

Bautismo, Gregorio Fernandez



*St. Mary's*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Jackson, Tennessee

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
*Parroquia Santa Maria*  
1665 Highway 45 Bypass  
Jackson, TN 38305

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission  
*Misión Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*  
172 Main St.  
Bells, TN 38006

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 11, 2026



## January 11, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Jackson, Tennessee

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Bells, TN

**Fr. Dennis Schenkel, Pastor**  
**Fr. Gabe Bouck, Associate Pastor**  
**Fr. Rolando Perez, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Dale Brown, Deacon**  
**Rev. Dr. Eddy Koonce, Deacon**  
**Rev. Mr. Bill Winston, Deacon**  
**Rev. Dr. David Rosenthal, Deacon**

#### Parish Office

**Open Monday**

9:00am-4:00pm

**Open Tuesday-Friday**

9:00am-5:00pm

**Phone: 731-668-2596**

**Email: [parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org)**

#### Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:30pm-6:15pm

**Wednesdays:** 8:10am-11:30am-12pm

**Fridays:** 8:10am

**Saturdays:** 3:20 pm-3:50pm

**Sundays:** 7:30am-7:50am, 10am-10:20am,  
& 12:15pm-12:50pm

*\*Confessions will be heard in the confessional.*

#### Baptisms

Class required for 1st time parents and are offered the 2nd Mon. of every month.

#### Weddings

Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

#### Anointing of the Sick

By appointment.

In case of a serious illness or death, call the parish office.

*Our after hours answering service will get a message to a priest.*



**St. Mary's School: 731-668-2525**

To better serve our St. Mary's parishioners:

If you are a patient, family member or loved one of a patient at Jackson-Madison General Hospital and wish to receive a visit from *St. Mary's Hospital Ministry to the Sick*, please contact the Parish Office with the patient's name & hospital room number.

### Weekend Mass Schedule



#### English Mass

**- Saturday Vigil -**

4:00pm

**- Sunday -**

8:00am

10:30am \*

*\*Live-Streamed*

#### Spanish Mass

*Sundays at 1:00pm*

### St. Mary's Catholic Church Daily Mass Schedule

<b>M</b>	7:00am
<b>T</b>	7:00am & 6:15pm
<b>W</b>	7:00am, 8:10am, & 12pm
<b>TH</b>	7:00am
<b>F</b>	7:00am & 8:10am
<b>SA</b>	8:00am

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Keep in touch with us  
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

**facebook**

**Instagram**

find us on **YouTube**

Please submit ALL bulletin information to [parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org)

For the Latest News & Info with our Diocese, check out: [www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org)



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### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Jackson, TN

##### **Saturday January 10**

8:00am **Craigie Family**

4:00pm ✠ **Cyril Bell** by His Daughters

##### **Sunday January 11**

8:00am **Mass for the People of SMC & OLG**

10:30am **Samuel Lamaíta**

1:00pm **Miguel Luis** de parte de la Familia Luis

##### **Monday January 12**

7:00am **Katy Brown**

##### **Tuesday January 13**

7:00am ✠ **Mike Breen** by Chip & Dianne Edwards

6:15pm ✠ **Almas del Purgatorio**

##### **Wed. January 14**

7:00am ✠ **Laura Dunbar** by Chad Dunbar

8:10am **Fr. Enrique Granados** de parte de Catalina Gurrola

12:00pm ✠ **Rosie Tucker** by the Todd Family

##### **Thurs. January 15**

7:00am **Carol Antique** (B'day Int.)

##### **Friday January 16**

7:00am **Sam Brown**

8:10am ✠ **Charles Reese** by Chip & Dianne Edwards

##### **Saturday January 17**

8:00am **Antonio Gomez** (Int. de Cumpleaños) de parte de la Familia Gomez

4:00pm **George Graham** (B'day Int.)

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Bells, TN

##### **Saturday January 10**

6:00pm ✠ **Jose Yair de la Rosa** de parte de Catalina Gurrola

##### **Saturday January 17**

6:00pm ✠ **Bebes no nacidos**



### Comments from Deacon Dale Brown

Christ's baptism in the Jordan reveals two central truths of Christianity, one of which we think about a lot, and the other of which we hardly ever think about. The one we think about a lot is the fact that Christ is the promised Savior, the Messiah. He is the one described by Isaiah in the First Reading, the one God sent to take away the sins of the world and inaugurate a new, everlasting kingdom of justice and love. His baptism makes this evident by the descent of the Holy Spirit and God's voice ringing out from heaven. The truth of Christianity that we think about less often is that of the Blessed Trinity. We always pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And profess our belief every Sunday, when we pray the Creed, in the true God who is one and three: one in divine nature, and three in persons. The Father is fully God, the Son is fully God (he existed before his incarnation), and the Holy Spirit is fully God. All three are eternal, uncreated, and divine - separate persons, but one God. We don't believe in three Gods, but only one. And yet, that one God is three divine Persons. All three show up at Christ's baptism. The Son is Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus like a dove, from heaven. And the Father is the voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son." The reason we don't think too much about the Trinity is because it's really hard for us to understand. But now and then we should think about it - after all, God revealed it for a reason.



**THE ADORATION CHAPEL:**  
SIGN-UP, CHOOSE A TIME ONLINE AT  
ST. MARY'S WEBSITE:  
<https://stmarys.tn.org/adoration/>  
Please enter the chapel by way of the chapel door which is located on the South side of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact: Sharon Loucks at [louckss@att.net](mailto:louckss@att.net).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Brigitte Rich, mother of James Rich and  
Tina Rich Solberg



**Our sympathy and prayers...**

*For the family and friends, that they may know God's love & comfort during this time.*

**The Parish Office will be closed each day, 11am-11:10am for a daily prayer gathering.**  
**You are invited to join us, if you're in the vicinity.**

*For information about Mass Intentions,  
call 731.668.2596.*

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### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Offertory	\$19,919
January Weekly Offertory Goal	\$19,500
Total Offertory to Date	\$591,780
Offertory Goal to Date	\$579,500

<b>Generations of Generosity Pledges</b>	\$1,797,267.64
(Families 358) Pledges paid:	\$1,238,967.64

### Adult Sunday School

FORMATION AND FRIENDSHIP

9:30-10:15AM, Our Lady of Africa Room

FAITH SHARING & SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Also, join our Wednesday morning Scripture study group,  
10:00am, Our Lady of Africa Room.

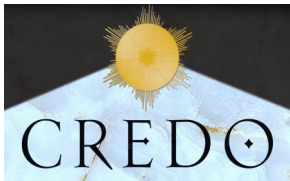
### Learn about the Catholic Faith!

Sundays, 9:10-10:20am,  
Our Lady of Lourdes Room.

Jan. 11 TOPIC: Faith

Jan. 25 TOPIC:

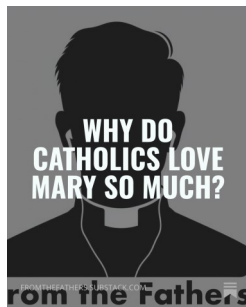
The Virtue of Hope and the  
Last Things



Are you or a loved one interested in joining  
the Catholic Church?

Explore the Catholic Faith. Invite friends,  
family, co-workers! For information, call  
Maximilian Hart in the Parish office.

### FROM THE FATHERS PARISH PODCAST:



Fr. Gabe shares the reasons. Why do Catholics seem so  
obsessed with Mary? Fr. Gabe shares why we love our  
mother, and tells the story of Guadalupe.

Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://fromthefathers.substack.com/p/why-do-catholics-love-mary-so-much>

### SUNDAY ROSARY GROUP, 3PM

We meet every Sunday in the library/conference room.



## Family Faith Formation Information

### 2025-2026 ATRIUM SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY SESSIONS

11:40-12:50 (grades 1-6)

Jan. 11  
Jan. 18  
Jan. 25  
Feb. 1  
Feb. 8

#### TUESDAY SESSIONS

5:45- 7:20 (grades 1-3)

Jan. 13  
Jan. 20  
Jan. 27  
Feb. 3  
Feb. 10

#### WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

5:45pm-7:20pm  
(grades PreK-6)

6:00pm-7:15pm  
Confirmation (grades 7-8)

Jan. 14  
Jan. 21  
Jan. 28  
Feb. 4  
Feb. 11



### KNIGHTS KORNER

Sharing the work & news of our Knights  
with St. Mary's parishioners.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ROSARY**

Every Monday at 6:00pm.



**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP, 7:30am—8:20am, every first  
and third Thursday in the Knight's Hall**

Join us for fraternity, formation and prayer.

We are studying the Books of Acts.

Want more information? Call or text: 731-487-2008

**FOR INFO REGARDING THE KNIGHTS**, contact Grand Knight  
Dennis Arendt at breeze4114@bellsouth.net or **JOIN ONLINE** at  
kofc.org/join and enter Council 1101.



**COUNTRY BREAKFAST  
NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 18, 2026!**

After 8 & 10:30 Masses

Holy Family Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**  
Upcoming retreats

SCAN to get more information  
and REGISTER or email:  
[steve.fracchia@olqp.cdom.org](mailto:steve.fracchia@olqp.cdom.org)



**olqpretreats.com**

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Meetings are every Wed.,  
6-7:30pm in the  
modular building.  
Come spend evenings with  
prayer, service, friends and fun.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://stmarys.tn.org/youth/>  
AND check us out on Instagram & Facebook.

## JANUARY 2026:

Month's Theme:  
Strength in Identity

Jan. 14—Living Your  
Identity

Jan. 21—Chosen & Cherished:  
Our Identity & the Gift of Life

Jan. 28—Gals & Guys  
Breakout Night

St. Mary's High School Youth  
Group Registration



Please consider giving a donation to help fund the kids  
trip to Steubenville. Scan QR code to give online or



give at  
the Parish  
office or  
send by  
mail to St.  
Mary's  
church.



GIVE A GIFT!

## Nomination for St. Mary's - Mater Dei Award 2026



On February 15, 2026 our parish will celebrate  
our annual feast day honoring Our Lady of  
Lourdes. As part of our celebration, we will  
have the presentation of the Mater Dei Award.  
The purpose of this award is to honor those  
who have rendered outstanding Christian ser-  
vice to St. Mary's Parish for at least five years.  
Nominees must be confirmed Catholics at least  
18 years of age. (Employees of the school and  
parish are excluded from nominations).

The Mater Dei (Mother of God) Award was  
established in 1991 and to date has been given to over 70 former  
and present parishioners. Any confirmed parishioner age 18 or  
older may submit a nomination, as well as any group or organi-  
zation.

The deadline for submitting nomination forms is Sunday,  
January 18, 2026. Completed nomination forms may be sub-  
mitted to the Parish Office by mail or in person, or dropped in  
the specially designated box in the Narthex. Forms are available  
to download on St. Mary's website at <https://stmarys.tn.org/> or  
can be picked up at the Parish office.

## Celebrate Life

Please pray for the women in our parish who are with child.



Dear Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to protect the little babies who are being  
knit together in their mothers' wombs. Comfort  
their mothers & fathers  
during the time they are growing &  
developing. Lord Jesus, give these smallest of  
persons the strength to come into this world, to  
fully participate in your creation.  
Send your Holy Spirit to infuse their souls with love for  
you. After long, healthy, & loving lives, bring  
them safely home to you. Amen.

## Expectant Mothers:

Brandi Taylor  
Kirsten Brandt  
Sydney Moore  
Janay Ezeofor  
Shelby Elizabeth Morgan

Delia Garcia  
Diana Holt

## Congratulations to:

Emily Hazlehurst  
Audrey Davis  
Sue Ellen Barnes Doudrick  
Maria Guadalupe Chavez  
Louisa Vellios  
Olivia Jacobs

**Contact:** To add to this list, receive meals, or to support these moms:  
Email [Gretchen at Gretchen.Longeway@stmarys.tn.org](mailto:Gretchen.Longeway@stmarys.tn.org)

## Prayer Requests

Abellana, Felisa	Gastador, Maria	Ormerod, Barbara
Adams, Grant	Geibel, Stephanie	Osgood, Philip
Allison, James & Judy	Gill, John	Osses, Jose Maria
Antique, Daisy	Gill, Rose	Overbey, Michael
Antique, Julie	Goethals, Kyle	Parish, Christine
Antonja, Maria	Gokim, Eugene	Penwell, Lee
Arendt, Brenda	Grant, Susan	Powers, Cindy
Babcock, Craig	Grant, Phillip	Preston, Anderson
Bargiachi, Charlie	Grijalva, Montano	Quinton, Alquin
Bateman, Margo	Gurrola, Catalina	Quinton, Jun
Batestil, Mamerto	Gurrola, Martha C.	Quinton, Lourdes
Bautista, Laura	Gyenge, Lorraine	Ragan, Phillip
Beach, Jayden	Harmon, Sherri	Randolph, Ed
Beals, Gerry	Harrell, Deborah	Regenhold, Lynn
Beare Family	Henke, Max	Rodriguez, Jesus Mata
Beare, Peggy	Herndon, Eddie	Rogers, Steven
Bell, Carmen	Holt, Carol Kay	Russell, David
Benjamin, Rick	Howell, Cash	Sabella, Jim & Marsha
Blanton, Dottie	Hulderman, Bobbie	Saia, Lou
Bonds, Carolyn	Hughes, Roger	Sain, Anne
Boosey, Harry	Ivory, Julie & James	Samonte, Alma
Brown, Kailyn	Johns, Brian	Samonte, Josephine
Browning, Geneva	Johnson, Paula	Sanchez, Fernando
Browning, Shirley	Johnson, Theresa	Sanders, James
Bryant, Martha	Jones, Brian	Sandlin, Janice
Buchholz, Helen	Jones, Glen	Schoenbacher, Martha
Cabo, Grace	Jones, Jonathan	Scott, Franklin
Cano, Carmen	Jones, Rhonda	Sessions, Liz Atkins
Carpenter, Brad	Kain, Otto	Sioson, Pelagia
DOT Carlock	Keyes, Ken	Smith, Elias, Jr.
Chavez, Maria G.	Kirkpatrick, Kim Abell	Smith, Gary
Chioco, Ernesto	Lav, Tyler	Smith, Mike
Chioco, Nida	Leon, Diego	Smith, Patricia
Clark, Juanita	Leon, Manuel	Solberg, Charles
Clift, Dorothy	Lipe, Fitts	Solberg, Marie
Collins, Jared	Londino, Joe	Soto Corpuz, Victor
Cone, Marion	Luy, Suzanne Joy	Speechley, Jean
Coons, Adam & Family	Lycette, Missi	Sichura, David
Crosnoe, Jimmy	Manes, Adoracion	Storms, Mary
Cummings, Chris	Manes, Jomar	Strazzella, Chris
Davis, Dorothy	Manes, Lolita	Strazzella, Larry & Mona
Davis, Eddie	Markowski, Diane	Sturgis, Larry
Davis, Heather	Marshall, Phyllis	Styers, William
Davis, Ronald	Masters, Thomas	Taylor, Edna
Day, Barbara	Mata, Melisa	Thomas, Nicole
DeArmitt, Becky	Mayfield, Bill	Todd, Mary & Norris
Diaz, Aurelio	McCaig, Amy Lynn	Timby, Bryan
Diaz, Luz Elena	McLeary, Ralph	Tyson, Diane
Doumitt, Deedee	Medvec, Dolores	Ubelhor, Wayne
Durning, Maureen	Mercado, Pacita	Vars, Elaine
Dwyer, Charles	Meyer, Jill	Vucina, Maggie
Dwyer, Mark	Meyer, Michelle	Walker, Earl
Dwyer, Pollyanne	Meyers, Karen	Walker, Robert
Dwyer, Sally	Miller, Laurene Rose	Ward, Dan
Edds, Wanda	Miller, Michael	Warmath, Marvin
Edelen, Nancy J.	Miracle, Jordan	White, John
Edwards, Carter	Mitchelson, Joe	Williams, Anna Katharine
Ellington, Lisa	Moody, Lois	Williams, Lenda
Ferri, Alex	Moore, Leah	Wilson, Joan
Filomeno, Jose Juan	Morrison, Libby	Wood, Debra
Flores, Melissa	Moss, Deacon Jim &	Wyatt, Sherri
Franks, Grayson	Peggy	Young, Christian
Frick, Leslie	Neal, Mary	Young, Eveline
Francy, Judith	Nunn, Marvin	
	Okolo, Joseph	





PARISH EDUCATION  
**St. Mary's School**  
*For the Scholar \* For the Spirit*

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
**MARDI GRAS**  
*Gala*  
**DINNER & AUCTION**  
**Save the Date**  
**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**HUB CITY BREWING**  
250 W MAIN STREET  
JACKSON, TN 38301

**7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT**  
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 5:00

**SMS**

Proceeds benefit the students of St. Mary's School

**OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**  
1665 HWY 45 BY-PASS, JACKSON, TN 38305  
11 MONTHS - 8TH GRADE

**JAN. 25TH**  
3:00-5:00 PM

**SMS**

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**SMS**

**MARDI GRAS**  
**AUCTION GALA**  
**RAFFLE TICKET SALE**

**GRAND PRIZE \$6000!\***  
\*500 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD

**ONE PRIZE OF \$1000**    **ONE PRIZE OF \$250**  
**ONE PRIZE OF \$500**    **ONE PRIZE OF \$150**

Limit 600 tickets available. You do not have to be present to win. Each ticket is \$30.00. Tickets can be purchased from a SMS student or front office. The drawing will take place on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Gala.

Gala tables and tickets available at [SMGala26.givesmart.com](https://SMGala26.givesmart.com)

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### Homebound & Senior Citizens' Corner



Column Prepared by  
**Maggie-Poole Vucina**  
Phone: 731-664-8328



Call Maggie for help in locating any tradesman (carpenter, electrician, housecleaner, etc.) any home-health/medical or non-medical agency or for prayer cards: **O BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR THE USA & EVENING PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.**

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

The most common, chronic condition seniors deal with in the U.S. is high blood pressure. About 61% of the senior population have hypertension which involves two issues: how much blood your heart pumps, as well as, how resistant your arteries are to the blood flow.



The Tennessee Department of Health offers a virtual Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshops to interested participants. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in signing up for one of these workshops,

please contact the Program Director for Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Prevention at **615-532-7577**.

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

**Tues., Jan. 13** FEAST DAY of **St. Hilary of Poitiers**, a 4<sup>th</sup> century defender of the divinity of Christ, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity. He is patron saint of scholars, students & theologians.

**Sat., Jan. 17** FEAST DAY of **St. Anthony**, a Christian monk from Egypt. He is considered the "Father of monasticism" in Christianity. Though having lived a solitary life in the desert for 15 years, he came forth for 6 years to instruct and organize a community of monks. His task accomplished, he withdrew to the desert for another 45 years. He is often invoked against infectious skin diseases which include shingles (often referred to as St. Anthony's Fire).

### NOTABLE QUOTABLE

*"This is the great work of man: always to take the blame for his own sins before God and to expect temptation to his last breath."*—St. Anthony

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN!**  
Sundays, 9am-12pm — Infants to 3-year-olds.



**Life in Spirit Prayer Group**  
Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Room.  
For more info, email Sharon at [sacreiter@gmail.com](mailto:sacreiter@gmail.com).



We have good news! Thanks to your prayers and support, Birth Choice knows of 99 precious children that God has saved from abortion in 2025. Learn about BirthChoice by visiting: [Birth Choice Pregnancy Clinic – Pregnancy Diagnostic Medical Clinic](https://birthchoice.biz) at <https://birthchoice.biz>.

### Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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But now, O Lord, You are our Father;  
We are the clay, and You are our potter;  
We are all the work of Your hand.

Isaiah 64:8, ESV



Join us! The *Well* is our umbrella ministry to women in our parish & community. The *Well* is for ALL WOMEN of the parish, no matter age or life condition. For more information about The Well, please call our parish office: 731.668.2596.

### Sympathy, Encouragement, Get Well, & More

Our January Contact:  
Jeannie Coughlin  
[ccoughlin2121@yahoo.com](mailto:ccoughlin2121@yahoo.com)



*Generations OF Generosity*  
United in Faith

Our campaign moves forward! Fundraising for the St. Joseph Activity Center continues. Landscaping around Holy Family Hall is completed.

### Make your Pledge Online!

Scan me to make your pledge online today!



Visit our parish website: [www.stmarys.tn.org](http://www.stmarys.tn.org)