

# St. Mary Catholic Church

February 8, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

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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



## HOPE IN DIVINE PROMISES

Hope in divine promises is a theological virtue grounded entirely in the truthfulness and fidelity of God. It is not a disposition arising from favorable circumstances, nor an emotional confidence in human ability, but a rational and obedient trust in what God has revealed. The Bible is unequivocal on this point. God's promises rest upon His own unchangeable nature. As Saint Paul writes with precision, believers live "in hope of life everlasting, which God, who lieth not, hath promised before the times of the world" (Titus 1:2, Douay-Rheims). Our hope therefore stands upon divine veracity, not upon conjecture or sentiment.

The Old Testament consistently forms this virtue by directing the faithful to place their trust in God amidst adversity and delay. Hope is portrayed as patient reliance upon the Lord's word. "In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded" (Psalm 30/312). Such hope does not deny suffering or trial; rather, it refuses to interpret hardship as the failure of God's promise. We hope precisely because God remains faithful even when fulfillment is unseen.

In the New Testament, hope is clarified even more for us through the saving work of Christ. Redemption has been accomplished, yet its full manifestation remains future, and it is here that hope exercises its proper role. Saint Paul wrote: "For we are saved by hope. But hope that is not seen, is not hope. For what man seeth, why doth he hope for?" (Romans 8:24). Our Hope is thus directed toward realities assured by God but not yet possessed in fullness, above all the resurrection and eternal life.

Hope in divine promises is sustained through obedience, prayer, and perseverance within the Church. It guards against both presumption and despair by fixing the soul upon God's proven faithfulness rather than personal feeling. The Epistle to the Hebrews exhorts the faithful: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he is faithful that hath promised" (Hebrews 10:23). Such hope orders the Christian life, strengthens endurance, and anchors the soul firmly in the promises of God, which do not fail.

(Fr, Charles)





**First Friday of the Month February 6**

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

**First Saturday of the Month February 7**

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

**“You are Invited”**

All those celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries in the month of February are invited to celebrate their special day with cake and ice cream following the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, February 7 at St. Mary.

**2025 End of the Year Donor Substantiation Letters**

Your 2025 donor letters can be found in back of the church. Those that have not been collected will be mailed on Monday, February 9. If you would like to pick yours up, please contact the office. Thank you to all who donated. Your



**“You are the light of the world” Matthew 5:14**

Holy Matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world of faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

Visit: [www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com) or call the Office of Vocations at 373-1244.



- 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 11 St. Mary Finance Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
- February 12 St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
- February 14 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
- February 15 Valentine’s Day Party (HF) (Hospitality Sunday)
- February 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting (6:00 pm—HF)
- February 18 Ash Wednesday (Mass Times Bot Set)
- 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.

## 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.

## FYI (Weekly Offertory):

Due to the storms and cancellation of masses, all offertory money collected will be combined with the February 8 collection. There is not an accurate figure to be posted at this time. I hope that this will not cause too much of a disturbance. Call the office at 731-584-6459 if you have any questions.

## 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

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 72

Regular Offering

Families Contributing 22

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 51

Regular Offering

Families Contributing 12

## TWO COLLECTIONS

2/15/2026

Regular Offertory/Religious Education

## Ministry Schedule

February 15, 2026

### St. Mary Catholic Church

#### Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Shelia Melton

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

### Holy Family Catholic Church

#### Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Allen

Gift Bearers: The Angel Ochoa Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	2/07/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	2/08/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Danny Lomax+	Sandy Simpson
Sunday	2/08/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jodie Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	2/09/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	2/10/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	2/11/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Thursday	2/12/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Cornelia Roach+	Pat Boucher
Friday	2/13/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	2/14/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Ron and Patty Russo
Sunday	2/15/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	2/15/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St.. Mary Parishioners	

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

**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.

