

St. Mary Catholic Church

April 6, 2025 Fifth 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

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Pam Warren

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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 SUM OF THE TRUTH

Since the beginning, humanity has searched for truth. Philosophers have attempted to define it, scientist to measure it, and rulers to enforce it. But Truth is not found in reason, observation, or authority. Truth has been made manifest in Christ. The Gospel according to St. John says: "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) In the Incarnation, Truth is no longer hidden. Christ has walked amongst us, spoken to us, and suffered for our sake. He is not merely a teacher who points toward truth. He is Truth itself, present in our world. The prophets bore witness to this reality before His coming. Isaiah said, "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2) The Psalmist, too, wrote: "The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever." (Psalm 119:160) The truth of God is eternal and unchanging. It is not discovered but revealed.

To those who seek truth in sincerity, Christ makes Himself known. The Samaritan woman at the well received the revelation: "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24) The blind man who was healed recognized the Son of God: "You have seen Him, and the one speaking with you is He." (John 9:37)

Throughout history, many have received divine illumination. The Prophet Moses encountered the uncreated light on Mount Sinai but could only see the Lord's glory from behind (Exodus 33:22-23). The Apostle Peter witnessed the transfiguration of Christ and fell on his face, overwhelmed by the radiance (Matthew 17:6). The righteous Simeon, holding the infant Christ in his arms, said: "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32) Truth is revealed according to the soul's readiness to receive it.

If we seek Christ our Lord with love, He will reveal Himself. He does not force His presence upon us. Pilate asked "What is truth?" but walked away before receiving an answer. The disciples on the road to Emmaus, however, urged Christ to stay with them: "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." (Luke 24-29). When He broke bread with them, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. Truth is not given in a single moment but unfolds over time. The Apostle Paul, once a persecutor, encountered Christ Jesus on the road to Damascus and was struck blind. He regained his sight only after days of prayer and fasting (Acts 9:8-9, 17-18). The Apostle John, though beloved of Christ received his fullest revelation in old age when he saw the heavens opened (Revelation 1:9-17). The holy saints grew in knowledge through suffering, obedience, and communion with God.

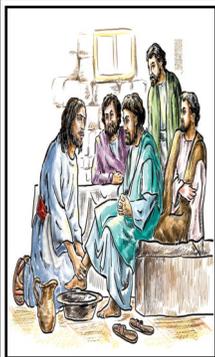
(Fr. Charles)





Holy Week Calendar

Palm Sunday (4/13/25)	8:30 am Mass (HF) 10:45 am Mass (SM)
Holy Thursday (4/17/25)	6:00 pm Mass (SM)
Good Friday (4/18/25)	3:00 pm (HF & SM) (Stations of the Cross)
Veneration of the Cross (4/18/25)	6:00 pm (SM)
Holy Saturday (4/19/25)	7:00 pm Mass (SM) (Easter Vigil)
Easter Sunday (4/20/25)	8:30 am Mass (HF) 10:45am Mass SM
*HF (Holy Family)	*SM (St. Mary)



As in past years, we are in need of 6 men from Holy Family and 6 men from St. Mary to volunteer to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. This is a tradition in the church and an honor to participate. Please call Sandy at 731-584-6459 to volunteer.

**“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”
(John 8:11)**

Jesus’ words remind us of God’s mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we’re called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.



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)

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. Holy Family is 49.84% towards their goal of \$3150.00 and St. Mary is 26.16 % 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.

*a big
thank
you.*

Holy Family would like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who put together, worked at, or supported the Lenten Fish Frys in any way. With this fund raiser, you were able to raise

\$3520.00 for your parish.



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.

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.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

3/30/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 66
Regular Offering \$1365.34

Families Contributing 23

Holy Family — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$523.00

Families Contributing² 14

ONE COLLECTION

4/13/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

April 13 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Tom and Anna Mills

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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 Lomax+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Monday	4/07/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Elizabeth Brown+	Barbara Taylor
Tuesday	4/08/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	4/09/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	4/10/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Gene Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	4/11/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Carla Flaming	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	4/12/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	4/13/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	4/13/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim and Sandy Simpson	Arlene Conrad

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.

