

# St. Mary Catholic Church

March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

## 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



## TRUE PEACE IN CHRIST

In this world of darkness, the words of our Lord ring ever true: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). True rest is not found in worldly comforts and distractions but in Jesus Christ alone. He calls us to lay down our burdens at His feet, to trust in His divine providence, and to find solace in His Sacred Heart. The peace He offers is not like that of the world (John 14:27); it is a supernatural rest that strengthens the soul and refreshes the weary heart.

To rest in Christ means to surrender our cares to Him, as St. Peter exhorts: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7). This requires an active trust, a faith that knows He will sustain us. The Psalmist said, "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7). Such rest is found in prayer, in the Holy Eucharist, and in the quiet contemplation of His love. It is in stillness before the Lord that we regain the strength to carry our daily crosses with renewed grace.

Even in suffering, the soul that abides in Christ finds rest, for He has borne our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4). St. Paul teaches that "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). This peace does not depend on circumstances but on the nearness of Christ to the soul. To rest in Him is to live in the security of His love, knowing that nothing can separate us from Him (Romans 8:38-39).

Let us, then, take refuge in the Lord and heed His invitation to rest in Him. We must reclaim the sacred silence where He speaks to the Heart. As St. Augustine so beautifully said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in Thee." May we always seek our true rest in Christ, for only in Him do we find the peace that endures unto eternity.

(Fr. Charles)



THIRD SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

### Lenten Projects

Both Holy Family and St. Mary are designating worthwhile charities for their Lenten Projects. Please take the time to visit the facility your church is supporting and learn the good works that they do. Below are the addresses.

Beating Hearts (HF) 21203 Hwy 22 McKenzie, TN 38201 731207-1400	FYI (SM) 153 Washington Ave. Camden, TN 38320 731-584-1717
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### Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule

\*Every Friday! There will be Stations on Good Friday, April 18 at Holy Family but not at St. Mary.

Holy Family	3:00 pm
St. Mary	5:00 pm

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the back of the church. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.



**“I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”  
(Luke 13:7-9)**

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life and patiently waiting for you to respond? 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)



March 26	Pivotal Payers (6:00 pm)
March 29	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)

### KNIGHTS NEWS



Congratulations to the Knight of the month; Dennis Blackwell and to the Family of the month: The Villalobos Family. Thank you for all you do for your church and the community.



### Little Flowers Group

The Little Flowers group will be collecting diapers (all sizes) to donate to FYI for their Lenten Project. Please help them make this a successful endeavor. Diapers can be brought to the Fellowship Hall.

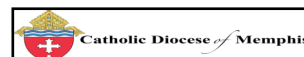
### Lenten Penance Services

Holy Family	Thursday, April 10	5:30 pm
St. Mary	Friday, April 11	5:30 pm

\*Mass will be at 5:00 pm. There will be no 12:00 pm Mass on April 10-11.

### 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”**

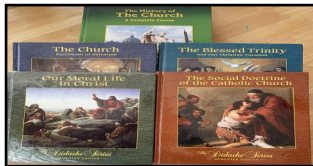
St. Catherine was considered to be uneducated, yet she was a counselor to both popes and kings and is a Doctor of the Church. She was a mystic and her understanding was that God is beauty, truth and love itself and stated the God is “crazy in love” with the world.

Next viewing will be Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 pm.

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

**Gift of Textbooks**

Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Jackson which sadly had to close last fall has donated the following textbooks to the Holy Family Library. These books are **The History of the Church; The Blessed Trinity and our Christian Vocation; The Church Sacrament of Salvation; The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, and Our Moral Life in Christ.** You can check out the books for four weeks. There is a sign out sheet or notebook for you to sign. If you need to renew the book, please sign your name again.



**HOLY FAMILY LENTEN  
CATFISH FISH FRY**

**Carryout will be available  
\$17.00 dinner  
\$8.00 Children under 8 yrs old  
March 28  
Time 4:30 pm—7:00 pm**



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

**3/16/2025**

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 66  
Regular Offering \$1155.00

Families Contributing 18

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$695.00

Families Contributing2 14

**TWO COLLECTIONS**

**3/30/2025**

Regular Offertory/Easter Flowers

**Ministry Schedule**

**March 30, 2025**

**St. Mary Catholic Church**

*Lectors*

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Glenda Nielson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Glenda Nielson (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Theresa O’Connell (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

*Lector*

Sunday: Anna Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Bobby and Phyllis Wendt

Counters: Tom O’Bryant and Richelle Stokes

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	3/22/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Betty Gagnon	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	3/23/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Cornelia Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	3/23/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mike+ and Pat+ Baloga	David Baloga
Monday	3/24/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	3/25/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	3/26/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	3/27/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	3/28/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Rita Brennan	Joyce Parker
Saturday	3/29/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Mike and Jenny Anthony	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	3/30/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jesus Alvarado	Pedro and Otilia Mendez
Sunday	3/30/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse+	Robert and Toni Caldwell

### ***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, 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:** Wayne Tedford, Pat Long, Annette Cooley, 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:** Sherry Tarwater, friend of Toni Stokes and Sandy Simpson, 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 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.

