

# St. Mary Catholic Church

March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

## 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

265 Cotham Drive

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### Mailing Address:

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



## CHRIST'S PRESENCE WITH US

The Christian confession concerning the presence of Christ among His people rests firmly upon the words of the Lord Himself. After His resurrection He gave this assurance to His disciples: "Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" (Matthew 28:20, Douay-Rheims). This promise was not limited to the Apostles alone, but extends to the entire Church throughout the centuries. Christ did not depart from His people as one absent from the earth; rather, He ascended into heaven while continuing to dwell among the faithful in a manner both spiritual and sacramental. The Church therefore lives not as an abandoned body remembering a distant teacher, but as a living communion sustained by the abiding presence of her Lord.

This presence is first known in the interior life of the believer through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle speaks of this indwelling when he wrote: "know you not, that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Through baptism and the life of grace, Christ Himself comes to dwell within soul. The faithful therefore do not merely follow the teachings of Christ as one might follow the words of a philosopher: they are united to Him. His life becomes the life of the believer. This mystical union forms the heart of Christian existence, for the faithful live continually in communion with the Lord who strengthens, guides, and sanctifies them.

Yet the presence of Christ among His people is not confined to the interior life alone. The Church has always proclaimed the real and objective presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. At the Last supper the Lord said: "This is my body... This is my blood of the new testament" (Matthew 26:26-28). These words establish the sacrament in which Christ gives Himself to His people under the appearances of bread and wine. In the Eucharist He is not symbolically remembered but truly present. The faithful therefore approach altar not simply to recall a past event, but to receive the living Christ who nourishes His Church and unites believers to Himself.

The presence of Christ is also known within the gathered community of the faithful. The Lord stated plainly: "For where there are two or three gathered together in my names, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Whenever Christians assemble for prayer, worship, and charity, Christ stands among them as their head and shepherd. The Church, therefore, is not merely an organization of believers but the living body of Christ upon earth. Through His word, His sacraments, and His abiding promise, the Lord continues to dwell with His people. Thus the faithful may walk through every trial of life with confidence, knowing that Christ has not abandoned His Church, but remains truly present with her until the end of the age.

(Fr. Charles)



St. Mary Ladies Guild will sponsor a Multi-Family Yard sale in the church parking lot on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are no booth/table fees, but donations will be appreciated. All set up and clean ups are the responsibility of each participant. In case of rain, the sale will move to the weekend of April 24 and 25. If you are interested, please call the office to reserve your space. Deadline for sign up is April 1.

### Lenten Diaper Drive



St. Mary's PRE students will once again be having their Annual Diaper Drive for FYI Clinic. These diapers help mothers and babies in need. There will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall to place donations. Please be generous.

Thank you and God Bless!  
Tessa Walker, DRE

### St. Mary Directory Corrections

If your information in the directory is not correct, please contact the office so we can correct any errors.

### "I am the Light of the World" John 9:5

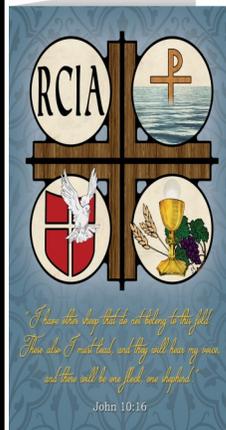
In marriage, couples reflect light of Christ by the way they love, forgive, & serve one another. Their faith-filled witness fills their home with love & grace.

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| March 18 | Knights of Columbus (SM)<br>(6:00 PM)                                 |
| March 25 | Little Flowers Group<br>(5:30 pm)                                     |
| March 26 | Holy Family Penance Service<br>(5:30 pm)                              |
| March 27 | St. Mary Penance Service<br>(5:30 pm)                                 |
| March 29 | No PRE (Spring Break)   |
| March 29 | Palm Sunday   |
| March 29 | Fellowship Sunday and<br>Reception Honoring<br>Catechumens (12:00 PM) |

\*\*Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday are Diane Brodbeck, Sharon Latendresse and Glenda Nielson.



Please keep Steven Lowry and Dustin Wilbanks in your prayers as they prepare to become full members in the Catholic Church. There will be a reception honoring both Dustin and Steven on Sunday, March 29 immediately following the 10:45 mass at St. Mary. All are invited to attend.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, March 18, Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20. If there is an emergency, please call 731-697-4250





	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	3/14/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Sandy Simpson
Sunday	3/15/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Anna Mills	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	3/15/2006	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mae Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Monday	3/16/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James and Debra Davenport	David Baloga
Tuesday	3/17/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	3/18/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Sam Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	3/19/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Karen Driggs+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	3/20/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Richelle Stokes
Saturday	3/21/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Salvatore+ and Mary Russo+	Ron and Patty Russo
Sunday	3/22/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Sunday	3/15/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mike+ and Pat+ Baloga	David Baloga

**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 Korbelt, Barry Raidt, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Paul Multon, Sissy Munoz.

**For Our Extended Family:** Gerry Baloga, brother of David Baloga and Michelle Leonard; 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; Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore,

granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Carolyn Tedore, sister of Pam McMillan; 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 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.