

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

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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



KEEPING CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

The Feast of the Nativity does not conclude when the decorations are taken down or when the calendar turns its page. Christmas is not a single day confined to sentiment or custom; it is the enduring mystery of the Word made flesh dwelling amongst us. Saint John wrote, "The Word made flesh, and dwelt amongst us" (John 1:14). This divine condescension is not an event that fades with time, but a living reality that must be guarded within the heart of the faithful. To keep Christmas is to keep Christ Himself, not as a memory, but as a present Lord who abides with His people.

The Gospel teaches us that Mary "kept all these words, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). In her, the Church is given a model of how Christmas is preserved beyond the manger scene. She did not cling to the external signs alone—the angels, the shepherds, the wonders—but carried the mystery inward, allowing it to shape her entire life. So too, we are called to interior fidelity. The child laid in the crib must also be enthroned within the soul, where humility, obedience, and quiet trust can take root and bear fruit in daily life.

Saint Paul reminds us that "the grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men, instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world" (Titus 2:11-12). Christmas grace instructs and disciplines the heart. To keep Christmas is to allow the light of Bethlehem to expose what does not belong to Christ within us, and to commit ourselves anew to charity, patience, and fidelity. The Holy Child who comes in poverty calls us to simplicity; the Prince of Peace calls us to reconciliation; the Light of the world calls us to walk as children of light.

Our Lord assures us, "Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Christmas, therefore, is sustained wherever Christ is welcomed, obeyed, and loved. Each Eucharist renews the mystery of Emmanuel—God with us—not in symbol only, but in truth. As we move duties, our trials, and our acts of mercy, so that the joy announced to the shepherd may continue to echo in our lives, and the world may still hold the light in the darkness.

(Fr. Charles)





First Friday of the Month January 2

Exposition of the Blessed sacrament will begin at 9:00 am and Mass will begin at 12:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month January 3

Mass, recitation of the scriptural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass begins at 9:00 am



Holy Family Legions of Mary are in need of a two foot statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If anyone has one to donate, please call Leah Koonce at 731-418-0707

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.



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December 31	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM (SM)
January 1	New Year's Day Mass Holy Family 8:30 AM St. Mary 10:45 AM
January 4	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
January 4	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
January 11	PRE Resumes (SM) 9:30 AM
January 12	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 AM
January 14	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45
January 17	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 AM
January 21	Knights of Columbus Meeting (SM) 6:00 PM
January 28	Little Flowers Group 3:45 PM
January 29	St. Mary Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM

****Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday at Holy Family are Luisa Bautista and Diana Aldayturriaga**

****Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday at St. Mary are Sandy Simpson, Beate Harris and Theresa O'Connell.**

FYI

The Church office will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1. If there is an emergency, call 731-697-4250.



Wyatt Brooks	January 3
Virginia Go	January 3
Kevin Simpson	January 3
Jean Ebeling	January 4
Veronica England	January 5
Garry Korbel	January 5
Sissy Munoz	January 5
Shirley Petit	January 6
Mary Lou Mireles	January 7
Israel Melton	January 10
Martha Valenzuela	January 11
Allen Warren	January 11
Bella Marie Stahl	January 13
Julia Johnson	January 14
Ashley Reyes	January 15
Virgil Pagal	January 16
Lea Latendresse	January 17
Antonia Solares	January 17
Antonio Solares	January 17
Debra Davenport	January 20
Donald Reindl	January 20



Jay and Julia Johnson January 6

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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

12/21/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	65
Regular Offering	\$1746.00
Families Contributing	20
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$519.00
Families Contributing	11

TWO COLLECTIONS

1/4/2026

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule

January 4, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Walter Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Evie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: The Salma Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/27/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Greg and Grace Garza	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	12/28/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deborah Thorne+	Mary Johnson
Sunday	12/28/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	David Baloga
Monday	12/29/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Parker+	Arlene Conrad
Tuesday	12/30/2025	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	12/31/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Wednesday	12/31/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Thursday	1/01/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Arlene Conrad
Thursday	1/01/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	1/02/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/03/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	1/04/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	1/04/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	

Prayer Intentions for Health and repose of the Soul

St. Mary's: Mary Johnson, Michelle Leonard, Shirley Petit, Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, Tricia Smothers, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Ron and Patty Russo, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Bell, Allen York, Dan Ebeling.

Holy Family: Ken Bissen, Wayne Tedford, Pat Long, Tomasas Ocho-Villasenor, Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, Lila Korbelt, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, 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; Tonya Smothers, friend of Joyce Rushing; Mike Dashper, son of Jack and Mary Dashper; Teresa Reiter, daughter-in-law of Sharon Reiter; 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; John and Don Parker, sons 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 Korbelt, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; ;Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbelt; 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.

