



APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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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

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>

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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 April 25

8:00am Jill Reed (B'day Int.)

4:00pm ✠ Dee Tuan Bio

Sunday April 26

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

10:30am ✠ Tomasa Barrera

1:00pm ✠ Guadalupe Rodriguez

Monday April 27

7:00am Tammy Meyers (B'day Int.)

Tuesday April 28

7:00am ✠ Abelardo Antique, Sr.

6:15pm ✠ Tita Ruiz

Wed. April 29

7:00am Catalina Gurrola Romo (Int. de cumpleaños)

8:10am Sister Joanna

12:00pm ✠ Michael LaFont

Thurs. April 30

7:00am Louis Nd. Okafor (B'day Int.)

Friday May 1

7:00am Sarah Craigie

8:10am Javier Aguirre II (Int. de cumpleaños)

Saturday May 2

8:00am Kayla Beatriz Sanchez (Int. de XV cumpleaños)

4:00pm Kevin & Donna Hart

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Bells, TN

Saturday April 25

6:00pm Norberto Santiago (Int. de cumpleaños)

Saturday May 2

6:00pm Diego Santiago (Int. de cumpleaños)



Comments from Deacon Dale Brown

Jesus wants us to know who he is: the Good Shepherd who protects and cares for the people of God just as a shepherd does his sheep. Shepherds always want their sheep to be healthy and happy. They want them to have the best grass, fresh water, and safety, so that they can grow and multiply as much as possible. A sheep has no greater friend than a good shepherd, and we have no greater friend than Christ. He invented life, he gave us life, and he came so that, in him, we might learn to live it "more abundantly". He does not claim to be one good shepherd among many good shepherds, but the only one: "All others who have come are thieves and robbers." Some religious leaders and philosophers throughout history - and even in our own day - have claimed to be saviors, to have all the answers, but they were really consumed by pride, greed, or lust. Others have sincerely sought to better this world but simply have insufficient wisdom or power to provide the human family with the kind of hope we long for and need. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, not only wants to lead us to a more abundant life, but he can. Omniscient, omnipotent, and eternal, he combines utter goodness with infinite wisdom and unlimited power. And so, with his flock, the problem is not the shepherd's limitations or ignorance, but the sheep's lack of docility: we stray from the flock and trap ourselves in thistles and swamps of self-centeredness, self-indulgence, and stubborn disobedience. As Christians, we actually don't have just a good shepherd, but the perfect shepherd. All we need is to be sensible sheep and listen to the voice of the One we know.



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.



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,

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Offertory	\$17,468
March Weekly Offertory Goal	\$20,000
Total Offertory to Date	\$888,293
Offertory Goal to Date	\$843,000

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.**

April 26 TOPIC: Mental Prayer

May 3 TOPIC: Frequent Confession

May 10 TOPIC: Holy Communion & Eucharistic Adoration



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment envelope located in the Narthex or pick one up at the Parish Office. If you received a card in the mail, please bring it to Mass or send by mail. So far St. Mary's is 77% towards our goal of \$97,080 with 18% participation. Your participation funds the work of the Church in the Diocese of Memphis.

55+ TRAVEL GROUP INFO MEETING:

May 15, 2026, 6:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Room

A new upcoming trip! Come & find out about a trip to the **Fulton J. Sheen museum, including a visit to the Cathedral of Mary of the Immaculate Conception where the Archbishop is buried.**



Family Faith Formation Information

2025-2026 ATRIUM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SESSIONS

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

Apr. 26

TUESDAY SESSIONS

5:45– 7:20 (grades 1-3)

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

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

6:00pm-7:15pm

Confirmation (grades 7-8)

Apr. 29—*FHC Rehearsals only*



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.



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

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.

*Sympathy, Encouragement,
Get Well, & More*

Our April Contact:

Shelly Burngasser

shellyburngasser@gmail.com



the
RESCUE
project



Sundays,

APRIL 12-JUNE 7
at 11:40am

Our Lady of Africa Room-
English
KofC Hall-Spanish

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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.

APRIL TOPICS—

Apr. 29: From Resurrection to Mission, Saying Yes to God.

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

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



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.

We honor our HS graduating Seniors!

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:30 Mass.

Please call the parish office & let us know if your senior will be participating. This is a long-standing tradition in our parish, and we look forward to celebrating with you.

NOTE: students will need to show up on the day of the Mass at 10am with their graduation gowns only (no caps). The deadline to tell us who wishes to be recognized is Friday, May 1st.



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.

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
Shelby Elizabeth Morgan

Janay Ezeofor
Delia Garcia

Congratulations to:

Sydney Moore
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

Abellana, Felisa	Gejbel, Stephanie	Osgood, Philip
Adams, Grant	Gill, John	Osses, Jose Maria
Allison, James & Judy	Gill, Rose	Overbey, Michael
Antique, Daisy	Goethals, Kyle	Penwell, Lee
Antique, Julie	Gokim, Eugene	Powers, Cindy
Antonia, Maria	Grant, Susan	Preston, Anderson
Arendt, Brenda	Grant, Phillip	Quinton, Alquin
Babcock, Craig	Grijalva, Montano	Quinton, Jun
Bargiachi, Charlie	Gurrola, Catalina	Quinton, Lourdes
Bateman, Margo	Gurrola, Martha C.	Ragan, Phillip
Batesil, Mamerto	Gyenge, Lorraine	Randolph, Ed
Bautista, Laura	Harmon, Sherri	Regenhold, Lynn
Beach, Jayden	Harrell, Deborah	Rodriguez, Jesus Mata
Beals, Gerry	Henke, Max	Rogers, Steven
Beare Family	Herndon, Eddie	Russell, David
Beare, Peggy	Holt, Carol Kay	Sabella, Marsha
Bell, Carmen	Howell, Cash	Saia, Lou
Benjamin, Rick	Hulderman, Bobbie	Sain, Anne
Blanton, Dotie	Hughes, Roger	Samonte, Alma
Bonds, Karolyn	Ivory, Julie & James	Samonte, Josephine
Brady, Jim	Johns, Brian	Sanchez, Fernando
Brown, Kailyn	Johnson, Paula	Sanders, James
Browning, Geneva	Johnson, Theresa	Sandlin, Janice
Bryant, Martha	Jones, Betty	Schoenbacher, Martha
Buehler, Vince	Jones, Brian	Scott, Franklin
Cabo, Grace	Jones, Glen	Scott, Gabe
Cano, Carmen	Jones, Jonathan	Sessions, Liz Atkins
Carpenter, Brad	Jones, Rhonda	Smith, Elias, Jr.
Chavez, Maria G.	Kain, Otto	Smith, Gary
Chioco, Ernesto	Keyes, Ken	Smith, Mike
Chioco, Nida	Kirkpatrick, Kim Abell	Smith, Patricia
Clark, Juanita	Lay, Tyler	Solberg, Charles
Clift, Dorothy	Leon, Diego	Solberg, Marie
Collins, Jared	Leon, Manuel	Soto Corpuz, Victor
Cone, Marion	Londino, Joe	Speechley, Jean
Coons, Adam & Family	Luy, Suzanne Joy	Stachura, David
Crosnoe, Jimmy	Lycette, Missi	Storms, Mary
Cummings, Chris	Manes, Adoracion	Strazzella, Chris
Davis, Dorothy	Manes, Jomar	Strazzella, Larry & Mona
Davis, Eddie	Manes, Lolita	Sturgis, Larry
Davis, Heather	Markowski, Diane	Syers, William
Davis, Ronald	Marshall, Phyllis	Taylor, Edna
Day, Barbara	Masters, Thomas	Thomas, Nicole
DeArmitt, Becky	Mata, Melisa	Todd, Mary & Norris
Diaz, Aurelio	Mayfield, Bill	Timby, Bryan
Diaz, Luz Elena	McCage, Amy Lynn	Tyson, Diane
Doumitt, Deedee	McLeary, Ralph	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, Peggy	Wyatt, Sherri
Franks, Grayson	Neal, Mary	Young, Christian
Frick, Leslie	Nunn, Marvin	Young, Eveline
Frane, Judith	Okolo, Joseph	
Gastador, Maria		



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







**St. Mary's
School**



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Our preschool and Kindergarten programs provide a nurturing, engaging environment where children learn and grow through:

-  **Whole group instruction**
-  **Small group learning**
-  **Individualized instruction**
-  **Hands-on experiences**

**APPLY
TODAY**

 www.stmarysschool.tn.org

 731-668-2525

 1665 Hwy 45 By Pass
Jackson, TN 38305

We currently have a waiting list for PreK3 and Kindergarten! Be sure to get your child's name on the list today! We are still accepting applications for Toddlers, PreK2, PreK4, 1st-8th grade. Spots are filling up quickly, so don't wait!

Apply today: www.stmarysschool.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

Seniors, living on a fixed income, are feeling the squeeze of rising prices. One useful tool for managing finances is creating a monthly budget calendar. This simple method provides insights to one's spending practices and can assist in gaining control of finances.



Learn how to set up a monthly budget calendar: Visit <https://www.ncoa.org/article/what-is-a-budget-calendar-and-why-should-i-use-one/>

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

Tues., Apr. 28 FEAST DAY of St. Peter Chanel, a French priest & martyr, a member of the MARISTS Missionaries. Seven Marists traveled to Western Oceania & earned respect for their care of the poor & sick. But suspicion of the advancing white influence led to an attack on the missionaries, during which he was killed. He is patron saint of Oceania.

Wed., Apr. 29 FEAST DAY of St. Catherine of Siena – At age 6, she experienced a vision & dedicated herself to God. She joined the Dominican Third Order. She cared for the poor & sick. In 1399, she & Francis of Assisi were declared CO-PATRONS OF ITALY. In 1970, Pope Paul VI named her & Teresa of Avila Doctors of the Church. Her spiritual testament is found in **THE DIALOGUE**. She is patroness of journalists, media & nursing.

Thurs., Apr. 30 FEAST DAY of Pope Pius V – a 15th century Italian whose function was to implement the Council of Trent. He is patron saint of Bosco, Marengo, Italy, his birthplace.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE

“Speak the truth in a million voices. It is silence that kills.”
— Catherine of Siena (14th Century)

Bethany Brunch
EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDE
Women 15 - 35

A PRESENTATION ON THE SONG OF SONGS BY A RELIGIOUS SISTER

featuring
THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

RSVP

SATURDAY 05 | 09
9-11am

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - HOLY FAMILY HALL
1665 Highway 45 Bypass,
Jackson, TN 38305

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP.

BIRTHCHOICE Baby Bottle Campaign Begins May 10th

Baby Bottle Campaign



MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY
MADISON & GIBSON CO.



- 1) Take a bottle, 2) Fill it with cash, change and/or checks, 3) Return the bottle to the Church, 4) Save babies!

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