

St. Mary's
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Jackson, Tennessee

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Carrying of the Cross

The Way to Calvary - Domenichino, 1610

March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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find us on YouTube

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church *Jackson, TN*

Saturday March 14

8:00am ✠ Almas del Purgatorio
4:00pm Mass for the People of SMC & OLG

Sunday March 15

8:00am ✠ Dotson Bouchard
10:30am Lizbany Vazquez (Int. de cumpleaños)
1:00pm Confinados en casa

Monday March 16

7:00am ✠ Edward James Poole, Jr.

Tuesday March 17

7:00am ✠ Dan O'Brien
6:15pm ✠ Carlos Manso Rodriguez

Wed. March 18

7:00am ✠ Rex Wood
12:00pm Mark Green

Thurs. March 19

7:00am ✠ Kelly N. Gaffney

Friday March 20

7:00am ✠ Doug Mucci

Saturday March 21

8:00am ✠ Fr. Paul Vaudreail
4:00pm Ashel Emir Guillen (Int. de cumpleaños)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission *Bells, TN*

Saturday March 14

6:00pm ✠ Anastasio Franco Cruz

Saturday March 21

6:00pm ✠ Victor Manuel Franco Ruiz

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF



Barbera Ormerod,
mother of Rob & Steven Ormerod
& long-time parishioner

Our sympathy and prayers...

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

*Sympathy, Encouragement,
Get Well, & More*

Our March Contact:

Jeannie Coughlin

ccoughlin2121@yahoo.com



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

Jesus gave this blind man two priceless gifts. First, Jesus gave him the joy of physical sight. For the first time in his life, he could see. All of the things that he had known just by words, sound, and touch suddenly came alive. Color flooded his mind and filled him with wonder; the visual symphony of the sky and the landscape; the subtle beauty of expressions on people's faces emphasizing the meanings of their words; the look of love and tenderness from his mother, which he had never seen...Jesus had opened up to this man a new, glorious, awe-inspiring world of human experience. Joy, amazement, and gratitude filled the man's mind and heart. He experienced a undreamed-of intensity of life. But Jesus also gave him the gift of spiritual sight - the gift of faith. He enabled the blind man to recognize and see God in Jesus. He enabled him to encounter his Creator knowingly, face to face. And the man was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude and awe - so much so that he fell down at Christ's feet and worshipped him, right there in the middle of the crowded Temple. Which gift did the man value more? His actions give us the answer. He stood up to the powerful Pharisees, defending Christ's lordship, even at the risk of being expelled from the synagogue - making him into a social outcast. This man did not let the gifts of God blind him to the goodness of God. We have also received two priceless gifts from God: our natural lives, with all that that entails, and our supernatural life, our knowledge of, faith in, and friendship with Christ. Which do we value more?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mar. 20, Mar. 27

SPANISH—6pm, ENGLISH—7pm



Restore yourself to full communion with God and the Church and prepare yourself for the celebration of Easter.

**Thursday, March 26
7:00pm**

Extra priests will be available for Confession.



If you wish to help cover the cost of flowers for the Church for Easter, there are Easter envelopes available in the Narthex and in your packets.



*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	\$22,317
March Weekly Offertory Goal	\$19,000
Total Offertory to Date	\$755,616
Offertory Goal to Date	\$809,000

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

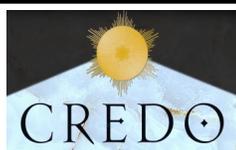
Adult Sunday School

FORMATION AND FRIENDSHIP

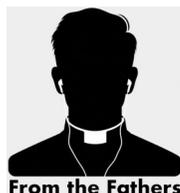
9:30-10:15AM, Our Lady of Africa Room

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.
Mar. 22 TOPIC: Stations of the
Cross



From the Fathers



Parish Podcast: *Make Lent Great Again* with Fr. Gabe.

Scan the QR code or visit
[https://
fromthefathers.substack.com/p/
make-lent-great-again](https://fromthefathers.substack.com/p/make-lent-great-again)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY- Regular Mass Schedule
Sat., Mar. 28 and Sun., Mar. 29

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Mon., Mar. 30 at 12pm

Luncheon follows in HFH, Sponsored by JAMA

COMMUNION SERVICE at St. Mary's,
Tues., Mar. 31 at 6:15pm

CHRISM MASS, 7pm

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
Memphis, TN

HOLY THURSDAY MASS - Apr. 2, 7pm,
Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing
of the Feet (Bilingual)

GOOD FRIDAY - Apr. 3

11am - Stations of the Cross (Eng.) &
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Eng.)

3pm - Veneration of the Cross (Span.)

7pm - Veneration of the Cross (English)

HOLY SATURDAY - Apr. 4,

8:20pm - Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - Apr. 5

Masses: 8am, 10:30am & 1pm (Spanish)

Our Lady of Guadalupe-Bells: No services



Family Faith Formation Information

2025-2026 ATRIUM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SESSIONS

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

Mar. 15—No class

Mar. 22

Mar. 29

Apr. 5-Easter Sunday-No session

Apr. 12

TUESDAY SESSIONS

5:45– 7:20 (grades 1-3)

Mar. 17—No class

Mar. 24

Mar. 31

Apr. 7

Apr. 14

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

5:45pm-7:20pm

(grades PreK-6)

6:00pm-7:15pm

Confirmation (grades 7-8)

Mar. 18—No class

Mar. 25

Apr. 1

Apr. 8

Apr. 15

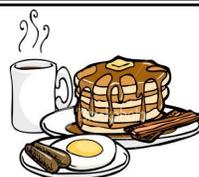


KNIGHTS KORNER

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ROSARY**

Every Monday at 6:00pm. in the Church.



COUNTRY BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, MAR. 15, 2026!

After 8 & 10:30 Masses

Holy Family Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



SAVE THE DATE!

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
Dessert, Cheese Pizza, Lemonade and Tea.

Thank you to all St. Mary's parishioners who donated toward *BirthChoice's* ultrasound machine. Our Knights of Columbus raised \$26,000 & the national Knights organization matched those funds, enabling the purchase.

In appreciation, we invite you to attend a dedication & blessing ceremony conducted by Fr. Schenkel & Knights on Wed., Mar. 25th, 4pm at Birth Choice in Jackson. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

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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.

MARCH THEME: STRENGTH IN SURRENDER

Mar. 18—No youth Group (Spring Break)

Mar. 25—Not My Will but Yours:
A Lenten Holy Hour & Reflection

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

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



HOW TO PRAY: A CRASH COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

with Janetze Hart presenting.

**Saturday, March 21,
from 9am-11am
in Holy Family Hall**

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.

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:

Hannah Maxwell
Rebekah Hart
Diana Holt
Kirsten Brandt
Sydney Moore
Shelby Elizabeth Morgan

Janay Ezeofor
Delia Garcia

Congratulations to:

Brandi Taylor
Emily Hazlehurst
Audrey Davis
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
Antonia, 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
Bryant, Martha
Buehler, Vince
Cabo, Grace
Cano, Carmen
Carpenter, Brad
Chavez, Maria G.
Chioco, Ernesto
Chioco, Nida
Clark, Juanita
Clift, 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
Frane, 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, Julier & James
Johns, Brian
Johnson, Paula
Johnson, Theresa
Jones, Betty
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 | Osgood, Philip
Osse, Jose Maria
Overbey, Michael
Penwell, Lee
Powers, Cindy
Preston, Anderson
Quinton, Alquin
Quinton, Jun
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
Styers, 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*



For over 147 years, St. Mary's School has provided Jackson, TN, with a faith-filled education open to all, rooted in the Catholic tradition of excellence. Serving children from 11 months through 8th grade, St. Mary's is a vibrant community that inspires students to become moral leaders in today's world while honoring the legacy of traditions that have shaped generations of Jackson scholars and leaders.

St. Mary's Catholic School – Since 1878

www.stmarysschool.tn.org · 731-668-2525

Where prayer, studies, community, & service are at the heart of all we do!

St. Mary's School is offering **priority enrollment** to parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Sacred Heart in Humboldt through **April 1**.

For more information or to apply for your child, please contact Jessica at 731-226-2423 or Berlanga@stmarys.tn.org, or Dr. Keyl at 731-668-2525 or akeyl@stmarys.tn.org.

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

Attention, memory and reasoning...3 areas of importance to preserve in the aging brain. Researchers have found that working crossword puzzles, even once a month, significantly bolsters the brain. Even with mild cognitive impairment, seniors benefit from crossword puzzles, including digital crosswords on the computer or phone. Surprisingly, one noteworthy study found that a regular use of crossword puzzles held off memory decline by 2 ½ years.



Recipe for a healthy brain: Exercise, balanced diet, quality sleep and a “brain game” once a day.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

Tues., Mar. 17 ST. PATRICK'S FEAST DAY – A 4th century Bishop, known as the **APOSTLE OF IRELAND**. Exact details of his life are uncertain. He may have been born in Scotland, England or Wales. He called himself both a Roman & a Briton. He was sent to pagan Ireland by Pope Celestine to evangelize the Irish. He is patron saint of Engineers, Ireland & Nigeria.



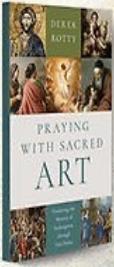
Wed., Mar. 18 FEAST DAY of St. Cyril of Jerusalem – 3rd century theologian of the early Church who was appointed Bishop of Jerusalem; later named Doctor of the Church. He is patron saint of Alexandria.

Thurs., Mar. 19 FEAST DAY of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NOTABLE QUOTABLE

“Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me”
(From the Prayer of St. Patrick”)

Visio Divina PRAYING with SACRED ART
a retreat with
DEREK ROTTY
Head into Holy Week with Derek Rotty, author of “Praying with Sacred Art,” on a fascinating retreat to learn how sacred art is used for prayer, not just admiration. Like “lectio divina” transforms scripture into dialogue with God, “visio divina” turns beauty into an encounter with the Creator.



March 27-29
Includes lodging and meals.
\$285 SINGLE **\$360** DOUBLE

OUR LADY QUEEN OF *peace*

To register for the Visio Divina retreat: Visit Our Lady Queen of Peace website at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/927d785b-0c30-4cee-a0ed-f3f4cdb19a8d>

the **RESCUE project** **Sundays, APRIL 12-MAY 31**
2:30pm-4:00pm,
Our Lady of Africa Room--English
Our Lady of Lourdes Room--Spanish



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Catholic Charities of West Tennessee will begin hosting a **monthly mobile food pantry** starting **Wednesday, March 25**, on the campus of **Christ Community Health Services (655 Lexington Ave., Jackson)** from **10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, this pantry is **free and open to all**. We warmly welcome individuals and families from across the community. For questions, please contact **Carlos Martin** at carlos.martin@ccwtwn.org.



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