

St. Mary Catholic Church

January 25, 2026 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

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220 W. Main Street

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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



FAITHFULNESS TO THE TRUTH

Faithfulness to the truth is at the very heart of the Faith, for truth is not an abstraction but is revealed and entrusted by God Himself. The Scriptures testify that truth has its origin in God and is inseparable from His very being. The Bible says that “God is faithful, and without any iniquity, just and right” (Deuteronomy 32:4). To adhere to the truth, therefore, is to adhere to God, to receive humbly what He has revealed, and to refuse the temptation to reshape doctrine according to human preference or the spirit of the age. The Church is not the arbiter of truth but its steward, bound by reverence and obedience to what has been handed down.

Our Lord Jesus Christ speaks with unmistakable authority concerning the nature of truth. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Faithfulness to the truth is thus faithfulness to Christ Himself, not only in belief but also in conduct. To separate moral life from doctrinal truth is to divide what Christ has united. The Apostle warns that such separation leads to ruin: “Wherefore lying one to another, put off the old man, who is corrupted according to the desire of error” (Ephesians 4:22). The Christian life demands integrity, where belief and action are held together under the lordship of Christ, who alone judges both hearts and deeds.

The Church, as the pillar and ground of the truth, bears a solemn responsibility to guard and proclaim what she received. Saint Paul wrote: “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). Fidelity to the truth requires perseverance, especially when truth is resisted or mocked. History bears witness that error often presents itself with confidence, while truth is maintained through patience, suffering, and sacrifice. The Church is therefore called not to novelty, but to constancy, trusting that truth does not need reinvention, only faithful witness.

Faithfulness to the truth carries eternal consequences. The Bible leaves no room for indifference or compromise. “Buy the truth, and sell it not” (Proverbs 23:23). To abandon truth for convenience or acceptance is to exchange what is everlasting for what cannot endure. The faithful Catholic must therefore examine his conscience, remain rooted in sound doctrine, and cling steadfastly to the teaching of Christ and His Church. In doing so, he stands firm against error, not with pride or hostility, but with charity informed by truth, confident that “the truth of the Lord remained forever” (Psalm 116/117:2).

(Fr. Charles)

CAHOLIC CHARITIES of WEST TENNESSEE

Because you chose to give, to serve, and join our mission, neighbors in need are finding food on their table, stability in their lives, and hope for their futures.

Your financial support and volunteer generosity are what make this life-changing work possible, and most importantly, what allows it to continue.

This past year, because of you:

- 41,000+ neighbors in need were served
- 670,000+ meals were provided to individuals and families facing hunger
- 800+ people were supported on their journey out of homelessness
- 1,900 volunteers shared more than 27,000 hours of service
- 87 cents of every dollar was directly invested into client programs

These numbers represent real people. Thank you for your support.

2025 End of the Year Donor Substantiation Letters

Your 2025 donor letters can be found in back of the church. If you would like yours to be mailed or would like to pick yours up, please contact the office. All that are not picked up by Monday, February 2 will be mailed. Thank you to all who donated. Your donations no matter how large or small are truly appreciated.

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, a deacon, or a religious brother or sister?

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com
Or call the Office of Vocations at 91-373-1244



January 28	Little Flowers Group 3:45 PM
January 29	St. Mary Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM
February 1	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
February 1	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
February 6-7	First Friday (9:00 am) and First Saturday (9:00 AM)
February 9	St. Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
February 11	Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
February 11	Holy Family Finance Meeting (12:30 pm)
February 18	Knights of Columbus Meeting (6:00 pm—HF)
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
February 25	Holy Family Council Meeting (12:30 pm)
February 25	Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
February Hospitality Hostesses are: John and Pam Fordon and Richelle Stokes.	
February Fellowship Hostesses are: The Walker Family, Grace Garza and Katy Solomon.	



Tommy Long	February 2
Joyce Rushing	February 6
Tricia Smothers	February 6
Richelle Stokes	February 6
Paul Multon	February 8
Daniel Brush-Ortega	February 13
Norah Hollis	February 15
Hilario Valenzuela	February 17
Angela Wasley	February 17
Craig Coltharp	February 20
Robert Kryszak	February 21
Anthony Crawford	February 22
Betty Gagnon	February 26
Abby Butler	February 27
Luis Salazar	February 28

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

01/11/2026

St. Mary—Enrollment	72
Regular Offering	\$1565.00
Families Contributing	22
Holy Family — Enrollment	51
Regular Offering	\$761.00
Families Contributing	12

TWO COLLECTIONS

2/1/2026

Regular Offertory/Capital Improvement

Ministry Schedule

February 1, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Mike and Kathy Solomon

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Alex Solares

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: The Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford



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.



	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/24/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Salvatore +and Mary+ Russo	Ron and Patty Russo
Sunday	1/25/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	1/25/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Sam Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Monday	1/26/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	1/27/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	1/28/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Evelyn Polking+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	1/29/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	1/30/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/31/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Bonnie Harris+ and Jerry Hancock+	Ron and Patty Russo
Sunday	2/01/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	George Klinzing Sr.+	Mary Jane Klinzing
Sunday	2/01/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	John Parker	Arlene Conrad

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.

