

# St. Mary Catholic Church

April 4, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

## 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

**Associate Pastor:** Michael Okata

**Deacon:** Wayne Tedford

**Secretary:** Sandy Simpson

**Accounting:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS—PART 4

The Sacrament of Penance, also known as Reconciliation or Confession, is one of the most sacred sacraments in the Holy Church. It encompasses three essential elements: conversion, confession, and celebration. I would like to briefly examine each of these aspects, supported by relevant scripture reverences.

Conversion is at the heart of the Sacrament of Penance. It involves a turning away from sin and a reorientation towards God. Through this sacrament, we are called to repentance, acknowledging our sins and seeking God's forgiveness. The process of conversion is beautifully captured in several biblical passages.

"If then any be in Christ a new creature, the old things are passed away, behold all things are made new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) This verse is referring to the life-changing power of conversion. When we sincerely repent and turn to Christ, we become new creations, washed clean from past sins.

"Be penitent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:29) Here, St. Peter calls for repentance, saying that turning to God leads to the forgiveness of sins and a renewal of spiritual life.

Confession is the act of openly admitting our sins before God, expressing genuine sorrow for having offended Him, and seeking His mercy. It is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance, as we bring our sins to the light, acknowledging them humbly. The Scriptures highlight the importance of confessing our sins.

"Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of just man availeth much." (James 5:16) St. James is speaking of the healing power of confession. When we confess our sins in the Sacrament of Penance, to one another, and to God, we open ourselves to His healing grace.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all iniquity." (1 John 1:9) Here, St. John assures us that God is faithful to forgive our sins when we confess them. Confession leads to purification and reconciliation with God.

The Sacrament of Penance concludes with celebration—a joyful recognition of God's mercy and forgiveness. This celebration is not just a private affair but is often shared with the community through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, our Lord illustrates the joy of reconciliation and celebration.

"And the father said to his servants: Bring forth quickly the first robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and make merry: Because this my son was dead, and come to life again: was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." (Luke 15:22-24) This parable beautifully portrays the celebration that occurs when a sinner repents and returns to God. The father's joy mirrors God's joy when we seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Penance.

In conclusion, the Sacrament of Penance is a most precious gift from God, offering us the opportunity for conversion, confession, and celebration. Through this Sacrament, we experience God's unfathomable love and mercy, and we are called to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind to one another; merciful, forgiving one another, even as God hath forgiven you in Christ" This Sacrament is a powerful means by which we grow closer to God, reconcile with our brothers and sisters, and experience the joy of His forgiveness.

((Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)

## THEOLOGY UNCORKED



*"Theology uncorked" is an opportunity for casual discussion about matters of Faith. Adults of all ages and Religions are welcome to attend!*

**CROWN WINERY**  
**3638 E. Mitchell St, Humboldt, TN**  
**Doors/Bar Open @ 6:30 PM**  
**April 16**  
**7-7:30 PM Speaker : TBA**  
**7:30-8:30 PM Fellowship & Discission**  
**Attendees are Welcome to Bring Food**

### Bulletin Items Needed

With the coming of summer, activity drops at both churches, and I could sure use your help getting information for the bulletin.

If you have an item that you would like to put in the bulletin, please have it sent to the office by Wednesday of each week. You can email it to Sandy at [smchfhcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:smchfhcatholic@gmail.com) or call the office at 731-584-6459.

This is a good way to keep parishioners up to date on all that is happening.

### 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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The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

### Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

With grocery prices at an all time high, the food banks are in extra need of assistance. If you can, "pay it forward" by giving to your local food bank. Anything that you can give would be most appreciated.



#### Food

Canned Soups	Canned Vegetables
Canned Spam	Cereal
Canned Spaghetti	Juice
Crackers	Cookies
Spaghetti Sauce	Spaghetti

#### Assorted Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap	Cleaning Supplies
Toothpaste	Shampoo

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/>



## Calendar of Events

- April 11 HF Finance Council  
12:30 pm
- April 15 St. Mary's Ladies Guild  
10:30 am
- April 17 Little Flowers Group  
3:45 pm
- April 17 Knight of Columbus  
6:00 pm (HF)
- April 18 Christ's Cafe (SM)
- April 20 Holy Family Crafters  
9:30 am

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

4/7/2024

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$3418.00
Families Contributing	23
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$1725.00
Families Contributing	18

### ONE COLLECTION

4/21/2024

Regular Offertory



#### WHAT IS IT?

The largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church with well over 3 million active members in most every country of the world. In 1991 the Legion celebrated its 70th anniversary worldwide. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council.

*"You know how much esteem and affection I have for you. I say you have anticipated the Vatican Council-the futures apostolate of the Church."*

**Bishop Fulton Sheen**

### Ministry Schedule

April 21, 2024

#### St. Mary Catholic Church

##### Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat)

Jay Johnson (Sun.)

Walter Smothers (Sun.)

Shelia Smothers( Sun.)

##### Counters:

*Tricia Smothers and Debra Davenport*

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

##### Lector

Sunday: Pat Allen

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

*Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks*

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	04/13/2024	St. Mary	7:00 PM	Erna Brown+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	04/14/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Autumn Skye Kryszak	Robert Krysza
Sunday	04/14/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	William Ruhlman+	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Monday	04/15/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Barb Byrd+	Ernie and Stacy Byrd
Tuesday	04/016/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	04/17/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Bernie Deutsch+	Ernie and Stay Byrd
Thursday	04/18/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mar Bouchert+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Friday	04/19/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Bernie Deutsch+	Ernie and Stacy Byrd
Saturday	04/20/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dena Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	04/21/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Ellen Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Leah Koonce
Sunday	04/21/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tristan William Kryszak	Robert Kryszak

### **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:** Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Mickey Baloga, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Sherrie Goldman, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Mary Brown, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

**Holy Family:** Lila Korbel, Barry Raidt, 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, Sissy Munoz.

**For Our Extended Family:** Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling; 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 Tedore, sister of Pam McMillan; Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; John Waters; Kaelynn

Bressler, niece of Dan and Jean Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbel; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; 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.