

St. Mary Catholic Church

May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 MONTH OF MARY

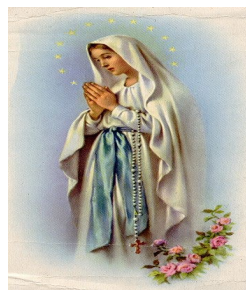
The month of May has long been cherished within the Church as a season specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the earth blossoms with new life and beauty, the faithful are called to turn their hearts toward the one whom the angel Gabriel greeted with the words: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women" (Luke 1:28). In Mary, the Church beholds the perfect example of humility, obedience, purity, and steadfast faith. She did not seek honor for herself, Yet God exalted her above all women because she surrendered herself completely to His holy will. During this month, we are encouraged to renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother through petitions, the holy rosary, acts of charity, and meditation upon the mysteries of Christ's life.

St. Mary always leads souls to her Son. True devotion to the Blessed Mother never distracts from Christ, but instead deepens love for Him. At the wedding feast of Cana, her instruction remains a guiding word for the whole Church: "Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye" (John 2:5). These words reveal the heart of Mary's Maternal Mission. She points away from herself and toward obedience to Christ. In this dark world that is full of confusion, pride, and spiritual darkness, the example of the Blessed Virgin remains a light for Christian souls. Her silence, her purity of heart, and her unwavering trust in God rebuke the spirit of the world, which exalts self-will and rebellion against divine truth.

The month of May is therefore not simply a cultural tradition. It is a call to deeper conversion and holiness. Families should be encouraged to gather together for prayer before an image or statue of Our Lady, asking her intercession for peace, purity, perseverance, and protection from evil. The rosary, so greatly loved by countless saints and faithful Catholics throughout the centuries, remains a powerful spiritual weapon against sin and despair. Through the Blessed Mothers's prayers, many souls have found strength in suffering, courage in temptation, and comfort in times of grief. The Church continues to honor her because God Himself honored her first by choosing her to bear the Incarnate Word within her womb.

As Catholics honor Mary during this blessed month, they should strive to imitate her virtues with sincerity and devotion. The Blessed Virgin teaches the faithful to treasure the things of God within the heart, to remain faithful beneath the Cross, and to trust in the promises of the Lord even amidst trials and uncertainty. The words of the Magnificat continue to echo throughout every generation: "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47). May this month of May draw the faithful closer to Christ through the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and may her prayers strengthen the Church in holiness, fidelity, and peace.

(Fr. Charles)



Filled With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit



- May 10 Baptisms/May Crowning (10:45 am)
- May 11 St. Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- May 16 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
- May 17 Graduates Recognition (SM) (10:45 am)
- May 20 Holy Family Finance Council Meeting (12:30 pm)
- May 20 St. Mary Finance Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
- May 20 Knights of Columbus Meeting (6:00 pm)



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.



Attention St. Mary Church Key Bearers

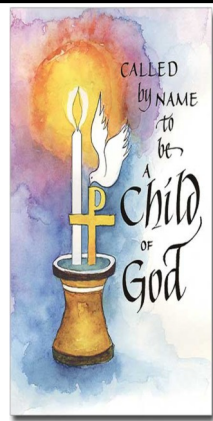
We have once again had to call a Locksmith to get the church door open. He stated that someone is forcing their key into the lock which is causing the lock to jam. If you are having problems, please call the office and someone will come to lock the door. Thank you in advance.



A special shout out to the high school graduates from Holy Family and St. Mary. Jullienne Salma will graduate on Saturday, May 16 from Huntingdon High School, and Neveah Harris and Michael O'Connell will graduate from Camden High School on Friday, May 15. Keep them in your prayers as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.

For Your Information:

On Wednesday, May 13, the office will be opened from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. We will be back to regular hours on Thursday, May 14.



Please keep the Chaparro family in your prayers as all four children will be baptized on Sunday, May 10 at St. Mary. Sofia Elizabeth, Einar Aleksander, Leif Anders and Daisy Eloise. May God bless them all on this special day.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Memphis with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Give your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

5/03/2026

St. Mary— Enrollment	75
Regular Offering	\$3605.00
Families Contributing	21
Holy Family — Enrollment	59
Regular Offering	\$1724.00
Families Contributing	14

TWO COLLECTIONS

5/17/2026

Regular Offertory and Maintenance

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 17, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson
 Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)
 Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
 Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
 Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Debbie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell / Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	5/09/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	5/10/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Nick Roach Jr.+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	5/10/2006	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mary Johnson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	5/11/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Sandy Simpson	Barbara Taylor
Tuesday	5/12/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	5/13/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Prayer Service	
Thursday	5/14/2026	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Prayer Service	
Friday	5/15/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Arthur Watwood+	Sandy Simpson
Saturday	5/16/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Jose and Celina Conchas	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	5/17/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Tommie Tedford+	Dwayne and Karen Pierce
Sunday	5/17/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Joe Don Baker+	Linda Carter

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: Vicky Baloga, sister-in-law of David Baloga, Joyce King, friend of St. Mary, 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 and Kathy Coltharp, 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.