

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 7, 2025 Twenty Third 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

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Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive

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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



RESPECT IN THE CHURCH

The Church has ever upheld the sacredness of Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, and therefore insists upon a respectful spirit within the walls of the church. The words of Our Lord echo with gravity: "For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). If His presence is assured even among the faithful gathered in prayer, how much more ought reverence to be given where He abides sacramentally in the Tabernacle. The church is no ordinary building, but a sanctuary where the Lamb of God is adored, and the faithful come to receive life and grace.

Respect toward Christ's presence demands both outward conduct and inward recollection. The Apostle admonishes us to "let all things be done decently, and according to order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). Thus, careless chatter, gossip, or idle amusement within the holy place offend not only good order, but also the dignity of the Divine Guest. The faithful are called to remember that each step, each word, each gesture within the church should be marked by humility and a consciousness of standing before the Lord of Heaven and Earth. In such an environment, silence becomes not emptiness but a language of worship, preparing the heart for prayer.

The church is rightly called a haven and a refuge for the sheep of the Lord's fold. "The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing. He hath set me in a place of pasture" (Psalm 22:1-2). As the sheep gather in safety under the care of the Shepherd, so the faithful come into the church seeking rest from the noise and burdens of the world. Idle talk disperses the spirit, while reverence gathers it into unity. It is by creating an atmosphere of recollection that each believer is aided to lift his heart to God, finding the peace that the world cannot give.

To respect Christ in the church is not an act of rigid formality, but an expression of our love, faith, and devotion. The silence, the careful speech, and the reverent bearing of the faithful form a fitting response to Him who dwells among us. In the sacred space, Christ's sheep are refreshed, instructed, and strengthened, so that when they depart into the world, they carry with them the grace they have received. It is a discipline of respect which preserves the dignity of the temple and the honor due to the Lord who has deigned to remain with His people until the end of the world.

(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

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Birthday/Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries for each month will be celebrated at St. Mary on the First Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Mass. We will begin on October 4.

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

(Luke 14:27)

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse’s needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey.



Church Calendar

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 10	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45 pm
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

****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.



Knights News!



The shirts that have been ordered are in. If you ordered a shirt, the price is \$35.00. Contact Wyatt Brooks to let him know how to get them to you.

The next Knights meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Holy Family.

Need Your Assistance

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.



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.

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



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Our Lady Queen of Peace
Retreat Center

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

9/7/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1509.00
Families Contributing	15
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$628.00
Families Contributing	13

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/14/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

September 14, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: The Villalobos Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	9/06/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon= and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	9/07/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	9/07/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Monday	9/08/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Father Herber Ene	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	9/09/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	9/10/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	9/11/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Rich Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Friday	9/12/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Michael and Phyllis Horten
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	9/07/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton

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.

