

# St. Mary Catholic Church

September 10, 2023 Twenty Third 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

## Holy Family

### Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive  
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### 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:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F  
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts". These words, penned by the psalmist, are a reminder of the importance of the importance of openness and receptivity to the Word of God in our lives. In the busyness of our daily lives, it is all too easy for our hearts to become hardened, closed off to the gentle whispers of God's voice. We are bombarded by the noise of the world, the demands of our schedules, and the distractions that surround us. In the midst of all this, God is continually reaching out to us, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him. But are we really listening? Are our hearts open to receive His message?

Hearing God's voice should be of the disposition of our hearts. It is about attuned to the very presence of God in our lives, recognizing His guidance and love, and responding with a heart that is soft and pliable, ready to follow His will.

How can we ensure that we do not harden our hearts when we hear God's voice? In the stillness of prayer, we create a special place where we can truly listen to God. It is in the moments of quiet contemplation that we are most receptive to His voice. Make time for daily prayer, even if it is only a few minutes of silence, to allow God to speak to your heart.

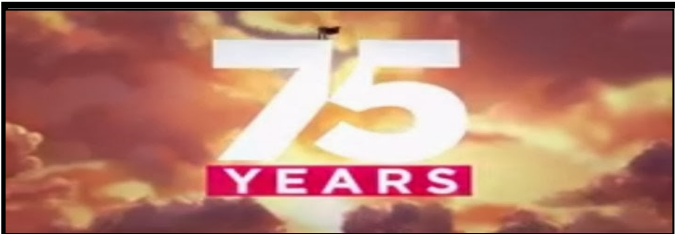
The Bible is a primary way through which God communicates with us. Regularly reading and meditating on Scripture opens our hearts to His teachings and guidance. Let the Scriptures and the readings you hear at Mass be a source of inspiration and guidance in your life.

Being part of the parish is vital. In the company of fellow Catholics, we can encourage one another to God's voice. Share your spiritual journey with others, and together, you can help discern God's will. Sometimes learning from the trials of others is a helpful way to learn to progress in our faith. It is often in times of difficulty and suffering that our hearts can become hardened. Instead of resenting these challenges, view them as opportunities to grow closer to God. Trust that God is with you, even in the midst of trials, and He can use these experiences to mold your heart.

When we hear God's voice, it is essential to respond with obedience. Our faith is not only about listening but also about acting on what we hear. Trust that God's plans for your life are filled with love and patience.

As we reflect on the psalmist's words today, let us remember that God's voice is always present, calling us to a deeper relationship with Him. Let us strive to keep our hearts open, soft and receptive to His guidance. In doing so, we will experience the life-changing power of God's Word in our lives, drawing us closer to Him and enabling us to live as His faithful sheep.

(Fr. Charles)



**GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

By the grace of God, **St. Mary Catholic Church in Camden, Tennessee** will be celebrating her 75th **Anniversary** of the founding of the church on Sunday, October 8, 2023. It begins with the concelebrated **Holy Mass at 10:45 am**. This offers us the opportunity to meet with our past, present, and would-be parishioners and friends. All are invited. Be part of this milestone **“home coming”** celebration.

Reverend Father Herbert Ene (Pastor)

**PRE News!'**

Welcome back to PRE! I am looking forward to serving you all again this year as your PRE Director. I would like to thank the teachers who volunteer their time and talents and to everyone who has supported the PRE Program through donations and prayers.



God Bless,  
Tessa Walker, DRE

Please pray for the success of our Diocese’s Strategic Pastoral Planning process and participate in one of the 12 scheduled Listening Session (s) in our Deanery.



Our Parish is in the **NORTHERN** Deanery

You can also complete the online survey at :  
<https://cdom.org/strategic-pastoral-planning/>



**September, 2023**

- September 11 Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
- September 11 St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- September 13 Little Flowers Group 3:45pm - 4:45 pm
- September 16 Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
- September 20 Holy Family Finance Council Meeting -12:30 pm
- September 20 Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:00 pm (SM)
- September 27 Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting -12:30 pm
- September 27 Little Flowers Group 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

\*\*\*Hostesses for St. Mary Fellowship Sunday are Sandy Simpson and Tessa Walker.



**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.



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### Clean-Up Day



On Saturday, September 23, we will be cleaning and preparing the grounds for our upcoming Anniversary celebration. We are asking as many men and woman who can, to come to help with this project. We will be cleaning the outside and the fellowship hall. We will begin at 9 am and finish as quickly as we can. Remember, many hands make less work.

### FIRST ANNUAL

#### ***Dining with the Deacons***



The First Annual "Dining with the Deacons," October 20 will be held at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Marian Hall on Friday, October 20 at 6 pm. The ticket price for the event is \$50.00 per person and the goal is to sell 200 tickets. The Deacons are raising funds to help further their continuing education and training. All Deacons are helping with the event by selling tickets and or/serving at the event.

### ***Are you being called...***

to become a deacon?

Thursday, September 14

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 28

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
6:30 pm

Sunday, October 1

St. Mary, Jackson 3:00 pm

Sunday, October 22

Immaculate Conception, Union City 2:30 pm

### **Quote of the Week....**

"True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

09/03/2023

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$3586.00
	+452.83
Families Contributing	23
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	\$1832.00
	+ 93.45
Families Contributing	24

### TWO COLLECTIONS

9/17/2023

Regular Offering/Religious Education

### Ministry Schedule

for September 17, 2023

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

##### *Lectors*

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Deacon (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

##### *Counters*

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

#### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

##### *Lector*

Sunday: Sharon Reiter

##### Gift Bearers

Andy Novotney and Veronica

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Pat Allen

##### *Counters*

Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

## Mass Intentio

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	09/09/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	09/10/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Anna Mills	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	09/10/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Greg and Grace Garza	Betty Gagnon
Monday	09/11/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mary Johnson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	09/12/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	09/13/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Sharon Reiter	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Thursday	09/14/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	09/15/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Larry Williams+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	09/16/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	09/17/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	09/17/2023	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:** Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, 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:** Dwayne Pierce, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Debbie O'Bryant, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

**For Our Extended Family:** Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling, Michael McCloskey, brother of David McCloskey; TJ Haines, John and Tammy Carroll, friend of Barbara Taylor, Susan Johnston, daughter-in-law of Barbara Taylor, 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; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedmore, sister of Pam McMillan; Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; 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:**

Bridget Bissen, granddaughter of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, 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; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill.