

# St. Mary Catholic Church

August 3, 2025 Eighteenth 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

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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



## THE GENTLE MAJESTY OF THE SON OF GOD

The earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ is radiant with compassion, which manifests the merciful love of God toward His creatures. In the Gospels, our Lord is often described as being “moved with compassion” upon seeing the suffering and confusion of the people. “And seeing the multitudes, he had compassion on them: because they were distressed, and lying like sheep that have no shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). His miracles of healing, feeding, and deliverance were not performed to impress, but to express divine pity and to invite souls into communion with God. His Sacred Heart is not aloof, but tender and responsive to the miseries of mankind.

Christ’s compassion was not restricted to physical ailments but extended deeply to the soul’s need for grace. When the woman caught in adultery was accused before Him, He did not participate in her public shaming. Instead, after silencing her accusers, He turned to her and said, “Neither will I condemn thee. Go, and now sin no more” (John 8:11). Here, divine justice and mercy meet without contradiction. Likewise, when standing at the tomb of Lazarus, “And Jesus wept” (John 11:35), not because He lacked power to raise the dead, but because He entered into the sorrow of those around Him, revealing a God who feels deeply for His people.

Even in the hour of His Passion, Christ’s compassion did not diminish. Upon the Cross, He uttered, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34), pleading on behalf of those who crucified Him. To the repentant thief, His mercy flowed freely: “Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). His compassion was not hindered by suffering but intensified, showing that the heart of Christ is most revealed when wounded. The Cross, then, becomes not only a place of atonement but a throne of divine mercy, where love conquers hate and grace overcomes despair.

The Holy Church, receiving the treasures of His compassionate Heart, dispenses them through the Sacraments. In the Most Holy Eucharist, we are fed by the same Christ who fed the multitudes in the wilderness. In the Sacrament of Penance, we hear His words of pardon. The faithful are called not only to receive this compassion but to imitate it: “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36). In doing so, the Church reflects Christ to the world, bearing witness that His mercy endureth forever, and that in Him, every soul may find rest, healing, and salvation.

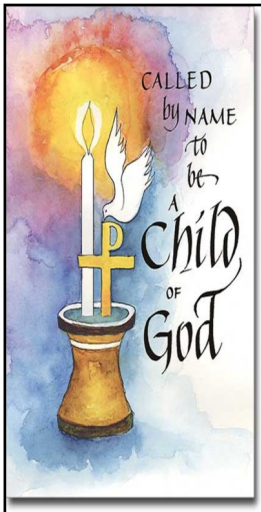
(Fr. Charles)

## 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, any 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.



On Sunday, August 17, Payton Marie McCord the daughter of Dustin and Melissa McCord will be baptized at Holy Family. The family is inviting their fellow church members to come and celebrate this special day with them. A reception will immediately follow mass and will be held in the Father Joey Kaump Fellowship Hall.

**"Take care to guard against all greed."  
(Luke 12:15)**

In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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)



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) are Dwayne and Karen Pierce.



If you would like your picture to be in the newest addition of the St. Mary directory, Suzanne and Kathy will be taking pictures on August 20, 21 and 22 between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. These dates fall on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are unable to make those dates, you can call the office and we will set you up with an appointment. The church office number is 731-584-6459.

## 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.



## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

7/27/2025

**St. Mary—Enrollment** 69

Regular Offering \$1770.00

Families Contributing 19

**Holy Family — Enrollment** 47

Regular Offering \$1444.00

Families Contributing 14

## TWO COLLECTIONS

8/3/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

On the  
Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination



## Congratulations

*We would like to congratulate Father Herbert on his Ordination Anniversary, August 2. Your commitment to God and the Church is a blessing to us.*

When GOD wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea. When God wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth. But, when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to himself. Then, GOD said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live HIS presence. We have to be connected to HIM because it is only in HIM that life exists. Let us stay connected to GOD.

We recall that water without fish is still water, but fish without water is nothing. The soil without a tree is still soil, but the tree without soil is nothing. GOD without man is still GOD, but man without GOD is nothing.

## Ministry Schedule

August 10, 2025

### St. Mary Catholic Church

#### Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Glenda Nielson (Sun.)

Tricia Smothers (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

### Holy Family Catholic Church

#### Lector

Sunday: Evie O'Bryant

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Luisa Bautista and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Kim Leitl and Olga Wosz

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	8/04/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Donald Wilson+	Barbara Taylor
Tuesday	8/05/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	8/06/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Thursday	8/07/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Friday	8/08/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Lynn Smothers+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	8/09/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Anthony Calabrese	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/10/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Richard Cabral+	Tricia Smothers
Sunday	8/11/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tony Teazak	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.

