

St. Mary Catholic Church

March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Director of Music:

Pam Warren

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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



TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.” (Psalm 34:8) The entirety of this Psalm is a song of deliverance, reflecting the psalmist David’s trust in the Lord during a time of adversity. When David feigned madness before Abimelech to escape danger, he did not rely on his own cunning alone but recognized God as his true refuge. This teaches us that praise must be constant in our lives, not merely in times of comfort but in all circumstances. “My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.” (34:2). The faithful soul magnifies the Lord, drawing others to recognize His goodness and mercy.

David’s testimony is one of divine rescue—he sought the Lord and was answered, delivered from his fears. We, too, are called to look to God in trust, knowing that He does not abandon those who cry out to Him. True security is not found in worldly wealth or power but in reverent fear of the Lord. While the rich may falter, “those who seek the Lord lack no good thing”.

This psalm also exhorts the faithful to live upright lives. The righteous are called to guard their speech, avoid deceit, and actively pursue peace. “Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.” (34:14-15). The Lord hears the cries of the righteous but turns His face against evildoers. Those who choose wickedness will perish, while the just are upheld by God’s unfailing care.

The 34th Psalm foreshadows Christ, the perfect righteous One who suffered yet was not abandoned. “He watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken” (34:11) finds its fulfillment in Our Lord’s Passion (John 19:36). Just as David was saved, so too are all who take refuge in Christ. In Him, we find redemption, for “none are condemned who take refuge in Him” (34:23). May this psalm encourage us to place our trust entirely in God, confident that He is near to the broken-hearted and delivers those who seek Him.

(Fr. Charles)



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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

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.



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.



“While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.”
(Luke 15:20)

Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is he inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901) 373-1244 or via email:



- April 2 Little Flowers (3:45 pm)
- April 2 St. Mary Joint Parish/Finance Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
- April 3 Christ’s Cafe (4:00 pm)
- April 6 Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family)
- April 6 Fellowship Sunday (St. Mary)
- April 10 Holy Family Penance Service
- April 11 St. Mary Penance Service
- April 14 ST. Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- April 16 Little Flowers (3:45 pm)
- April 16 Knights of Columbus (6:00 pm) (Holy Family)
- April 23 Holy Family Finance Committee (12:30 pm)
- April 23 Holy Family Parish Council (12:30 pm)
- April 26 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)

*Hostesses for April Hospitality Sunday are Norma Villalobos and Otilia Mendez.

*Hostesses for April Fellowship Sunday are Walter and Shelia Melton.

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.



Pedro Mendez	April 1
Thomas O'Bryant III	April 1
Mark Wood	April 4
Walter Melton	April 6
John Salma	April 10
Oliver Taaffe	April 13
Jesus Valenzuela	April 17
Rob LeFever	April 19
Robbie Knight	April 21
Richard Otte	April 22
Johanna Salma	April 23
James Story	April 30

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

3/23/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	66
Regular Offering	\$1309.00

Families Contributing	15
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Holy Family — Enrollment	47
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Regular Offering	\$334.00
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Families Contributing2	13
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TWO COLLECTIONS

4/06/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food at Holy Family for the children's Backpack Ministry. Check with Richelle for further information.

Ministry Schedule

April 6 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Tricia Smothers (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

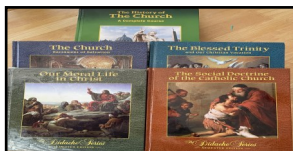
Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: The Castelan and Mendez Families

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

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.



	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	3/31/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Joyce King	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	4/01/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	4/02/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	4/03/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	4/04/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mark King	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	4/05/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	4/06/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Francois Buclez+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	4/06/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Esther Lomaz+	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: 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.

