

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

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Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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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

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



LIVING A LIFE OF HOLINESS

To live a life of holiness and piety is to orient one's entire being towards God. Holiness is the practical reality of union with Christ through the Sacraments, prayer, and works of charity. All the baptised are called to sanctity, regardless of their state of life, echoing the Apostle's exhortation to the Thessalonians: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The faithful must understand holiness as a participation in the divine life, which begins here and is perfected in the vision of God in eternity.

Piety is the virtue by which one renders to God the honour due to Him as Creator and Redeemer, and it expresses itself in both personal devotion and liturgical worship. The rhythm of the traditional life is marked by attendance at Holy Mass, the reception of the Eucharist, confession of sins, and the daily recitation of prayers, including the rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours. Such practices should never be seen as empty rituals, but means of grace by which the soul is conformed more closely to Christ. As the Lord said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine: so neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4).

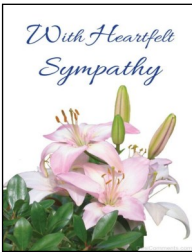
Living piously also requires moral integrity and fidelity to the commandments of God. The Decalogue is not simply a code of prohibitions, but the pathway of authentic freedom and communion with God. Our Lord Himself summarised the whole Law in the twofold commandment of charity when He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Such love is not sentimentality, but a concrete commitment to truth, justice, and mercy, even at the cost of sacrifice.

Holiness and piety must therefore be seen as inseparable from the call to daily conversion. We are not yet perfect but we are called to continual repentance and renewal through grace. Every day presents opportunities to reject sin, to grow in virtue, and to seek closer communion with God. By uniting prayer, sacramental life, moral living, and charity, the faithful embody the life of holiness to which Christ calls His Church. In this way, we bear witness before the world that sanctity is possible, for "you are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14).

(Fr. Charles)

FYI

There will be no mass or communion service on Wednesday, September 17. Father Herbert and Father Michael will be at a meeting in Memphis and Deacon will not be available.



Our prayers go out to Holy Family parishioner Dorothy Wood and her family on the death of her sister Suzanne (Suzie) Moore. May she be held forever in God's loving embrace.



Father Herbert is looking for one parishioner from Holy Family and one from St. Mary to serve as Ambassadors for Catholic Charities. Your role is about service and inspiring others to serve. Your influence in nurturing the spirit of service within your church is significant and inspiring. Please contact the office at 731-584-6459 or talk to Father Herbert.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."
(John 3:16)**

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org.



Church Calendar

September 17	No Mass or Communion Service (HF)
September 17	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (HF)
September 20	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
September 24	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45 PM

PLENARY INDULGENCE *For the Jubilee Year 2025*

In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted a special plenary indulgence to all faithful pilgrims who visit the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham.



CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING A *Plenary Indulgence*

1. **Go to Confession / the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
2. **Attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion**
3. **Pray for the intentions of the Pope (e.g. Our Father & Hail Mary)**
4. **Have a spirit of detachment from sin**

WHAT IS A *Plenary Indulgence?*

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Church that removes all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven in Confession. The Church offers the plenary indulgence as an extraordinary gift of mercy to all pilgrims, helping them reflect on God's infinite forgiveness. For further information, please refer to our website: walsingham.org.uk



NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA OF OUR LADY
WALSINGHAM
Pilgrims of Hope

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.



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



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.

Fellowship, food & fun

CHURCH Picnic



St. Mary and Holy Family's annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, October 12 immediately following 10:45 mass. As in the past, the Knights of Columbus will be providing the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and once again Bobby and Jeff Latendresse will also be grilling. The Ladies Guild is supplying the drinks, plates, silverware, napkins and cups. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The picnic will be held at the pavilion located at St. Mary in Camden. This is a great time for parishioners from both parishes to enjoy fellowship, and getting to know each other. All are invited.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

9/7/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$3033.00
Families Contributing	24
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$1959.00
Families Contributing	16

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/21/2025

Regular Offertory/Religious Education

Ministry Schedule

September 21, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Suzanne Crawford

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Glenda Nielson (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Anna Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: John and Pam Fordon

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	9/13/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Betty Gagnon	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	9/14/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Rich Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	9/14/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Monday	9/15/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Bennett Brou
Tuesday	9/16/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	9/17/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Thursday	9/18/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Yako+ and Marko Prizmich	Sharon Reiter
Friday	9/19/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	John Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	9/20/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	9/21/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Ellen Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	9/21/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Bennett Brou

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.

