

# St. Mary Catholic Church

July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

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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 OUR REFUGE

In the trials of this temporal life, the soul must ever remember the enduring truth that God is our refuge and strength. In the Psalms it is said, “God is our refuge and strength: a helper in troubles, which found us exceedingly” (Psalm 45:2). This is a solemn promise from our Lord who abides faithfully with His people. As war and confusion rage in the world, and temptations arise from within, the heart that is fixed upon the Lord knows where to turn—to the sanctuary of His Blessed Presence, the quiet stronghold of His love, and the might of His mercy.

Throughout salvation history, our Lord has revealed Himself as a refuge for the afflicted. When the Israelites groaned under Egyptian oppression, He heard them and led them out with a mighty hand. The prophet Nahum reminds us, “The Lord is good and giveth strength in the day of trouble: and knoweth them that hope in him” (Nahum 1:7). Likewise, the Blessed Virgin sought refuge in the Lord’s promise when she gave her fiat, trusting in the overshadowing power of the Most High. In her, we see that true security is not found in worldly means, but in the perfect fidelity of God to those who are humble and obedient.

This truth reaches its fullest expression in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, where divine refuge is made visible in the pierced Heart of the Savior. The blood and water flowing from His side became a fountain of grace for those seeking shelter from sin and death. Saint Paul writes, “In all these things we overcome, because of him that hath loved us” (Romans 8:37). The should must therefore flee to Christ in prayer, in the sacraments—particularly Confession and the Holy Eucharist—and in the teachings of the Church, where the same Christ continues to offer sanctuary to the weary and the penitent.

In our daily lives, when fear presses in or discouragement looms, let us call to mind the words of Psalm: “In thee, Oh Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in thy justice” (Psalm 30:2). We must not look to the shifting comforts of the world, but to the Rock who does not move. God remains the sure refuge of His people. To take shelter in Him is not weakness, but wisdom. Let us renew our trust in His providence, persevere in our devotions, and teach our children to seek first the Kingdom—knowing with firm faith that those who dwell in the shelter of the most High shall abide under the protection of the Almighty.

(Fr. Charles)



### **First Friday of the Month August 1**

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

### **First Saturday of the Month August 2**

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

### **Diocese of Memphis**

As part of our commitment to keeping our children safe and in preparation for the upcoming USCCB audit, we are implementing a new policy regarding Virtus training.

**Effective Friday, July 18, 2025, and Employee and Volunteer who has not completed Virtus training within the last five years will be required to take the Online Virtus Training within the next two weeks, and email will be sent from Virtus automatically.**

The training takes approximately one hour and can be completed at your convenience; everyone needs to make sure they have a valid and updated email in their Virtus profile.

**"Ask and you shall receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. *Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who you want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.* Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:



August 1, 2	First Friday and First Saturday (SM)
August 3	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
August 11	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
August 16	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
August 20	Holy Family Finance Committee 12:30 pm
Holy Family (HF) St. Mary (SM)	
Hosts for Holy Family Hospitality Sunday (8/3/25)	

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food at Holy Family for the children's Backpack Ministry. Check with Richelle for further information.



### **Knights News!**



The Knight of the month is Dennis Blackwell and the Family of the Month is Tom and Anna Mills. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

### **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.



## PRE REGISTRATION St. Mary

Registration for Parish Religious Education Classes is open now through August 20. Please take the time to enroll your child early. This will decide classroom size and number of teachers needed. Classes begin in September. Please contact Tessa Walker at [stmarypre@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypre@gmail.com) or you can call the office at 731-584-6954. You can also scan the bar code on the Flyers located on the doors of the Church and Fellowship Hall.

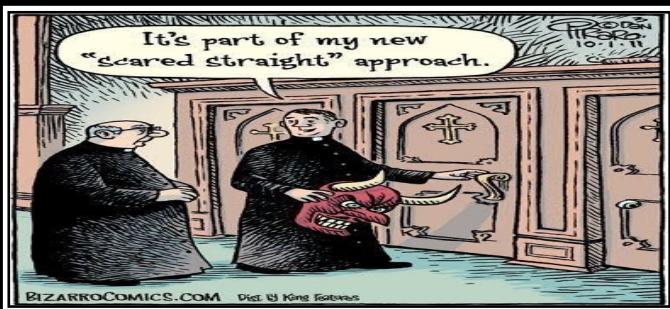


There are no words that can come close to expressing our gratitude for all of the prayers, gifts, food, mass cards and outpouring of love sent our way on the death of our father, husband and friend; Jim Simpson. He especially would have loved every minute. From the bottom of our heart, Thank You!

Sandy Simpson  
Jim and Shannon McGinness  
Amber Kee



Please keep Father Herbert Ene in your thoughts and prayers as he begins his bone marrow journey. May his journey be short and his recovery swift.



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY Week Ending 7/20/2025

<b>St. Mary—Enrollment</b>	69
Regular Offering	\$1387.00
Families Contributing	19
<b>Holy Family — Enrollment</b>	47
Regular Offering	\$603.00
Families Contributing	13

## ONE COLLECTION 7/27/2025 Regular Offertory

## Ministry Schedule August 3, 2025

### St. Mary Catholic Church

#### Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling  
Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)  
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)  
Beate Harris (Sun.)  
Tricia Smothers (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

### Holy Family Catholic Church

#### Lector

Sunday: Jull Salma

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	7/26/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Greg Garza	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	7/27/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	7/27/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Monday	7/28/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM		
Tuesday	7/29/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	7/30/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM		
Thursday	7/31/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM		
Friday	8/01/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM		
Saturday	8/02/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/03/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Barbara Ann Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	8/03/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Kim King	Tricia Smothers

### ***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:** Shirley Petit, Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, James Story, Tricia Smothers, 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.

