

St. Mary Catholic Church

March 22, 2026 Fifth 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:

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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



THE PROMISE OF THE EMPTY TOMB

The Christian journey through Lent directs the heart of the faithful toward the great triumph of Easter. During these days the Church calls her children to watchfulness, repentance, and hope, not in sorrow but in expectation. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ stands at the center of the Christian faith, for without it the Gospel would lose its power and promise. The Apostle Paul wrote: "And if Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain": (1 Corinthians 15:14, Douay-Rheims). Because Christ truly rose from the dead, the faithful look forward to Easter with steady Confidence. The season therefore teaches us to lift our eyes beyond present trials and to wait with patience for the victory already secured by the Lord.

Looking forward with eyes of faith requires trust in the promises of God. The Resurrection was foretold long before it occurred, and the Lord Himself spoke of it to His disciples. Yet they struggled until the event had taken place. Faith enables the believer to grasp what the senses cannot yet see. As the Apostle wrote, "Faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not" (Hebrews 11:1). In the same manner, the faithful during Lent await the joy of Easter with spiritual vision. They prepare their hearts through prayer, fasting, and charity, confident that the sorrow of the Passion gives way to the glory of the Resurrection.

The Resurrection of Christ continues to shape the life of the Church and the hope of every believer. The same Lord who rose from the tomb now reigns in glory and calls His People to share in His victory. The Bible proclaims this promise: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Easter should remind us that death does not hold the final word. Christ has conquered the grave, and those who belong to Him shall also rise.

For this reason the Church approaches Easter with reverence, expectation, and joy. The faithful walk through the solemn remembrance of the Passion knowing that the dawn of the Resurrection approaches. Their hope rests not in human strength but in the saving work of Christ. As the Lord Himself said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live" (John 11:25). Thus we look forward to Easter with unwavering faith, confident that the light of the risen Christ will overcome every darkness and that His victory will endure forever.

(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.

"Fellowship Sunday"

St. Mary's Fellowship Sunday has been changed from April 5th to March 29.. At this time, we will also be honoring our catechumens with a reception. Desserts are not needed. A cake in honor of Dustin and Steven has been ordered.

For Your Information:

All baby bottles need to be returned to the office on Holy Thursday.

A Holy Week schedule will be available in next week's bulletin.

Don't forget Reconciliation Services on March 26 and March 27.

"I am the resurrection and the Life" John 1:25

Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments?

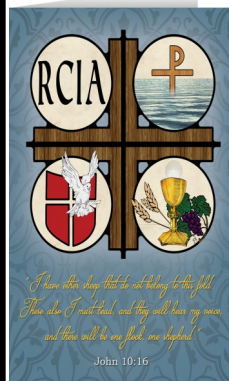
Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Or call the Office of Vocation at 373-1244



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| March 25 | Little Flowers Group
(5:30 pm) |
| March 26 | Holy Family Penance Service
(5:30 pm) |
| March 27 | St. Mary Penance Service
(5:30 pm) |
| March 29 | No PRE (Spring Break) |
| March 29 | Palm Sunday |
| March 29 | Fellowship Sunday and
Reception Honoring
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.

St. Mary Annual Easter Egg Hunt

St. Mary will be having it's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday immediately following 10:45 mass. All children between the age of 2 years and 12 years are invited to participate. This year all prizes will be found in the eggs. Happy Hunting!



**Stations of the Cross
Weekly Schedule**

Holy Family Friday, 3:00 pm
St. Mary Friday, 5:00 pm



Need Your Assistance!



With Holy Week quickly approaching, we are in need of men from both Holy Family and St. Mary to volunteer to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday mass. This is a humbly, yet rewarding experience. Please contact the office at 731-584-6459 if you will participate.



I would like to thank all in both parishes for the prayers, kind words, encouragement, and cards that were sent during Tommie's struggle and with sympathy upon her death. I cannot say the words needed to express the love and concern you showed me, Thanks

Deacon Wayne

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
3/15/2026**

St. Mary—Enrollment	72
Regular Offering	\$1431.00
Families Contributing	24
Holy Family — Enrollment	54
Regular Offering	\$628.00
Families Contributing	11

ONE COLLECTION
3/29/2026
Regular Offertory

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 29,, 2026**

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson
Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jean E. and Glenda N. (Sat.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Walter and Shelia Melton

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector John Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Bobby and Phyllis Wendt

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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	3/22/2006	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mike+ and Pat+ Baloga	David Baloga
Monday	3/23/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James , Barbara and Michael Gillespie+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	3/24/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	3/25/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Cornelia Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	3/26/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Eric and Teresa Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Friday	3/27/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Josh and Haley Herron	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	3/28/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nicholas Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	3/29/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	3/29/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mary Ellen Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce

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, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, 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 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.