

# St. Mary Catholic Church

February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

## 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 5

### Use the Sacramental Life

The Sacraments are at the heart of Catholic life, instituted by Christ to give grace and draw souls into a deeper relationship with God. They are not mere rituals or symbols but living encounters with the divine. Inviting others to witness the Sacraments is one of the most powerful ways to evangelize, as it allows them to encounter Christ in a tangible and life-changing way. For example, the Holy Mass is the highest point of the Christian life, where the faithful participate in the sacrifice of Christ and receive the Eucharist, His Body, Soul, and Divinity. Many people Catholic or not, are drawn to the Mass through its reverence, beauty, and mystery. Inviting others to attend Mass can introduce them to the richness of Catholic worship and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Explain the significance of Mass as a re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. Share how receiving the Eucharist has deepened your faith and strengthened you spiritually. Encourage them to observe and reflect on the reverence, Scripture readings, and prayers that make Mass a profound encounter with our Lord. If they are unfamiliar with Catholic practices, offer to guide them, explaining the meaning behind gestures like genuflection, the Sign of the Cross, and kneeling. Help explain in a tactful manner that the Eucharist is for baptized Catholics. You can also help both fellow Catholics and non-Catholics remember that gathering at Mass is meant to be done so in a reverent manner, thus modest attire and refraining from chit-chat is essential for a blessed experience for everyone in attendance.

Eucharistic Adoration is a uniquely powerful way to introduce others to the presence of Christ. The silent awe of kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament allows both Catholics and non-Catholics to experience the peace and love of Jesus. Invite someone to join you for an hour of Adoration, explaining that it is a time to sit in the presence of Christ and pray quietly. Share how Adoration has impacted your own spiritual life, offering moments of clarity, comfort, or healing. Encourage them to bring their questions, burdens, or struggles before our Lord and to simply rest in His presence.

Many people carry deep wounds, guilt, or a longing for forgiveness, even if they are not aware of it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers the healing and mercy of Christ in a deeply personal way. Inviting lapsed Catholics to Confession can be a life-changing step toward reconciliation with God. Share your own experience of Confession, focusing on the freedom and peace it brings. Explain the Sacrament as an encounter with God's mercy, not a judgmental experience. Offer to accompany them to the confessional, assuring them of the priest's confidentiality and compassion. If they are hesitant, suggest speaking to a priest informally first to ask any questions or address fears. Sharing how the Sacraments have shaped your own life can inspire others to explore them for themselves. Whether it is the comfort of receiving the Eucharist in times of difficulty, the grace of forgiveness in Confession, or the strengthening of marriage through Holy Matrimony, your personal testimony can connect with others. Be honest and specific about how the Sacraments have transformed your faith journey. Highlight how the Sacraments provide strength, hope, and renewal, especially in life's challenges. Use your experiences to show that the Sacraments are living encounters with God's grace.

Evangelization often begins with a simple invitation. Many people are hesitant to attend religious celebrations because they feel unworthy, unsure, or unwelcome. Your invitation can help bridge the gap. Additionally, praying for people you are evangelizing during Mass or before the Blessed Sacrament invites Christ to work in their lives.

By centering your evangelization on the Sacraments, you introduce others to the living presence of Christ and the infinite grace He offers through His Holy Church. These divine encounters can ignite faith in even the most hardened hearts, making the Sacraments cornerstone of Catholic evangelization.

(Fr. Charles)

## SACRAMENTS

### **Confessions**

Saturday 4:00-4:30

Sunday

\*Any time by appointment.

### **Baptism**

Arranged by appointment. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic; the other a practicing Christian may serve as a Christian witness. Parents must be registered with the parish.

### **Matrimony**

Arranged with the Pastor. Please call the office.

### **Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Please call the office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and/or would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. (NOTE: the hospital does not notify the church about admissions.)

## Tax Letters

The 2024 Collection letters that were left from last weekend were mailed on Monday, January 27. If you have questions or feel that there are any discrepancies, please contact Sandy at 731-584-6459.

## **World Day for Consecrated Life**

**“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22)**

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God’s plan for you. 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.

**HOLY FAMILY LENTEN  
CATFISH FISH FRY  
Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, French Fries  
White Beans,  
Vinegar or Mayo Slaw  
Dessert and Drink**

**Carryout will be available  
\$17.00 dinner  
\$8.00 Children under 8 yrs old**

**EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH  
March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Time 4:30 pm—7:00 pm**



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

1/26/2025

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 64  
Regular Offering \$1743.00

Families Contributing 21

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$1005.00

Families Contributing 14

**ONE COLLECTION**

2/09/2025

Regular Offertory

**Ministry Schedule**

February 9, 2025

**St. Mary Catholic Church**

*Lectors*

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

*Counters:* Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

*Lector*

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Luisa Bautista and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: John and Pam Fordon

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	2/01/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ /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
Monday	2/03/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jack and Mary Dashper Family	Mary Johnson
Tuesday	2/04/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	2/05/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Eric Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	2/06/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Tricia Smothers	Sharon Reiter
Friday	2/07/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jodie Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	2/08/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Rushing	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	2/09/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Katie Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	2/09/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Joan Brooks+	Wyatt Brooks

### ***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.

