

# St. Mary Catholic Church

January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

## 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  
731-584-6459

### 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



## RESPONDING TO THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is a living and active reality that precedes every human response. The Bible makes this clear when it says, “In this is charity: not as though we had loved God, but because he hath first loved us, and sent his Son to be a propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). God’s love is initiative; it is not drawn forth by human merit or effort. To respond rightly to such love requires first an attitude of humble recognition; we acknowledge that our relationship with God begins not in our choosing Him, but in His choosing us, calling us out of darkness into communion with Himself.

A true response to the love of God necessarily involves faith expressed through obedience. Our Lord Himself taught: “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 12:15). Love for God is therefore not confined to emotion or sentiment; it is made visible in concrete fidelity to His will. This obedience is not servile fear, but the response of children who trust the wisdom and goodness of their Father. To live according to God’s commandments is to allow His love to shape our conduct, our priorities, and our moral decisions, even when such fidelity demands sacrifice.

The love of God, once received, cannot remain closed within the heart of the believer, but must overflow into love of neighbor. “If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother: he is a liar” (1 John 4:20). To respond to divine love is to permit it to reorder our relationships, teaching us patience, forgiveness, and charity towards others. Acts of mercy, kindness, and justice are not optional additions to the Christian life; they are the necessary fruit of having truly encountered the love of God.

Our response to the love of God is sustained by hope, grounded in the promise of eternal life. Saint Paul assures us that nothing can sever the believer from this divine charity. “Who then shall separate us from the love of Christ?” (Romans 8:35). To live in response to God’s love is to persevere in trust, even amid suffering and uncertainty, confident that His love is faithful and enduring. Such hope strengthens the soul, enabling the Christian to remain steadfast, knowing that the love which called us into being will also bring us to fulfillment in Him.

(Fr. Charles)



## SACRAMENTS

### **Confessions**

Saturday 4:00-4:30

Sunday

\*Any time by appointment.

### **Baptism**

Arranged by appointment. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic; the other a practicing Christian may serve as a Christian witness. Parents must be registered with the parish.

### **Matrimony**

Arranged with the Pastor. Please call the office.

### **Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Please call the office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and/or would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. (NOTE: the hospital does not notify the church about admissions.)



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.

**“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”**

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood, the diaconate, or consecrated life.

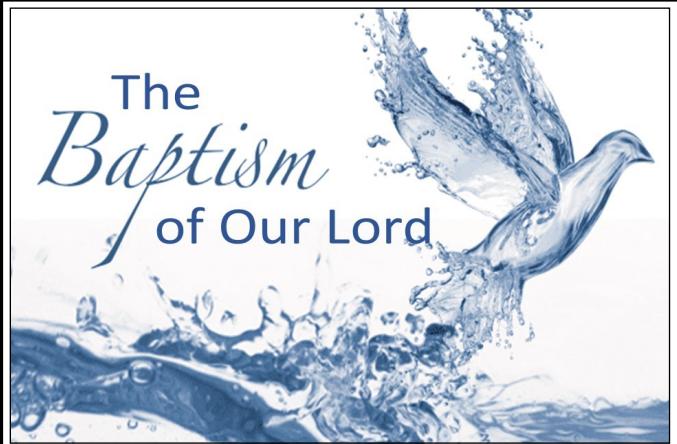
**Visit:** [www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com)

Or call the office of Vocations at 901 373-1244

Ready to answer the call? Email us at  
[VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org](mailto:VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org)



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 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



### **Memphis Catholic Radio**

A brand new Catholic podcast network created for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, with generous approval from Bishop David Talley.

Memphis Catholic Radio is going to be a great vehicle for evangelization, entertainment, and connecting everyone in the CDOM.

You are invited to check out our website. The link and the Facebook page link is: <https://memphiscatholicradio.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/people/Memphis-Catholic-Radio/61578629363021/>

### Novena for Father Herbert

For those who would like to participate, we will be praying a nine day Novena for the Health and Intentions of Father Herbert beginning on Sunday, January 11 through Monday, January 19. We ask that each day at 12:00 pm, you take the time to recite the following prayer. You can do this individually at home or at the masses held at each church. There are copies of the prayer in the back of the church at Holy Family and in the pews at St. Mary for you to take. If you do not want to participate, please keep Father Herbert in your prayers as he recovers in Nashville.

St. Peregrine  
January 11, 2026 – January 19 2026  
(Nine Day Novena for Father Herbert)

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus Christ, You have willed that St. Peregrine should be invoked by thousands of clients as the patron of those suffering with cancer and have caused that through his intercession many cures should be wrought. I thank You for this tender compassion for suffering mankind, and for answering the prayers of this compassionate saint.

I recommend to You, Father Herbert Ene. Be pleased to hear the prayers of Saint Peregrine, as well as those of Your Blessed Mother on behalf of Father Herbert Ene whom I recommend to the love and mercy of Your Sacred Heart.

Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be to the Father

### **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 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**

01/04/2026

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	72
Regular Offering	\$5353.00
Families Contributing	32
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	51
Regular Offering	\$1690.00
Families Contributing	17

### **TWO COLLECTIONS**

1/18/2026

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

### **Ministry Schedule** January 18, 2026

#### **St. Mary Catholic Church**

##### *Lectors*

Saturday: Glenda Nielson  
Sunday: Shelia Melton

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)  
Walter Melton (Sun.)  
Shelia Melton (Sun.)  
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Mike and Kathy Solomon

#### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

##### *Lector*

Sunday: John Edwards

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/10/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	1/11/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Marko+ and Yaka+ Prizmich	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	1/11/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	James Davenport	Sandy Simpson
Monday	1/12/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	1/13/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	1/14/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	1/15/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	1/16/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/17/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	1/18/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jetti Sue Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	1/18/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Patricia Frye+	Betty Gagnon

### ***Prayer Intentions for Health and repose of the Soul***

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**St. Mary's:** Paul and Mary Olano, 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 Korbel, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, 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; 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 Korbel, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; 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.

