

St. Mary Catholic Church

May 4, 2025 Third 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

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Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive

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220 W. Main Street

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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 TEST OF TRUE COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

A strong relationship with Christ cannot be hidden. It manifests itself in how we treat those around us. The Lord said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Love for Christ is not an isolated, internal affair. It flows outward. A man who claims closeness to Christ yet carries grudges, resentment, or indifference towards others is self-deceived. The Apostle John writes without ambiguity, "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars" (1John 4:20). It is impossible to love the Head while scorning His Body.

When our hearts are joined to Christ in prayer, in the keeping of His commandments, and in humility, the grace of the Holy Spirit teaches us to see our neighbor not as a burden, but as one for whom Christ died. There is no genuine union with Christ without a genuine care for His brethren. As Christ took on our burdens, so must we take on the burdens of others. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The Christian life is not a private escape to heaven, but a shared pilgrimage with others. If we cannot walk in charity with our brother, we are not walking with Christ.

A great many fall into delusion because they measure their spiritual life by feelings, visions, or solitude, while ignoring the Gospel's clear command to serve and love others. The desert fathers warned against such false spirituality. Saint John Climacus taught that the test of one's love for God is patience with one's neighbor. If our faith does not lead us to peace, mercy, and honesty with others, it is sick. The Holy Mysteries do not nourish hatred or pride. They burn them out. Who ever partakes of the Body and Blood of Christ but lives in bitterness is, as Saint Paul says, "eating and drinking judgement against themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:29).

Christ did not teach us to seek Him in isolation from the Church, which is His Body. He said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). If we are in communion with Christ, we must be in communion with His people. Love of God without love of neighbor is counterfeit. A strong relationship with Christ will always express itself in charity, forgiveness, and unity with others. This is not optional. It is the sign that we truly belong to Him.

(Fr. Charles)

**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

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.

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 3	Little Flowers Tea (10:30 am)
May 4	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
May 4	Fellowship Sunday (SM) (First Communion Reception)
May 10	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
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)

*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.

**"It is the Lord!"
(John 21:7)**

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org.





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 invited to attend. Please RSVP to Debbie O'Bryant at 901-237-5200.

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.



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.

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.



Holy Spirit, Comforter and Advocate breathe upon the Conclave. Remove all fear, doubt, and division, and unite the Cardinals in perfect charity and discernment. Amen



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 77.97% 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

4/27/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	66
Regular Offering	\$1182.00

Families Contributing	14
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Holy Family — Enrollment	47
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Regular Offering	\$977.00
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Families Contributing	12
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ONE COLLECTION

5/11/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

May 11, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Debbie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Sharon Reiter and Bennett Brou

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	5/05/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Greg Garza	Legions of Mary
Tuesday	5/06/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	5/07/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Nick Roach Jr.+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	5/08/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	5/9/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James Story and Veronica Story	Legions of Mary
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

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; 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 son of Debbie Daniel; O'Bryant III, Thomas & O'Bryant; Stanfill.

