

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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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: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



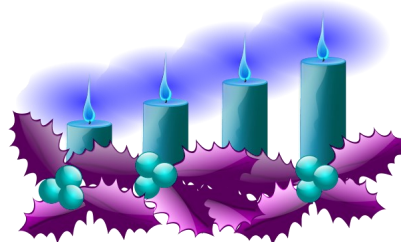
GOD IS WITH US

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we encounter the beautiful prophecy from Isaiah (7:14), fulfilled in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” (Matthew 1:23) This announcement brings us great joy and hope; it signifies the extraordinary act of God breaking into human history, taking on our flesh, and dwelling among us. This was not simply a historical event that occurred in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. The fact that God is with us is a timeless truth that is deep within our hearts and every part of our being. God’s presence is not confined to a particular time or place but extends to every moment of our lives.

In our moments of joy, God is with us, celebrating with open arms. In times of sorrow and struggle, God is with us, offering solace and strength. When we feel lost and uncertain, God is with us, guiding our steps with His light. This reality is both comforting and reassuring. Prayer becomes our means of communication with the One who is always near, listening to the whispers of our hearts and responding with unfailing love. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist, are tangible encounters with the living God, where we partake in the divine mystery and receive the grace that sustains us on our pilgrimage.

Emmanuel, God with us, calls us to live in a way that reflects His love and mercy. We are called to be channels of God’s presence in the world. Through acts of kindness and compassion we manifest the reality that God is indeed with us and working through us to bring about His kingdom. May we, inspired by the truth of Emmanuel, always be ready to share the good news that God is with us in every circumstance of life.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)



Knight's News:

Congratulations to the Knight of the month; Jay Johnson and The Family of the Month; Tom and Theresa O'Connell family. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

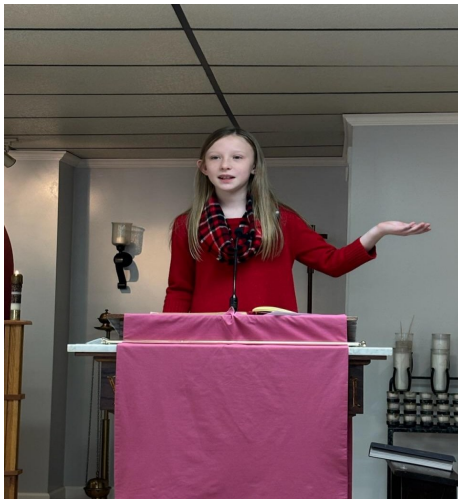


Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hughes family on the loss of JoAnn.



A most sincere thank you to all who came and helped decorate and ready St. Mary Church for Christmas. A special shout out to two special young men; Josh Latendresse and Hunter Vargas. We couldn't have done it without you.

We would like to thank our guest lector last Sunday, Miss Evelyn O'Bryant, 10 year old granddaughter of Tom and Debbie O'Bryant.



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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CHRISTMAS WEEKEND 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



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Theresa O'Connell and family on the loss of her mother Shelia O'Connell. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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

12/17/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$1140.00
Families Contributing	19
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$516.00
Families Contributing	13

ONE COLLECTION

12/31/2023

Regular Offering

Imagine having all the questions you have regarding “The Holy Mass” answered in a half-day event hosted at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center.

Would you like to have a deeper understanding of the spirituality of the Mass?

Would you like to live out the Mass more fully in your daily life?

At this event Priests will explain all the aspects, components, and rituals of The Holy Mass.

At the end of Mass there will be a Q & A session.

This single day event will be held on:

Saturday February 24, 2024

Log on to register at <https://www.olqpretreats.com>

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Make known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith”

Docile obedience to the Will of God is the fruit of humble prayer. If the Lord is calling you

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

or

Call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901) 373-1244.

Ministry Schedule

December 31, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Michael Vance (Sun.)

Lindsay Moore (Sun.)

Counters:

Debra Davenport and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Pat Allen

Gift Bearers

Wyatt Brooks

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards, Richelle Stokes,

Bennette Brou

Counters:

Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

New Year's Day

January 1, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lector

New Year's Day: Dan Ebeling

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon

Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

To Be Announced

Gift Bearers

To Be Announced

Eucharistic Ministers

To Be Announced

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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	
Monday	12/25/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/26/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	12/27/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	12/28/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Friday	12/29/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Saturday	12/30/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioner	
Sunday	12/31/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	12/31/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Shelia O'Connell	Jim and Sandy Simpson

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 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; 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.