

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 1, 2024 First 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

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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



REVERENCE IN THE SEASON OF EXPECTATION

As we stand at the threshold of Advent, the Church invites us to enter into a season unlike any other—a season of expectation, preparation, and holy reverence. Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ: first in the humility of His Nativity, then in the mystery of His presence in the Sacraments, and finally in the glory of His Second Coming.

Let us consider what it means to approach this sacred time with reverence. Reverence is the disposition of a soul attuned to the presence of God, marked by humility, awe, and a readiness to obey. In this holy season, we are invited to cultivate such a disposition through prayer, penance, and works of Charity. Let us reflect on three aspects of reverence that Advent demands of us: vigilance, silence, and hope.

The Gospel reminds us of the necessity of vigilance: “Keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35). Advent is a time to shake off spiritual slumber, to recognize the urgency of our preparation. The world would lull us into complacency with its distractions and noise, but we must resist. What does vigilance look like? It means examining our hearts, rooting out sin, and making frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession. It means keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, resisting the urge to let the material preparations for Christmas overshadow the spiritual. We prepare not just for a holy day but for the coming of our Lord and Judge.

The Prophet Isaiah tells us, “In quietness and in trust shall be your strength” (Isaiah 30:15). In the sacred silence of Advent, we are called to listen for the voice of God. How often in our noisy world do we fail to hear Him speaking to us? Silence is not merely the absence of noise; it is the presence of God. May each of us embrace moments of stillness in our homes and hearts, setting aside distractions to focus on prayer and meditation. Consider the silence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who pondered the mysteries of her Son in her heart. She is our model for Advent: receptive, attentive, and full of faith.

Advent is a season of hope. The darkness of the world can seem overwhelming—wars, division, moral decay—but Advent reminds us that the light of Christ is coming. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). This hope is a firm trust in God’s promises. Christ has come, and He will come again. Our reverence in this season is a testimony to that hope, a sign to the world that we believe in victory of grace over sin, life after death.

May we not treat Advent as a mere routine or a countdown to gifts and feasts. Let it be a holy time, a time of reverence, as we open our hearts to the One who comes to save us. With vigilance, let us prepare. In silence, let us listen. With hope, let us rejoice in the promise of His coming. (Rev. Fr. Charles)





First Friday of the Month December 6

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

First Saturday of the Month December 7

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

Holy Family Christmas Party



Date: Tuesday, December 10

Where: Holy Family Father Joey Hall

Time: Appetizers 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

**Sign up for the Holy Family Christmas Party

“Be vigilant and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:26)

God calls us to be watchful and alert to His voice. Is He calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Be open and vigilant in prayer and talk to your priest or

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com or call the Office of Vocations at 373-1244



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.



- December 1 Holy Family Hospitality Sunday
- December 3 Knights of Columbus “Lights for Christ” 6:00 pm (SM)
- December 4 Holy Family Finance Council Meeting 12:30 pm
- December 4 Little Flower Club 3:45 pm
- December 8 St. Mary Christmas Party 12:00 pm
- December 9 St. Mary’s Ladies Guild 10:30 am
- December 9 Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
- December 10 Holy Family Christmas Party 5:30 pm
- December 11 Holy Family Parish Council Meeting 12:30 pm
- December 16 St. Mary Reconciliation Service 5:00 pm
- December 18 Holy Family Reconciliation Service 5:00 PM
- December 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (HF)
- December 18 Little Flowers Club 3:45 pm

** Hostesses for December Hospitality Sunday are Tom and Anna Mills.

** There will be no Fellowship Sunday at St. Mary in December.

Advent Penance Services Schedule

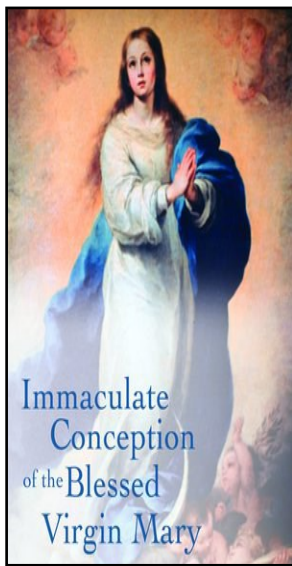
St. Mary	Monday, December 16 immediately following 5:00 pm Mass
Holy Family	Wednesday, December 18 immediately following 5:00 pm Mass

There will be **NO 12:00 pm Masses at St. Mary or Holy Family on December 16 and 18.



St. Mary's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 immediately following Mass. All parishioner are invited to attend. The meal will be catered from Country Western and gifted by the Ladies Guild. Come and enjoy the fellowship and festivities.

Holy Day of Obligation



The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation. The feast day will be held on Monday, December 9. Masses are scheduled as follows:

Holy Family	8:30 am
St. Mary	12:00 pm

"Lights for Christ"

The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their annual "Lights for Christ" on Tuesday, December 3. All are invited to attend. A free chili supper will be served at 6 pm with the lighting of the nativity immediately following.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

11/24/2024

St. Mary —Enrollment	64
Regular Offering	\$1240.00
Families Contributing	18
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$393.00
Families Contributing	12

ONE COLLECTION

12/08/2024

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

December 8, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday:	Joyce Rushing
Sunday:	Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V.
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters:

Sharon Latendresse and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joey Wall and Bennette Brou

Gift Bearers: The Cerda Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	11/30/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	12/01/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Alex Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	12/01/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Legions of Mary	Legions of Mary
Monday	12/02/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/03/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	12/04/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	MaryLilian Ogechukwu Ezeh+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Thursday	12/05/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Alex Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Friday	12/06/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	John Tezak+ and Anita Brown+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	12/07/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	12/08/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron and Amanda Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	12/08/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling

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: Irene Latendresse, Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, James Story, Tricia Smothers, Jim Simpson, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Mickey Baloga, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, Lila Korbelt, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Nicholas Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Tonya Smothers, friend of Joyce Rushing; Mike Dashper, son of Jack and Mary Dashper; Teresa Reiter, daughter-in-law of Sharon Reiter; Joy Ross, friend of Norma Villalobos; Lily Mills, granddaughter of Tom and Anna Mills; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; John and Tammy Carroll; friends of Barbara Taylor; Susan Johnston, daughter-in-law of Barbara Taylor; Carl Reetz, friend of Holy Family Parishioners; Don Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Scott Henderson, friend of Craig and Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara

Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedore, sister of Pam McMillan; Terry Pace, John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler; Ruel Carmicheal; son of Betty Gagnon, Lucy Connolly; sister of Lila Korbelt, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbelt; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix; Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, 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.

