

St. Mary Catholic Church

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

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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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220 W. Main Street

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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



WALKING THE NARROW PATH OF CHRIST

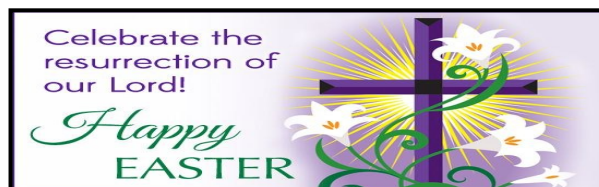
Our Lord's words in Matthew 7:13-14 are neither an invitation to comfort nor an endorsement of the easy life the world so loves: "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." The narrow path is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." The narrow path is the way of obedience, self-denial, and unshaken loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ. This path does not accommodate the world's fashions or its falsehoods. It is the path of the Cross, the same road Christ walked to Golgotha, and the same road He commands us to follow without condition.

Walking the narrow path means rejecting the corruption that cloaks itself in modern respectability. Saint Paul exhorts in Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." As disciples of Christ, we are not called to blend in. The narrow path demands vigilance against spiritual laziness, compromise, and the lusts of the age. Our loyalty must be towards the commandments, not our convenience. The oath of Christ is narrow precisely because it is holy, fenced about by the boundaries of righteousness and truth.

Christ Himself shows the narrow way not only in His words but in His deeds. His life was one of poverty, fasting, prayer, and unflinching defense of truth before men both high and low. In Luke 9:23, Christ says: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up the cross daily and follow me." Walking this path will cost one's pride, comfort, and ambitions. The narrow path makes saints because it burns away every attachment to the world, purifying the soul like gold refined by fire.

In the end, the narrow path is the only path that leads to the Kingdom of God. It is not an option for the especially zealous, but the clear command to all who dare call themselves. As the Apostle James warns in James 4:4: "Do you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" The narrow path requires us to cast aside the false friendships of the world and bind ourselves to Christ. Who alone leads to eternal life. If we seek comfort, the wide road will give it, along with destruction. If we seek salvation, we must walk the narrow way with fear, trembling, and hope.

(Fr. Charles)





Knights News!

The Knight of the Month is John Fordon and the Family of the Month is Tricia Smothers. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

Stephen Walker will be making his First Holy Eucharist at St. Mary on Sunday, May 4.



Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for his special day.

ANGEL LUCCHESI SEMINARIAN DINNER JUNE 21, 2025

St. Benedict Auburndale Catholic High School
8250 Varnavas Drive
Cordova TN 38016

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Sponsors

Email Susan: sdvescovo@gmail.com
Call Lysette: 901-786-4889

**“He is not here; He has been raised”
(Luke 24:6)**

The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the church. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901) 373-1244 or via email:



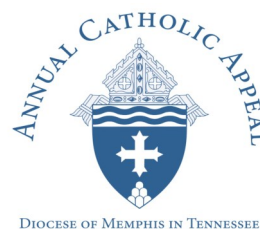
- April 23 Holy Family Finance Committee (12:30 pm)
- April 23 Holy Family Parish Council (12:30 pm)
- April 26 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Holy Family’s Legions of Mary will be hosting a Ladies Tea at Holy Family church hall. It will be held between the hours 11:30 am—3:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Debbie O’Bryant at (901) 237-5200.



St. Mary Church Directory

We are putting together a new pictorial directory for St. Mary. At this time, we will also check for correct addresses and phone numbers. We will begin taking pictures on Fellowship Sunday, May 4 in the Fellowship Hall. You do not need an appointment. If you are unable to attend that day, other dates will be made available Please get your family picture taken and help make this project a successful one.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Holy Family is 49.84% towards their goal of \$3150.00 and St. Mary is 77.97% of their goal of \$7875.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge. Please fill out a card located in the back of the church.



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday, April 20, immediately following the 10:45 am Mass, St. Mary will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children between the ages of one year and eleven years old. All parishioners, family guests or visiting children are invited to participate. Easter bags will be provided or the children can bring their own baskets.

The Easter Bunny will once again be available for pictures.



Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Mary Catholic Church
Sunday, April 27
3:00 PM

Please join us to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Light refreshments after the
prayer in the Fellowship Hall.



A big **"Thank You"**
to the Little
Flowers Group
for helping Ms.
Andrea plant the
beautiful spring
flowers at St. Mary
for Easter.
Easter Blessings!



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

4/13/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 66
Regular Offering \$2236.00

Families Contributing 27

Holy Family — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$2086.00

Families Contributing² 14

TWO COLLECTIONS

4/27/2025

Regular Offertory/Mother's Day Flowers

Ministry Schedule

April 20, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Evie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: Tom O'Bryant and Richelle Stokes

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	4/19/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dena Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	4/20/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Betty Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	4/20/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse+	Mike and Annete Croat
Monday	4/21/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Joyce
Tuesday	4/22/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	4/23/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	4/24/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Friday	4/25/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Nadia Hernandez	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	4/26/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	4/27/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Maureen Mills+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	4/27/2025	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, 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 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: 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 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.

