

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 22, 2024 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

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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



THE PROPHETIC FULFILMENT OF ISAIAH 9:6

As we come near the conclusion of the sacred season of Advent, our hearts are drawn towards the prophetic words of Isaiah: "For unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given. And leadership is placed upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Father of the Future Age, Prince of Peace". This verse invites us to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation and the kingship of Christ, who enters the world to bring salvation and peace. The opening words of this prophecy show us both the humanity and the divinity of the Messiah. "A child is born" speaks to His humanity; He is born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, entering our world as a helpless infant, fully embracing human nature. This is the moment when the eternal Word takes on flesh, fulfilling the promise of Emmanuel, "God with us". (Matthew 1:23)

"A son is given" reveals His divine origin. The Holy Child is the eternally begotten Son of God, sent by the Father out of love for humanity (John 3:16). The dual nature of Christ—fully God and fully man—is central to the mystery of our redemption. Only one who is both divine and human could bridge the chasm between sinful man and a holy God. The image of leadership resting upon His shoulder is a striking one indeed. It evokes the burden of authority borne by a king, yet it also foreshadows the Cross, which Jesus would carry upon His shoulders. Unlike earthly rulers who wield power for their own gain, Christ's kingship is one of sacrificial love. His throne is the Cross, His crown is made of thorns, and His scepter is a reed. Through this paradoxical kingship, He conquers sin and death, establishing a kingdom that will have no end.

Isaiah then unveils the titles of the Messiah, each revealing a facet of His mission and identity. For example, the title "Wonderful Counsellor" reveals to us Christ's wisdom, and how it surpasses all human understanding. As the divine Logos, He is the source of all truth, guiding His people with perfect counsel. In Advent, we are called to seek His guidance and trust in His divine plan for our lives.

The title "Mighty God" affirms the divinity of Christ. He is not merely a moral teacher or prophet but God incarnate, possessing all power and authority. His might is demonstrated not in earthly conquests but in His victory over sin and death. As the "Father of the Future Age", or "Everlasting Father," Christ's eternal care and providence are demonstrated. He is the father of the redeemed, leading us into the age of grace and the promise of eternal life. In a world fractured by sin, as the "Prince of Peace", Christ brings true peace—not as the world gives (John 14:27) but a peace rooted in reconciliation with God. During Advent, we prepare our hearts to receive this peace by turning away from sin and embracing His mercy.

The season of Advent is a time of preparation and hope, echoing the longing of Israel for the promised Messiah. It is a call to ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, both in the celebration of His Nativity and in His glorious return at the end of time. As we light the Advent candles and meditate on the prophetic words of the prophet Isaiah, may each of us reflect on the greatness of the gift we have received in Christ. He is the child born for us, the Son given to us, and the King who reigns with justice and mercy. May this Advent be a time of renewal and grace, drawing us closer to the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Father of the Future Age, and Prince of Peace.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)



Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule



December 24 (Christmas Eve):

St. Mary	Choir	6:30 pm
	Mass	7:00 pm

December 25 (Christmas Day):

Holy Family	Mass	8:30 am
St. Mary	Mass	10:45 am

January 1 (New Year's Day):

Holy Family	Mass	8:30 am
St. Mary	Mass	10:45 am



Holy Family will be decorating the church for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 22. Please stay and help. All help is truly appreciated.

Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

The holidays are here and the food banks are in extra need of assistance. If you can, “pay it forward” by giving to your local food bank, please consider donating. 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
Cereal	

Assorted Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap	Cleaning Supplies
Toothpaste	Shampoo
Bar Soap	Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	

“Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:45)

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God’s plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve Him, believe in His promise and follow with courage.

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.





Knights News!

Congratulations to the Knight of the month; Bobby Wendt and the Family of the Month; Tom and Anna Mills. Tom and Anna were also selected by Supreme as Family of the Month for the state of Tennessee. They received a statue of the Holy Family. Thank you for all you do for the church and your community.

“Pivotal Players”

Keep your Wednesdays open once a month beginning January 22.

What are “Pivotal Players”?

In two thousand years, the Catholic Church has yielded countless saints, artists, mystics, and scholars. But among them are figures that are truly pivotal-men and women who not only shaped the life of the Church but changes the course of civilization.

Read the bulletin for further information.



FYI:

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25. May all of you have a most Blessed and Merry Christmas.



“Reaching Higher”

Men’s Catholic Conference, Jan. 10-11, 2025

Incarnation Church
360 Bray Station Road
Collierville, TN

Register by going to: www.reaching-higher.org or fill our the form located at the back of the church.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

12/15/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 64
Regular Offering \$1894.00

Families Contributing 22

Holy Family — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$963.00

Families Contributing 14

ONE COLLECTION

12/29/2024

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

December 29, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Rushin/Andrea Vargas (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Lila and Garry Korbel

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/21/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	12/22/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Edwin Pelz+	John and Pam Fordon
Sunday	12/22/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Robert J. Muckenfuss+	Craig and Kathy Coltharp
Monday	12/13/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Carolyn Brooks+	SM Legions of Mary
Tuesday	12/24/2024	St. Mary	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass	
Wednesday	12/25/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Bill Harder+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Wednesday	12/25/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Thursday	12/26/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Harold Teddy Brou+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Friday	12/27/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	12/28/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	12/29/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deborah Thorne+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	12/29/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Joyce Parker	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: 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 Korbel, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, 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 Korbel, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbel; 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.

