

St. Mary's
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Jackson, Tennessee

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Agony in the Garden

Christ at Prayer on the Mount of Olives - Noel Coypel, 1705

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

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

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Jackson, Tennessee
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
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

Reconciliation
Tuesdays: 5:30pm-6:15pm
Wednesdays: 8:10am-11:30am-12pm
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**

St. Mary's website:
<https://stmarys.tn.org/>

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

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

Connect with us!



 Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE
 
find us on 

Please submit **ALL** bulletin information to parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org

For the Latest News & Info with our Diocese, check out: www.cdom.org



Our Parish Mission: Celebrating, Proclaiming, & Living the Joy of the Gospel



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Jackson, TN

Saturday February 21

8:00am For Souls of the Dying
4:00pm Erik Graham (B'day Int.)

Sunday February 22

8:00am ✠ Beverly White
10:30am Ella Brown
1:00pm Claudia Parga (Int. de cumpleaños)

Monday February 23

7:00am ✠ Dick Jones

Tuesday February 24

7:00am Christopher Craigie (Discernment)
6:15pm ✠ Billy Gene Frampton

Wed. February 25

7:00am ✠ Dotson Bouchard
8:10am Hector Figueroa
12:00pm St. Mary's Priests

Thurs. February 26

7:00am ✠ Daron Lifsey

Friday February 27

7:00am Father Dennis Schenkel
8:10am Joseph Pullium

Saturday February 28

8:00am ✠ Holy souls in Purgatory
4:00pm Ian Berlanga (B'day Int.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Bells, TN

Saturday February 21

6:00pm No nacidos

Saturday February 28

6:00pm ✠ Rosalva Franco Ruiz



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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Feb. 27—Mar. 6, Mar. 13, Mar. 20,

Mar. 27

SPANISH—6pm, ENGLISH—7pm

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.



Comments from Deacon Dale Brown

St Paul's Letter to the Romans is unique. His other Letters were written in response to specific struggles being faced by local Christian communities. But he had a different goal with his Letter to the Romans. He was hoping to begin soon a new series of missionary journeys that would bring him west - all the way to Spain in fact. For those journeys, he would need a base of operations, and Rome was the perfect choice. It was the capital of a vast empire. To conquer that world for Christ, there was no better headquarters. The Christians in Rome had heard of Paul but had never met him. So, he sent this Letter to prepare the ground for his upcoming visit. He wanted the Romans to know his views firsthand, not through indirect sources. In the section we just heard, Paul elucidates the very core of the whole Gospel, summing up all of human history in a few sentences. God created the human family in perfect harmony, peace and prosperity. But Adam, the leader of that family, sinned. This original sin ruptured that harmony and created a world infected by sin and fraught with conflict, evil, and suffering. Jesus Christ was God's response. Helpless to help ourselves, we needed a savior, someone to reverse Adam's rebellion and reestablish a right relationship between God and man. Jesus Christ was and is that Savior. Adam disobeyed God when he ran into the devil in the Garden of Eden, and all of Adam's descendants suffered the painful consequences. Jesus obeyed God the Father when he ran into the devil in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross at Calvary, and his spiritual descendants receive from him the restoration of righteousness - a right relationship with God.



COMMITMENT WEEKEND for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your response supports the ministries and services that bring love, hope and the mercy of Christ to the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. Please fill out and bring the commitment card you have received in the mail to Mass next weekend, Feb. 28-Mar.1. Your participation guarantees the continuation of the good works of the Catholic Church in Tennessee. Thank you.

*Sympathy, Encouragement,
Get Well, & More*

Our February Contact:

Katie Hopkins

katheryncoughlin@yahoo.com



Card
Ministry

For information about Mass Intentions,
call 731.668.2596.

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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| Weekly Offertory | \$17,485 |
| February Weekly Offertory Goal | \$19,000 |
| Total Offertory to Date | \$706,769 |
| Offertory Goal to Date | \$689,000 |

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| Generations of Generosity Pledges | \$1,797,267.64 |
| (Families 358) Pledges paid: | \$1,238,967.64 |

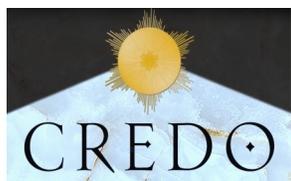
Adult Sunday School

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.
Feb. 22 TOPIC: Love of God &
Neighbor



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.

This year for Lent,
don't just change your habits.

DO SOMETHING THAT WILL
**CHANGE
YOUR LIFE**



light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

Looking for a way to illuminate your lenten journey? Join us for St. Mary's Light of the World annual retreat weekend Friday, February 27-Sunday, March 1, 2026. For more information and to register, visit our link at : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp_HVpPEI7agHB4IPGBTrIRwFkPxcIKbn8cX3AfEeDXzLUA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=111234276097287051434 or call the Parish Office.

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



Family Faith Formation Information

2025-2026 ATRIUM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SESSIONS

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

Feb. 22
Mar. 1
Mar. 8
Mar. 15—*Spring Break*
Mar. 22

TUESDAY SESSIONS

5:45– 7:20 (grades 1-3)

Feb. 24
Mar. 3
Mar. 10
Mar. 17—*Spring Break*
Mar. 24

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

5:45pm-7:20pm
(grades PreK-6)
6:00pm-7:15pm
Confirmation (grades 7-8)

Feb. 25
Mar. 4
Mar. 11
Mar. 18—*Spring Break*
Mar. 25



KNIGHTS KORNER

Sharing the work & news of our Knights
with St. Mary's parishioners.
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ROSARY**
Every Monday at 6:00pm.



SAVE THE DATES!
MARCH 6 & MARCH 27, 2026
5:00pm-7:30pm
Holy Family Hall

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

\$14.00 per person — \$7, children 10 and under

MENU: Catfish, Cheese Pizza, White Beans, Fries, Hushpuppies,
Coleslaw, Drinks and Dessert

**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.



Vocalists & instrumentalists are invited to join St. Mary's Choir. We are currently preparing for Holy Week celebrations. Come join our practices each Wednesday at 6:30.

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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.

This month's theme:
Strength in Love

Feb. 18: No Youth Group—
Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25: Radical Love:
Loving like Christ this Lent.

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.



St. Mary's High School Youth
Group Registration



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH, St. Joseph's Friends, Traditions and Notes. Celebrating our 6th year! Everyone is invited to join as we consecrate ourselves, as a parish & as individuals, to St. Joseph.



We began on Sun., Feb. 15, 2026 using the book *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Donald Calloway. The parish gathering and Mass will be on Thurs., Mar. 19 at 6pm. The Mass is multilingual. Books are available in our bookstore in the Narthex or online at shopmercy.org. If you can make a donation to cover the medals, paper cards and cookies (or make cookies) or make an offering to the poor, please contact Marsha Sabella at msabella23@eplus.net. You may also leave a donation at the Parish office. Please make out your check to St. Mary's Church & designate your check as "for the poor" or for "St. Joseph's Day items".

WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY GROUP • THURSDAYS, @6:30pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Our Lady of Africa Room. • Books are available at the study.



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

Prayer Requests

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

Prayer • Study • Community • Service



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ENROLLING NOW

11 months–8th Grade



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I LOVE YOU TO THE
Moon
AND BACK!

MOTHER-SON DANCE

★ **Saturday, February 28th**
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Boys Can Bring Mom, Grandma, Aunt or Other Special Female Guest

St. Mary's School Cafeteria
 1665 US-45 BYPASS, JACKSON, TN 38305

Tickets are \$20 and available at the door
 \$5 for each additional son
 Mothers vs Sons Dodgeball Game will also take place!

All proceeds benefit the SMS 8th grade class trip
 Please call/text (812) 568-7417 for questions

Daddy-Daughter
Dance



Friday, February 27th
 6:00-8:00 PM

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

Girls can bring Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or Other Special Male Guest

Tickets are \$20 and available at the door.
 \$5 for each additional daughter

SINCE 1878
PRAYER, STUDY, COMMUNITY, SERVICE

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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

As part of the Americans Disability Act, telephone & internet companies contribute to providing folks with hearing difficulty access to phone calls. If you're hard of hearing, you may qualify for a captions telephone at no cost to you. CLEARCAPTIONS is a popular choice for seniors. They provide service and support. They will send a specialist to your home to help you install & set up your phone and answer any questions you may have.



Every ClearCaptions Phone includes voicemail messages with captions, fast dial for all your favorite contacts, and a built-in speakerphone for hands-free calling. Learn about all the phone features and if you qualify at <https://clearcaptions.com/> or call 1-844-920-1715.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

Wed., Feb. 25, FEAST DAY of **St. Walburga**, daughter of St. Richard the King, was born in England in 710. Upon becoming a nun she went to Germany to assist St. Boniface (her uncle) in his missionary work. After her death, her bones were placed in a rocky niche, which allegedly began to exude a miraculously therapeutic oil, drawing pilgrims to her shrine. Extraordinary cures are ascribed to the oil. She is the patroness against rabies and invoked during storms and by sailors.

Fri., Feb. 27, FEAST DAY of **St. Gregory of Narek**, Abbot and Doctor of the Church. Known as the "watchful angel in human form", Gregory lived almost his entire life as an Armenian monk. He is best known for his written work, *Book of Prayer*. He was venerated as a saint in the Armenian Catholic church and recognized as a saint in the Roman Catholic church. His *Book of Prayer* has been used to treat several diseases including schizophrenia, Hepatitis C, periodic disease, stress symptoms and depression.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE

God whose mercies are diverse and abundant, mighty and awesome.

God who loves mankind, blessed living.

God beyond description whose mere word can make anything possible and for whose mind nothing is unthinkable. You alone can repay the severity of thorns with sweetness of fruit.

— *Book of Prayer*, St. Gregory of Narek



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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

with

FR. GABE BOUCK

Parochial Vicar of St. Mary's Church



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THURSDAY

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Make Lent
Great Again

MULLIGAN'S
BAR AND GRILL



1364 Union University Dr,
Jackson, TN 38305



Scan QR code
February 2026 Theology on Tap
RSVP



CONTACT: FAITH MACDONALD
AT FAITH@STMARYS.TN.ORG



WE NEED YOU!

The RIFA Soup Kitchen needs your help. Please consider volunteering for these shifts: (We need 4 volunteers each day), **March 9-13, July 13-1 and October 5-9.**

Each shift lasts from 10am—1:30pm.

Contact: Cathy at cjarvis43@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.

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today!



Visit our parish website: www.stmarys.tn.org