

# St. Mary Catholic Church

April 27, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday

## 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



## THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

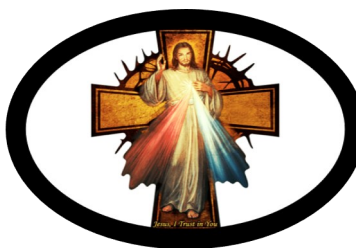
The presence of God is not confined to sacred buildings or extraordinary visions. The Bible teaches us that the Lord is not distant from His creation. In Psalm 139:7-10., we read: "Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there." God's presence encompasses all things. He is not a God who watches from afar, but One who upholds the universe and is present in every breath of life. This truth should shape the way we live, especially in a world that forgets Him.

God's presence is most fully revealed to us in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Apostle John wrote, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Christ did not remain in glory apart from us but humbles Himself to dwell among sinners. This was the full revelation of God's will to unite Himself with Man. Even after His Ascension, He did not leave us orphaned. Through the descent of the Holy Spirit, He abides with us still. The Holy Mysteries of the Church are not symbolic acts but the real presence of God among His people.

The presence of God is also made known in our conscience. When we sin, it is not simply a violation of law but an offence against a person. As the Prophet Nathan said to David, "You are the Man!" (2 Samuel 12:7). That encounter was the living God confronting the sinner. God does not abandon us in our filth. Instead, He calls us to repentance and offers mercy. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10) because it awakens us to His presence. No Christian ever lives as though God were absent. To do so is to fall into delusion and destruction.

We do not conjure God's presence through emotion or noise. He is not a spectacle. Elijah discovered this when the Lord was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire but in the sound of sheer silence. (1 Kings 19:12) The true Christian seeks silence and stillness because God is present there. But silence does not mean God is far off—it is the silence of awe before His nearness. The Holy Church preserves this truth in her ascetic life, in her reverent prayer, and in Her Holy Icons, which are windows to the presence of the Incarnate Word. Let every soul be vigilant, for the Lord is near. Let us walk in His presence with fear, obedience, and hope.

(Fr. Charles)





### First Friday of the Month May 2

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

### First Saturday of the Month May 3

Mass, recitation of the scriptural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass begins at 9:00 am

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.



### **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.

### **"Peace be with you." (John 20: 19)**

If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:



May 2, 3	First Friday and Saturday
May 3	Little Flowers Tea (10:30 am)
May 4	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
May 4	Fellowship Sunday (SM) (First Communion Reception)
May 11	Mother's Day
May 12	St. Mary's Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
May 18	Graduate Recognition (SM)
May 21	Knights of Columbus (SM) (6:00 pm)
May 24	Holy Family Crafters (HF) (9:30 am)

\*Hospitality Hostesses for May are Alma Bissen, Pat Long, and Leah Koonce.

\*Fellowship Hostesses for May are Debra Davenport and Sandy Simpson. Please **do not** bring any desserts to Fellowship Sunday. The dessert is being provided.

### **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.

**FYI:** The church office will be closed on Friday, May 1. If there is an emergency, you can contact Sandy at 731-697-4250.



**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**



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 of 11:30 am and 3:00 pm. All ladies are

St. Mary would like to congratulate our very own **Eli Latendresse** on his upcoming Graduation on May 23 from Camden High School. We wish you only the best in your future endeavors.



### **Help! Help! Help!**

Holy Family needs your assistance in cleaning out and fixing up the rental house. Please contact Dwayne Pierce at 731-415-7677 to let him know when you are available and what talent you can provide. Remember, many hands means less work. No assistance is too small.



Our newest members at St. Mary Church; Mike and Kathy Solomon. Kathy received her Confirmation on Holy Saturday.

### **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

**4/20/2025**

<b>St. Mary—Enrollment</b>	66
Regular Offering	\$1884.00

Families Contributing	22
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<b>Holy Family — Enrollment</b>	47
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Regular Offering	\$949.00
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Families Contributing2	14
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### **TWO COLLECTIONS**

**5/04/2025**

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

### **Ministry Schedule**

**May 4, 2025**

#### **St. Mary Catholic Church**

##### *Lectors*

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Walter Melton

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

#### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

##### *Lector*

Sunday: Jull Salma

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Christian Cerda Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	4/28/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Tricia Smothers	Mary Johnson
Tuesday	4/29/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	4/30/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Nick Roach Jr.+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	5/01/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	5/02/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Dick and Toni Stokes
Saturday	5/03/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	5/04/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Debbie Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	5/04/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tricia Smothers	Betty Gagnon

### ***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.

