

St. Mary Catholic Church

August 24, 2025 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Catholic Church

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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

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



IMITATING JESUS

The call to follow Jesus is at the heart of our life and devotion. To imitate Him is not simply to admire His actions, but to conform ourselves to His mind, His will, and His manner of living. St. Paul exhorts the faithful, “Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ” (1Corinthians 11:1, Douay-Rheims). This imitation involves daily conversion, turning away from self-centered desires in order to embrace the humility, obedience, and charity of the Lord. To walk as He walked is to allow our lives to be molded by the same love which led Him to serve, to forgive, and to lay down His life for all.

Imitating Jesus requires that we first seek intimacy with Him through prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments. In the Gospels, we see that “He went out into a mountain to pray, and He Passed the whole night in prayer of God” (Luke 6:12). His own reliance upon communion with the Father is our example, teaching us that true strength for Christian living flows from the hidden life of prayer. Likewise, frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Christ, unites us with Him in a manner beyond words, giving us both the pattern and the grace to live according to His example

The Lord’s charity stands as the supreme model for our conduct. He declared, “This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you” (John 15-13). Such love demands patience, kindness, and forgiveness even when it is most difficult. Our faith insists that works of mercy—feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, consoling the sorrowful—are not optional expressions of faith but the very imitation of Christ in action. To live thus is to allow His love to dwell within us, shaping our words and deeds so that others may see in us a reflection of His presence.

The imitation of Jesus is not a solitary task but one lived within the communion of the Church. By following His way together, we bear one another’s burdens and support each other on the path of holiness. As St. John reminds, “He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also to walk, even as He walked” (1 John 2:6). The Christian life is thus both personal and communal, meaning personal in the interior surrender of the heart, communal in the witness of the Body of Christ. In imitating Jesus, we find not only the pattern of a holy life but also the promise of eternal union with Him in glory.

(Fr. Charles)

**THIRD ANNUAL
DINING WITH THE DEACONS:
A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MARIAN HALL**



**TICKETS SALES, SPONSORSHIPS,
AUCTION ITEMS, DONATIONS**

\$75/PERSON | CASH BAR
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION | SPONSOR TABLES AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS?
BMWJPETIT@BELLSOUTH.NET

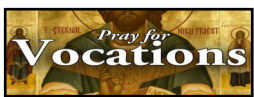




If you are interested in receiving the bulletin and church notices through your email, you can put your name and email address on a slip of paper and put it in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. For those who have changed their email address, your change of information can be put in the collection basket.

**“Strive to enter through the narrow gate.”
(Luke 13:24)**

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org.



Church Calendar

- August 27 Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting 12:30 pm
- September 1 Labor Day
(Church Office Closed)
- September 5-6 First Friday and First Saturday
- September 7 PRE Begin 9:30 am (SM)
- September 7 Fellowship Sunday (SM)
- September 7 Hospitality Sunday (HF)
- September 8 OCIA Classes Begin 5:30 pm
- September 8 St. Mary's Ladies Guild
- September 17 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (HF)
- September 20 Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am

**St. Mary Fellowship Hostesses for September are: Julia Johnson, Shelia Melton, Martha Fonseca

**Holy Family Hospitality Hostesses for September are: Norma Villalobos, Luisa Bautista and Diana Aldayturriaga.

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.





To explore and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, consider coming to class beginning Monday, September 8 at 5:30 pm. The classes will be held at St. Mary in Camden. If you are interested in attending or just have questions, please contact the office at 731-584-6459.

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.



The McCord family would like to express their sincere thank you to the congregation at Holy Family Church. The support and love that was given to our family on the baptism of Payton is truly appreciated. It is wonderful to know that Payton will grow up with such a loving and giving church family.

Women's Cursillo

3-Day Weekend

#118

September 18-21, 2025

Christ is counting on you - will you say yes?

- Learn to follow Christ more faithfully and effectively
- Encounter Christ in a new way
- Learn a method to live in God's Grace



Deadline for applications is Sunday 09.14.25

Send completed applications or any inquiries to precursillo@memphiscursillo.com



Learn more online at www.memphiscursillo.com



Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

8/17/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1086.00
Families Contributing	14
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$431.00
Families Contributing	11

ONE COLLECTION

8/31/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

August 31, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Suzanne Crawford

Sunday: Walter Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: The Angel Ochoa Family

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	8/23/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Shirley Petit	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/14/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	8/24/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Joyce Parker
Monday	8/25/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Dan Fisher+	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	8/26/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	8/27/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	8/28/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	8/29/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mike Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	8/30/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Ron and Patty Russo	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/31/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	8/31/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	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.

