

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 8, 2024 Second 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:

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Holy Family

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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



RESTING IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

“Come to me, all you who labor and have been burdened, and I will refresh you.” (Matthew 11:28)

Christ's words are balm to the weary soul, a promise of peace in the midst of life's storms. Yet, how often do we truly heed this divine invitation to rest in God's presence? The burdens of life are manifold. Each of us carries our own crosses—worries about health, relationships, work, or the state of the world. In a culture that idolizes productivity and busyness, even our spiritual lives can become overrun with activity rather than true communion with God. We may pray, attend Mass, or serve others, but do we take time to rest in the presence of Christ, allowing Him to minister to our souls?

In the Gospel of Luke, we read of Martha being anxious with serving, while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to His words. Our Lord lovingly corrected Martha, saying “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled over many things. And yet only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the best portion, and it shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42) This “better portion” is what we are called to seek: a restful heart that finds its peace and fulfillment in Christ alone. This rest is not idleness, nor is it escapism. It is an active surrender—a placing of our burdens at the feet of our Savior and trusting Him to sustain us.

During this Advent, let us lay down our burdens and receive the rest He promises. Let us resolve to rest in Him daily, knowing that He is our Shepherd who leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)



Holy Family Christmas Party



Date: Tuesday, December 10

Where: Holy Family Father Joey Hall

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

Gift Exchange: Adult gift \$20.00 or greater value.
Youth gift \$10.00 or greater value.

All Gifts are surprises, please wrap or use gift bags.

Holy Family Christmas Party Transportation

Steve Koonce has graciously offered to pick up any one who would like to come to the Christmas Party and is unable to drive at night. If you are in need of a ride, please call Leah at 731-418-0707.

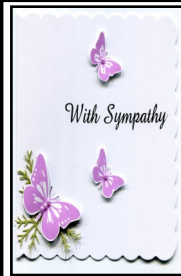
“Thank You Steve”



A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for getting the nativity up in time for the “Lights for Christ” celebration and to all those who braved the cold to celebrate this special activity.



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



Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Holy Family parishioner, Carolyn Brooks. She passed away on November 28, Thanksgiving Day. No arrangements have been made at this time.

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

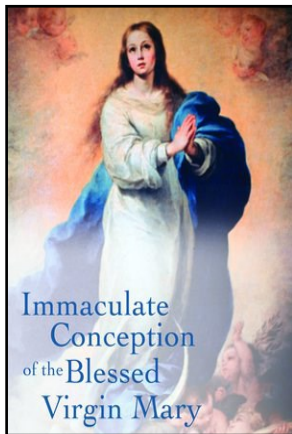
Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.





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.

Immaculate Conception



The feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Memphis. This year Masses will be held in honor of this feast day on Monday, December 9. Masses are scheduled as follows:

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

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.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Luke 3:4)

John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him? Talk to your priest or

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



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

12/01/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 64
Regular Offering \$3376.00

Families Contributing 0

Holy Family — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$1583.00

Families Contributing 16

ONE COLLECTION

12/15/2024

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

December 15, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters:

Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: Nathan and Stephanie Mote

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/07/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+/Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon/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
Monday	12/09/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	John Nielson+	
Tuesday	12/10/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	12/11/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Luisa Bautista	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Thursday	12/12/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	12/13/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Anton+ and Tricia Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	12/14/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	12/15/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Father Herbert Ene	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	12/15/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jack Matthew Brown	Erin Ortega 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 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.

