

St. Mary Catholic Church

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive

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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 IMMENSE CHARITY OF GOD TOWARD HIS PEOPLE

God's love is not sentimental nor indulgent, but ordered, just, and immovable. It is not fickle affection of men but the eternal charity of the Creator for His creation. In the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we see the pinnacle of divine charity—that God would condescend to assume human nature, not out of necessity, but out of sheer benevolence. "For God so loved the world, as to give His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). This is not to affirm that God loves sin-stained mankind in its rebellion, but that He wills, through the Cross, to restore man to grace, to re-establish the order sundered by Adam's pride. Divine love is cruciform; it is nailed, not passing; it is strong, not permissive.

The breadth of God's charity extends not to license but to calling souls from every nation, tribe, and tongue, into the one true fold. His love is not universalism; it is missionary. It is not a passive tolerance of error, but an active call to truth. In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced and opened upon calvary, the faithful find a refuge, but also a summons—to love God in return with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is not God who strays from man, but man who flees from the light. Yet even when His people wander, the Lord seeks them out, as the Good Shepherd seeks the lost sheep—not to pet it in its rebellion, but to carry it back to the fold with wounds bound and pride broken.

God's love for His people is covenantal. It is not based on shifting emotions but upon His oath, sworn even to unfaithful Israel. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee" (Jeremiah 31:3). This covenant is renewed and perfected in the Blood of the New Testament, poured out in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The altar is the throne of this divine love, where the Victim-Lamb offers Himself daily for the expiation of sin and the sanctification of the elect. Here is no abstraction, but a divine reality more intimate than breath. The soul who approaches the altar in a state of grace receives not a symbol, but Love Himself in the Sacred Host.

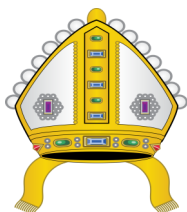
God's love is not something to be admired from afar but to be reciprocated in worship, sacrifice, obedience, and penance. "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This is not burdensome to the faithful soul, for charity makes the yoke sweet and the burden light. Those who remain within the bosom of the Holy Church, persevering in grace, nourished by the sacraments, and faithful to tradition, walk in the security of divine friendship. Such is the immensity of God's love—not formless indulgence, but a burning fire that purifies, restores, and saves.

(Fr. Charles)





GOD
LOVES HIS
CHILDREN



Pray Pope Leo XIV; the first American pope. He carries the weight of the Catholic Church on his shoulders.

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

Church Calendar

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)

Need Your Assistance!

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.

St. Mary Church Directory

Please remember to get your picture taken for the new directory. Suzanne is available after Saturday and Sunday Mass. She is located in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to get downstairs, she will come and take it in the church.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another."!
(John 13:34)

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:



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.



Daniel Chase O'Bryant will be making his First Holy Eucharist at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, May 18. Please keep Daniel in your 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

Congratulations to Bob and Andrea Vargas on the birth of their grandson John David Murdaugh born on May 1 to their daughter and son-in-law, Zac and Kristen Murdaugh.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Holy Family is 73.97% towards their goal of \$3150.00 and St. Mary is 93.21% of their goal of \$7340.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge. Please fill out a card located in the back of the church.



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY
Week Ending
5/04/2025**

St. Mary—Enrollment 67
Regular Offering \$3517.55

Families Contributing 30

Holy Family — Enrollment 49

Regular Offering \$3076.00

Families Contributing 17

**TWO COLLECTIONS
5/18/2025
Regular Offertory/Maintenance**

**Ministry Schedule
May 18, 2025**

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Bob Lefever

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Sharon Reiter and Bennett Brou

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	5/10/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Sunday	5/11/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	5/11/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse +	Craig and Kathy Coltharp
Monday	5/12/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mark King	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	5/13/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	5/14/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	5/15/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	5/16/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Arlene Conrad
Saturday	5/17/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Rushing	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	5/18/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	5/18/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tricia Smothers	Barbara Taylor

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: Jan Scarborough, friend of Tricia Smothers; Sherry Tarwater, friend of Toni Stokes and Sandy Simpson; 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.

