

St. Mary Catholic Church

May 18, 2025 Fifth 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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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



OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHER

The blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, holds a singular place in the economy of salvation. She is not only the one through whom the Word became flesh, but also the spiritual Mothers of all the faithful. At the foot of the Cross, our Lord declared to the beloved disciple, "Behold thy mother" (John 19:27). In that moment, Christ entrusted Mary to the whole Church. From then on, she has interceded for the faithful, guiding them with maternal care, ever pointing to her Son and saying, "Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye" (John 2:5).

The Church has always recognized in Mary the model of perfect discipleship. Her fiat—"Be it done unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38)—was a bold assent to the divine will. She accepted suffering, obscurity, and sorrow for the sake of God's plan, and she did so in silence and humility. Her birth was a preparation for this role, and her Assumption into heaven a testimony to the promise of resurrection. We rightly honor her not as a goddess nor as a rival to Christ, but as the most exalted of all creatures.

It is most appropriate that we petition our spiritual mother, asking her intercession before the throne of her Son. She is not dead, but alive in Christ, and she hears the cries of her children. The Church has always taught that all grace comes from Christ, but it also teaches that Mary, as His Mother, plays a unique role in dispensing those graces. Just as she once bore Him in her womb, now she bears our petitions in her heart. To honor her is not to distract from Christ, but to magnify Him—as she herself said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord" (Luke 1:46)

In this time of confusion and spiritual rebellion, Mary remains the sure refuge of sinners and the crushing heel against the serpent's head. She is not a sentimental ornament, but a terror to demons and the guardian of Christian purity. We must not neglect her. The Rosary, the Angelus, and the Marian feasts are armaments in the battle for souls. The faithful must draw close to her, not with idle sentiment, but with firm conviction and devotion, knowing that the path to her Son is more easily walked when she walks with us.

(Fr. Charles)





Prayer for Pope XIV

Lord Jesus Christ keep Pope Leo XIV close to your Sacred Heart. Guide him in truth, strengthen him in grace, and let his every step draw the church nearer to you.

Need Volunteers!

Holy Family needs volunteers to help clean and repair 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, and the rental house is a source of income for your church. No assistance is too small.

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 95.11% 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.



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



May 18	Graduate Recognition (SM)
May 21	Knights of Columbus (SM) (6:00 pm)
May 26	Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)



Retirement Reception Holy Family Catholic Church June 8, 2025 9:30 am

"Wishing you lots of love and good times as you enjoy a well earned rest!"

All are invited to the reception celebrating Deacon Wayne's retirement. Please mark your calendars and come to celebrate Deacon Wayne's next chapter in his life.

St. Mary Church Directory

Still time to get your picture taken for the new St. Mary's new directory. Suzanne and Kathy are available after Saturday and Sunday Mass. They are located in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to get downstairs, they will come and take your picture in the church. Just let us know.

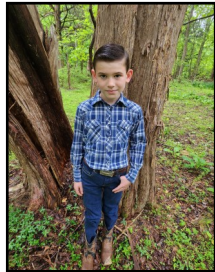
"I give you a new commandment: love one another."! (John 13:34)

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: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org.



CONGRATUALIONS ELI Latendresse!

We are so proud of you.



On this your special day, may the blessings and joy you feel receiving your First Holy Eucharist be with you always.



Daniel Chase O'Bryant

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

Tessa Walker and the Little Flowers Girl's Club were able to donate over 500 diapers to FYI Clinic because of all your generous donations. They were also able to deliver a \$500.00 check from St. Mary's Lenten project and \$200.00 from St. Mary's Ladies Guild. They send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make their diaper drive a success.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

5/04/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 67
Regular Offering \$1923.00

Families Contributing 19

Holy Family — Enrollment 49

Regular Offering \$775.00

Families Contributing 13

ONE COLLECTION

5/25/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

May 25, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: The Anel Ochoa Family

Counters: Richelle Stokes and Tom O'Bryant

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	5/17/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Rushing	JDan 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
Monday	5/19/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James and Debra Davenport	SM Legions of Mary
Tuesday	5/20/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	5/21/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Thursday	5/22/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	5/23/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mike and Pat Baloga+	David Baloga
Saturday	5/24/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Leon and Ellena Houle+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	5/25/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	5/25/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	James McGinness+	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: 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.

