

# St. Mary Catholic Church

July 13, 2025 Fifteenth 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

Huntingdon, TN 38344

731-584-6459

### 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



## LESSONS WE LEARN IN LIFE

Life, as a journey ordained by Divine Providence, presents countless moments of joy, suffering, growth, and reflection. From childhood to old age, the faithful are invited to perceive their experiences as purposeful encounters through which God speaks and refines the soul. Each season of life teaches something essential about our dependence on grace and our call to holiness. Whether in success or in failure, God permits all things so that we might grow in virtue and deepen our trust in Him.

One of the most important lessons we learn is humility. Life consistently reveals the limitations of human strength and wisdom. When trials come—whether illness, financial hardship, or betrayal—we are reminded of the words of St. Paul: “My grace is sufficient for thee: for power is made perfect in infirmity” (2 Corinthians 12:19). These lessons temper pride and invite us to kneel in prayer, surrendering control to God. They strip away illusions and prepare the heart to receive mercy. Humility is not weakness; rather, it is the foundation of spiritual maturity and a necessary condition for hearing the voice of God.

Another lesson is perseverance in faith. Many grow weary under life’s burdens, tempted to despair when prayers seem unanswered. Yet the Church teaches us to persist. Our Lord Himself endured suffering, rejection, and death, trusting the Father unto the end. “In your patience you shall possess your souls” (Luke 21:19). Life’s lessons teach us that the path to sanctity is not quick or painless. Through each act of fidelity—praying when we feel dry, forgiving when it is difficult, remaining in the Church when tempted to wander—we become conformed to Christ. Perseverance refines the will and strengthens the soul for eternity.

Finally, life teaches us to love more perfectly. With age and experience, we realize that earthly attachments fade and that what endures is charity. The Lord commands: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart...and they neighbor as thyself” (Matthew 22:37-39). This is the highest lesson of all. Whether learned through parenthood, caring for the sick, enduring injustice, or serving in obscurity, love is the measure by which our lives will be judged. Every trial is an opportunity to respond with greater love and to draw nearer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the source of all true charity and wisdom.

(Fr. Charles)

**2026 Easter Pilgrimage**  
**"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"**  
**Hosted by Fr. Bryan Timby**  
**April 21-May 1**

Visit Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, and Thessaloniki. Visit the house of Mary where she lived with St. John the Apostle. Enjoy a 3-day cruise to the Greek isles. \$5179 pp/sharing from Memphis. Taxes and fees included. **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.** For a more full-color brochure, contact: Fr. Bryan Timby, 1104 N. Parkway, Unit 6, Jackson, TN 38305-5010. Telephone; 901-487-2909. Email: btimby0928@aol.com.

**"You shall love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27)**

Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org



**Quote of the Week:**

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure."

St. John Paul II

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 96.38% 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.

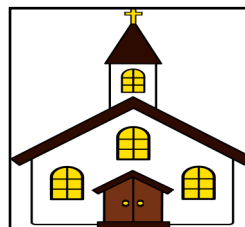


July 14	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
July 16	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (SM)
July 19	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
Holy Family (HF) St. Mary (SM)	

Hosts for Holy Family Hospitality Sunday (7/6/25) are Tom and Debbie O'Bryant.

**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 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.



**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.



## **SACRAMENTS**

### **Confessions**

Saturday 4:00-4:30

Sunday

\*Any time by appointment.

### **Baptism**

Arranged by appointment. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic; the other a practicing Christian may serve as a Christian witness. Parents must be registered with the parish.

### **Matrimony**

Arranged with the Pastor. Please call the office.

### **Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Please call the office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and/or would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. (NOTE: the hospital does not notify the church about admissions.)

### **Altar Server Training St. Mary**

For all boys or men who have made their First Holy Eucharist and are interested in becoming altar servers, there will be a class on Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00 pm at St. Mary Church.



### **Jubilee Year of Hope**

Catholic Charities invites you to embark on a meaningful pilgrimage through our four-part speaker series each focused on the core pillars of Catholic Social teaching. Join us July 17 for our first speaker series session featuring Fr. Dexter Noblefranca at 7:00 pm at St. Faustina Shrine at St. Ann, Bartlett.

## **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

### **Week Ending**

7/06/2025

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 69

Regular Offering \$2809.00

Families Contributing 20

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$1731.00

Families Contributing 13

### **ONE COLLECTION**

7/20/2025

Regular Offertory

## **Ministry Schedule**

July 20, 2025

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

#### *Lectors*

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

#### *Lector*

Sunday: John Edwards

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	7/12/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/13/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	7/13/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Monday	7/14/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	7/15/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	7/16/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	7/17/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Joseph Smart+	Tom and Anna Mills
Friday	7/18/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Saturday	7/19/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Debra Thibedau+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/20/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	7/20/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	

### ***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, 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.

