

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

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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

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



THE INFINITE LOVE OF CHRIST

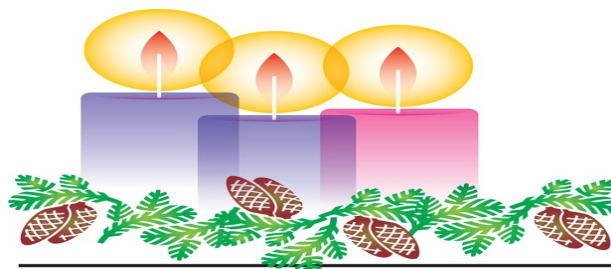
In the Gospel, we encounter the words of Jesus inviting us, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) These words call out to us with the gentle invitation of the Sacred Heart, a heart pulsating with boundless love for each of us. Embracing the Sacred Heart entails embracing this love—a love that is pure, merciful, and unending. It is a love cognizant of our joys and sorrows, our triumphs and failures. In our quest for holiness, let us turn to the Sacred Heart as the fount of grace and strength.

As we approach the mystery of the Sacred Heart, let us earnestly and intentionally open the doors of our hearts to the life changing power of Jesus’ boundless love. In this intimate encounter, permit His love not only to touch the surface but to permeate the depths of our being, molding us into vessels of His divine grace.

During the trials and tribulations that inevitably punctuate our earthly sojourn, let the Sacred Heart be our unwavering refuge. In time of trouble, when the burdens of life press heavily upon us, let us not resort to the passing comforts of the world but instead seek solace in the enduring and merciful embrace of Jesus’ Sacred Heart. In His sacred love, we discover strength, consolation, and the steadfast promise of His presence.

May the Sacred Heart be our guide, leading us in love, mercy, and compassion. Let us convey His love into the world, becoming instruments of His grace and ambassadors of His peace. May our hearts be ablaze with the love of the Sacred Heart. May we, through His grace, become living witnesses of His love in our families, communities, and beyond.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

St. Mary Christmas Party



St. Mary will hold it's annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 immediately following the 10:45 am Mass. All are invited to attend. It will be a great time of food, fun and friends.

The Ladies Guild has once again graciously offered to have the meal catered. So, all you need to bring is yourself and a good appetite. Hope to see you there.



December 17

St. Mary Christmas Party
(12:30 pm)

December 20

Knights of Columbus Meeting
(HF) 6 pm

*Adoration at Holy Family in Huntingdon is held every Thursday. Will notify if cancelled.

A Special Thank You!

We would like to thank the Little Flowers Group for making the decorations for St. Mary's Christmas Party. You are truly appreciated.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24

Regular Sunday Mass:
HF 8:30 am
SM 10:45 am

December 24

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 pm
(St. Mary, Camden)

December 25

Christmas Day Mass:
HF 8:30 am
SM 10:30 am

December 31

Regular Sunday Mass
HF 8:30 am
SM 10:30 am

January 1

New Year's Day Mass
HF 8:30 am
SM 10:30 am

Coming Soon.....



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.



Commemorative 75th Anniversary Cookbooks

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is selling 75th Anniversary cookbooks filled with great recipes and pictures from both Holy Family and St. Mary Parishioners. The cost is \$15.00. If you would like one, please contact Sharon Reiter at Holy Family, or call the office at 731-584-6459.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending
12/10/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$2660.00
Families Contributing	18
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$994.00
Families Contributing	17

ONE COLLECTION

12/24/2023
Regular Offering

Ministry Schedule December 24, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

10:45 am Mass

Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling
Sunday: Michael Vance

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)
Jay Johnson (Sun.)

Counters:

Debra Davenport and Tricia Smothers

7:00 pm Mass (Christmas Eve Mass) St. Mary

Lector Joyce Rushing

Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon
Joyce Rushing
Andrea Vargas

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Mark Wood

Gift Bearers

Joey Walls

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards, Pat Long, Pat Allen

Counters:

Richelle Stokes and Tom O'Bryant

Need Your Help!!!

Holy Family men will be setting up the manger on Saturday, December 23 at 10:00 am.

All parishioners are invited to stay after Mass on Sunday, December 24 to decorate the Church.



Third Sunday of Advent

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me”

You belong to Christ and Christ's is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is he asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life!

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901) 373-1244, or write to: vocationsDirector@vocations.com.

75th Anniversary Picture Slide Show

If you are interested in having the picture slide show presented at St. Mary's 75th Anniversary celebration, we are taking orders. The pictures have been put on a Jump Drive and will be sold for \$10.00. Please call the office at 731-584-6459 to place your order. Many great memories.

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/16/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	12/17/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Debbie O'Bryant	
Sunday	12/17/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Monday	12/18/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/19/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	12/20/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	12/21/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	12/22/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	12/23/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Mr. Mrs. Ray and Family	Robert Kryszak
Sunday	12/24/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	12/24/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	

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: Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Jack Dashper, Mickey Baloga, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Steve Ruhlman, 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: Barry Raidt, Dwayne Pierce, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, 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: Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; 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.