

# St. Mary Catholic Church

January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Mary Catholic Church

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Camden, TN 38320

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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

Huntingdon, TN 38344

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

**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



## HOW WE CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS—PART 4

### Engage in Conversations

Sharing the Catholic faith is most effective when it is done in the context of respectful and meaningful dialogue. Evangelization begins with genuine human connection, where the faith is presented not as a set of abstract rules but as the living truth of a personal relationship with our Lord. To engage in conversations about faith, we must combine openness, patience, and a spirit of charity. True evangelization requires a readiness to speak about your faith whenever opportunities arise. Whether in casual conversations with friends or more formal discussions with strangers, do not shy away from the subject of religion. Opportunities to share the faith often come in everyday situations—a co-worker expressing frustration with life, a friend questioning the purpose of suffering, or a family member seeking peace. When these moments arise 1) Be approachable and kind, fostering trust and openness. 2) Speak naturally and avoid being overly formal or “preachy”. 3) Share your personal experience of how the faith has transformed your life, as stories can deeply connect with others.

While it is important to defend the faith, contentious debates rarely lead to conversion. St. Paul advises, “Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, and apt teacher, patient” (2 Timothy 2:23-24). Heated arguments can alienate people and reinforce their resistance to the faith. Instead, focus on respectful discussion rather than proving a point. Maintain a calm and gentle tone, even if the other person becomes defensive or emotional. If disagreement persists, leave the door open for future dialogue rather than forcing an immediate resolution. Listening is just as important as speaking. Many people have genuine concerns, doubts, or misunderstandings about the Catholic faith that need to be addressed before they can embrace it. By listening you show respect and care for the other person, reflecting Christ’s own approach to those He encountered. You can identify the root of their objections, whether they stem from intellectual confusion, past wounds, or misinformation. You gain insight into how best to respond to their concerns.

When listening avoid interrupting or dismissing their feelings, even if they criticize the Church. Acknowledge their concerns with empathy before responding. For example: “I can see how that would trouble you. Let me explain how the Church addresses this.” Recognize that some questions may require further research, and do not be afraid to admit if you do not know the answer immediately. Once the other person feels heard, you can begin addressing their concerns thoughtfully and charitably. Ensure your responses are clear and grounded in Scripture and Church teaching. Avoid overwhelming them with too much information; instead, focus on one or two key points that address their specific questions.

Use analogies or examples to make complex theological concepts more relatable. Emphasize the beauty and coherence of Catholic teaching, showing how it provides answers to life’s deepest questions. Encourage them to explore the faith further, such as by attending Mass, reading Scripture, or speaking with a wise priest.

Ultimately, evangelization is the Lord’s work, and we are His instruments. Before and during conversations, pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance to give you the right words and disposition. Trust that God will use your efforts to plant seeds of faith, even if the results are not immediately visible.

By engaging in conversations with humility, patience, and love, we can become effective witnesses to the truth of the Gospel, inviting others to encounter Christ through dialogue that respects their dignity and freedom.

(Fr. Charles)



**First Friday of the Month February 7**

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

**No First Saturday in February**

May God’s love bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Please keep the Latendresse family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of beloved parishioner Irene Latendresse.



**Tax Letters**

Your offertory letters for 2024 will be available Sunday, January 26. They will be located at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. If you have any questions or feel that there are discrepancies, please call Sandy at 731-584-6459.



A special “Thank You” to all the ladies who contributed in any way by bringing food, putting together the meal or helping with clean-up. Your support helped to make Christ’s Cafe a success. We served approximately 65 people.

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring tidings to the poor.” (Luke 4:18)**

Are you being called to share Christ’s message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation office at 901-373-1244 or via email: [vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org).



- February 2 Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family)
- February 2 Fellowship Sunday (St. Mary)
- February 5 Little Flowers (3:45) pm
- February 10 Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- February 12 Holy Family Pastoral Council (12:30 pm)
- February 15 Holy Family Crafty Ladies (9:30 am)
- February 19 Little Flowers (3:45 pm)
- February 19 Knights of Columbus (Holy Family - 6:00 pm)
- February 19 Legions of Mary Pivotal Players (SM—6 pm)

\*\*Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are Pam and John Fordon and Richelle Stokes.

\*\*Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday are Mary Johnson, Kathy Solomon and Suzanne Crawford.

**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. Catherine of Sienna  
the "Mystic"**

St. Catherine was considered to be uneducated, yet she was a counselor to both popes and kings and is a Doctor of the Church. She was a mystic and her understanding was that God is beauty, truth and love itself and stated the God is "crazy in love" with the world.

Next viewing will be Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm.

Who: All parishioners and their friends (Catholic and non-Catholic-all are welcome)

***"To Be One in Flesh"***

We are looking for parishioners to volunteer to assist Fr. Herbert with preparing couples for marriage in the most direct and effective way. There will be a training session on March 8 in Memphis. If you are interested in and would like to volunteer, please call the office at 731-584-6459.



Joyce Rushing	2/6
Tricia Smothers	2/6
Richelle Stokes	2/6
Paul Multon	2/8
Daniel Ortega	2/13
Hilario Valenzuela	2/17
Craig Coltharp	2/20
Robert Kryszak	2/21
Anthony Crawford	2/22
Betty Gagnon	2/26
Luis Salazar	2/28

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

1/19/2025

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 64  
Regular Offering \$2628.00

Families Contributing 22

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$546.00

Families Contributing 17

**TWO COLLECTIONS**

2/02/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

**Ministry Schedule**

February 2, 2025

**St. Mary Catholic Church**

*Lectors*

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

*Counters:* Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

*Lector*

Sunday: Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/25/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Sunday	1/26/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ramona Loggains+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Sunday	1/26/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Will Latendresse+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Monday	1/27/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James and Debra Davenport	Mary Johnson
Tuesday	1/28/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	1/29/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Russell Klein+	Alma Bissen
Thursday	1/30/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Teddy Brou+	Garry and Garry Korbel
Friday	1/31/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim and Sandy Simpson	Mary Johnson
Saturday	2/01/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	2/02/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	George Klinzing+	Mary Jane Klinzing
Sunday	2/02/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Barbara Gillespie	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:** 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:** Tomasas Ocho-Villasenor, 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:** Guy Handley, brother-in-law to Sheila Melton, 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.

