

# St. Mary Catholic Church

May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## 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

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### 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



## GOD'S MERCY FOR HIS PEOPLE

“For this cause have I obtained mercy: that in me first Christ Jesus might show forth all patience, for the information of them that shall believe in him unto life everlasting.” (1 Timothy 1:16) As we read in this verse, no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Saint Paul, once a blasphemer and persecutor, was shown divine long-suffering not for his sake alone, but so that his conversion might stand as a living example to all who would believe after him. If such patience and mercy were granted to one so hardened in sin, then there is hope for every soul, however far they have strayed.

Saint Paul's life reminds us that God's mercy is not earned by merit, but poured out in abundance upon the undeserving. He was not gradually reformed into a better man by his own wisdom or striving. Rather, he was arrested by grace on the road to Damascus and remade entirely by Christ. This is the same grace that reaches into the most stubborn and wayward hearts, not to excuse their past, but to convert it into testimony. Those who have wandered far often become the clearest signs of God's power, because it is in them that the Divine Physician's skill is most visible.

This verse shatters every excuse we offer for despair. We say, “I've sinned too greatly,” but Paul blasphemed. We say, “I've hurt too many people,” but Paul dragged Christians to prison and death. Yet God chose him—not after he had cleaned himself up, but while he was still breathing threats. This is not license for sin, but a warning against presumption and a summons to repentance. The same mercy that forgave Paul demands that we too change, surrender, and walk as those who have been called out of darkness into the marvellous light.

St. Paul's conversion is not only a source of encouragement but also a call to imitation. He became a pattern not just of receiving mercy, but of what one does after receiving it. He did not hide his past; he confessed it openly to glorify Christ. He did not waste his pardon; he spent the rest of his life in service to the One who had saved him. So it must be with us. We are not forgiven to remain idle, but to become witnesses of Christ's long-suffering—living icons of His patience and power, so that others might also believe unto life everlasting. Christ does not act rashly or discard the sinner—He endures, He waits, and He draws. Our Lord's mercy is a pattern, a precedent, and a pledge. If He bore long with Paul, He will bear long with us.

(Fr. Charles)

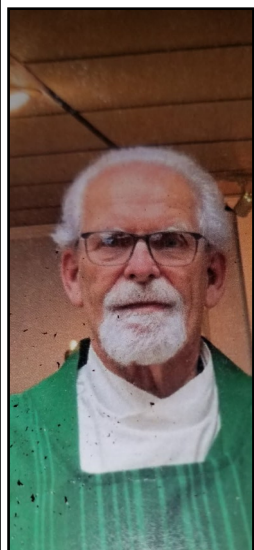


### **First Friday of the Month June 6**

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

### **First Saturday of the Month June 7**

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



### **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.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Holy Family is 80.32% 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.



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### ***June, 2025***

June 1	Confirmation (HF) 8:30 am
June 8	First Holy Eucharist/Deacon Waynes' s Retirement Reception (HF)
June 9	Ladies Guild (SM) 10:30 am
June 15	Hospitality Sunday (Father's Day)
June 18	Holy Family Finance Council Meeting 12:30 pm
June 18	Knights of Columbus Meeting (HF) 6:00 pm
June 21	H F Crafters 9:30 am
June 25	Holy Family Parish Council Meeting 12:30 pm

Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are: Bob and Brenda Lefever.

\*\*HF (Holy Family)

\*\*\*SM (St. Mary)

**"The holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."**

**(John 14:26)**

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:

[vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org).



## CONGRATUALATIONS Gabriel Salma!

Your church family are so proud of you!



Please pray for Abraham, Christian and Natalie Cerda, Allie and Leon Ochoa as they prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 8.



### **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



Keep Matthew Ochoa, and Thomas O'Bryant in your prayers as they prepare to make the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 1. The Most Reverend David P. Talley will be the officiate. Matthew and Thomas attend Holy Family.



May  
your life be  
filled with  
many blessings  
Eli!

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week Ending  
5/11/2025**

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	67
Regular Offering	\$1688.00
Families Contributing	16
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	49
Regular Offering	\$643.00
Families Contributing	13

### **TWO COLLECTIONS**

**6/01/2025**

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

## Ministry Schedule

**June 1, 2025**

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

#### *Lectors*

Saturday: Jean Ebeling  
Sunday: Shelia Melton

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)  
Shelia Melton (Sun.)  
Walter Melton (Sun.)  
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

#### *Lector*

Sunday: Anna Mills

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: The Villalobos Family

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	5/26/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Tuesday	5/27/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	5/28/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Thursday	5/29/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	5/30/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim and Irene Latendresse+	David Baloga
Saturday	5/31/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Mr. Nunnery+ (Joyce Rushing's Uncle)	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	6/01/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Diane Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	6/01/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	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:** 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.

