AM)
February 22	Little Flowers Club (SM 3:30 PM)
February 22	Ash Wednesday (Mass: HF 12:00 PM SM 5:00 PM)

HOSTESSES:

Holy Family Hospitality Sunday: Richelle Stokes plus 1.

St. Mary Fellowship Sunday: Debra Davenport and Sandy Simpson.

Holy Family FYI

Adoration has been changed from Thursday, February 2 to Wednesday, February 1. Deacon Wayne will be out of town.

Women's Morning of Spirituality

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Church of the Incarnation. Doors open with 7:15 Continental Breakfast. Program begins at 8:15; Mass 12:15. Keynote Speaker: Ann Leatherman. Witness Speaker; Cathy Reineking. Leading us in song: Marie-Stephane Bernard and Marie Miller. Bishop Terry Steib will be our Mass Celebrant. Register at <http://womensmorning.com/> or WMOS on Eventbrite. Please carpool. For more information, email wmosmemphis@gmail.com



Tommy Long	2/2
Joyce Rushing	2/6
Tricia Smothers	2/6
Richelle Stokes	2/6
Lorna Ceit Johnson	2/7
Paul Multon	2/8
Daniel Brush Ortega	2/13
Hilario Valenzuela	2/17
Craig Coltharp	2/20
Robert Kryszak	2/21
Betty Gagnon	2/26



John and Linnie Waters 2/21

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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

01/22/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$1679.00
Families Contributing	23
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$686.00
Families Contributing	15

TWO COLLECTIONS

2/5/2023

Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule

for February 5, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday:	Dan Ebeling
Sunday:	Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday:	Phyllis Wendt
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Gift Bearers

Dennis Blackwell and Deborah Thorne

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Karen Pierce

Counters

Wayne Tedford and Wyatt Brooks

Mass Intentions

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	01/28/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	01/29/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Nick Roach Jr.+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	01/29/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Robert Saunders+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Monday	01/30/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Evelyn Ward	Ladies Guild
Tuesday	01/31/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	02/01/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Lawrence Polking+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Thursday	02/02/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	02/03/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Fran Birkhead+	Joyce Parker
Saturday	02/04/2023	St. Mary	9:00 AM	Edward Taylor+	Barbara Taylor
Saturday	02/04/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	02/05/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Eric Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	02/05/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jodie 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: Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Jim Simpson, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Steve Ruhlman, David Johnson, Patrick Schasser, Sherrie Goldman, Jim McMillon, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Mary Brown, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Anna Mills, Kamila Aldaytomaga, Debbie O'Bryant, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Carl Reetz, friend of Holy Family Parishioners; Don Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Becky Orr; Scott Henderson, friend of Craig and Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Nancy Vargas, mother of Bob Vargas; 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, Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; Jeff and Edna Henry; John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler, niece of Dan and Jean

Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbra 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; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; John H. Costello, brother of Pam McMillon; John Brinker, uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Ruth Johnson, Aunt of Jean Ebeling; Dee Vohnoutka, sister of Garry Korbel; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix, Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, Matthew Ebeling, son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman.

For those on active duty in the military:

Hudson Hazlerig, grandson of Jay and Julia Johnson, Kyle Moore, grandson of Barbara Taylor, Kyle Bissen, grandson of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, Jonathon 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.