



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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March 21, 2021 Year B

Eucharistic Celebration for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading—Jeremiah 31:31-34 Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 51
Second Reading—Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel Reading—John 12:20-33

Jeremiah sets the tone for today’s readings when he writes that the LORD promises a new covenant. The old covenant was external: the Chosen People were led by the hand. But the new covenant is internal, written upon our hearts. As Christians, we believe that the new covenant is fulfilled in God’s Son, who came into our hearts at baptism, who animates our lives, and who can be found in those we meet. Can we be like a grain of wheat, alive in the Lord, producing much fruit?

Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor
Erin Womack, Secretary, DRE
Sue Junkin, Bookkeeper
Angele Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Sacraments

Reconciliation:
By appointment only.

Baptism: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano.

Marriage: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

Rosary: 4:40 PM
Mass: 5:00 PM

Starting March 20th
Saturday Vigil Mass
will be at 5:00 PM.

Sunday

Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Spanish Mass: St. Martin
Hazlehurst, Sunday 1:00 PM

Fridays—March 19 & 26

**Stations of the Cross
at 5:30 PM**
Mass at 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, March 22

Office Closed
No Mass

Tuesday, March 23

11:50 AM Rosary
12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday, March 24

11:50 AM Rosary
12:10 PM Mass

Thursday, March 25

11:50 AM Rosary
12:10 PM Mass

Friday, March 26

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM Mass

Mass Intentions

Mass 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 20
Glenn Bodin—(RIP)

Faith Formation Schedule:

6:00 PM—7:00 PM
March 24—Mark 15:1-39
March 31—John 20:1-9

We will continue to follow diocese guidelines, face masks must be worn. Teachers, please keep your protection of children training up to date. There is new training content available at <https://www.virtus.org>.

Please pray for repose of the soul of Joycelyn Fonseca of our parish. She passed away on March 18. Also, pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Falgout, she passed away on March 15. She is Connie Fonseca’s mother. Pray for Stephen & Connie Fonseca, they both lost their mother’s this week.

Prayers for Healing: Merle Alexander, Karla Gerald, Nathan Williamson, James & Carol Laird, Lona Pool, Sherry Williams, Ken Berry, Megan Gerald, Shirley Armstrong, Heath Louviere, Georgia Thibodeaux, Kayla Breaux, Taylor Ashley, Jim Dietz, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Bridget Fairbrother, Ashley & Ryley Toups, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutlzle, Katie Jones, Melinda Williams Rogers, Daniel Furlow, Kellie Barrett, Iddo Davis, Jeff Beeson, Dale Foster, Alyce Theriot, Brenner Babin, Carla Bayer Holly, Will Stanback, Sophia Murray, Ronnie D. Lee, Amy Mason, Ricky Whitehead, Kathy Bailey, Lonnie May Young, Gene Scoggins, Ben Williams, Sonny Parsons, Robert Grice
Prayers for the Homebound: Bill Medor, Helen Walters, Elsa & Bela Nagy, John Damico, Judy Rudman.
Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially: Joey Deavenport, Patrick Willis & Major Charles Andrew Griggs

The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
March 21
10:30 AM—2:30 PM
There is still time to schedule your appointment.
Contact: Aaron Achord
601-754-1806

The Knights of Columbus will have a Church work day on March 20th at 8:00 AM. Your help is needed!

Youth! This work day can be for Community Service Hours!

If you would like to offer Easter Flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please take a Easter Flower Offering envelope from the wall hanger in the vestibule. Write your name, phone number, who & what the offering is for on the envelope along with your donation. Place it in the collection basket.



Paula Hayes
Trevor McRee
Adeline Blauw
Michele Ratliff
Sabrina Smith
Abbigail Jones



Dates are still available for Altar Flowers this year!
Would you like to donate altar flowers for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one?
Please put your name and specify what the flowers are for on the sign-up sheet hanging on the wall in the vestibule. The flowers are \$60.00 and the envelopes are located in the wall hanger in the vestibule. Please place your money in the collection basket.
If you have any questions contact the office.



Lectors & Ushers

We are in need of Lectors & Ushers to sign-up for Masses starting with Palm Sunday Vigil through Easter Sunday. The sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.

A calendar with Mass dates & time can be found on the website under the Bulletins option.

There will be a change in the communication system used by St. Francis. Currently, the office sends texts, e-mails and bulletins through a system known as "Iris Alerts". Beginning immediately, we are phasing out that system and going to Flocknote. The diocese has requested that all parishes use this new system to provide some consistency.
To register, simply text STFRANCIS1 to 84576. It is not case sensitive. You will receive a text in response and will be able to register for specific group communications as well as general St. Francis communications.
The Flocknote system is available now, and no additional Iris Alerts will be sent after April 4 (Easter).
Unfortunately, the new system does not allow phone calls. If you are unable to receive text messages and need to have some other method of communication, please contact the office and we will work with you to figure something out.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

St. Francis is continuing to practice social distancing, but we are consistently having space in all our masses for additional people. If we begin to reach our limited capacity, more masses will be made available so we can protect ourselves and provide everyone an opportunity to attend mass.

Although the state of Mississippi has lifted the mask mandate, masks are still required at all indoor functions of the Catholic Church, including mass.

St. Francis Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
March	\$15,284	\$22,775	68%
Annual	\$189,327	\$273,300	70%

Up-Coming Weekend Mass Schedule

Date & Time	Ushers	Lector
Saturday March 27 5:00 PM	Chandler, J. Phillips	T.A. Boyd Alice Methvien Emily Phillips
Sunday March 28 8:00 AM	Achord, Gennaro	Diane Acy T.A. Boyd Beth DeLaughter
10:30 AM	T. Junkin, Goss, Craig	Celine Craig Josh Atwater 1 MORE LECTOR NEEDED

Phase I for returning to Mass:

Bishop Kopacz will continue to dispense all the faithful from Sunday Obligation to participate in Mass until further notice.

There will be three masses per weekend, Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:00 am, 10:30 am on Sundays. We ask that the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass be designated for our parishioners 60 years and older and ones with underlying health issues who choose to attend Mass. Reconciliation is by appointment only.
Vulnerable individuals, those 65 and older or with underlying conditions, should continue to shelter in place. Parents should consider the vulnerability of infants, toddler, and small children during this time, and consider not bringing them to Mass.
Face masks are mandated for all assembly members over the age of two. Please bring your own face mask.
Most masses will be quiet. If music is included, it will be limited to one musician and one cantor.
There will be no nursery at any mass, and the cry room will not be available.
The parish center will not be open. If a restroom is needed, please use the one behind the office, the code is 1799.
Hymnals have been removed and all Holy water fonts will remain empty.
There will not be an offering taken up, or any items taken to the altar during mass. A basket for donation/offering will be available in the vestibule.
Communion will be disbursed in the form of bread only and will only be offered in the hand. There will be no placing of the host on a tongue.
At the end of mass parishioners will be asked to leave from the back of the church first. Please follow the ushers’ instructions.
Paper bulletins will not be available for the foreseeable future.
Please maintain appropriate social distancing and abide by all state and local health recommendations while inside the building.
Following each mass, the church will be disinfected/sanitized.
Everyone’s vigilance with proper distancing, hygiene, and other measures is necessary whenever we gather. Thank you for your cooperation as we adhere to these guidelines.

EWTN Global Catholic Network

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land.” 1 Chron.. 7-14

(Discrepancies sometimes occur between TV, EWTN App and Highlights so please check for earliest stated times)

Romero – A powerful film starring Raul Julia as Archbishop Oscar Romero, the martyr and saint whose courageous stand against injustice and oppression in El Salvador gave hope to this troubled nation. March 20, 7:00 pm.
A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing II, The Gender Agenda, This documentary sheds light on liberal and progressive influences shaping society’s attitudes on gender and human sexuality and how this phenomenon threatens our Biblical understanding of marriage and family – March 20, 9:00 pm.
Reality Check: The Last Four Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell. At the end of life, it’s time for a reality check. Fr. Wade Menezes explains the Last Four Things we will all face. Mar 22 – 26, 4:30 pm. **Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord** March 25, 7:00 am.
Solemn Mass of the Annunciation - Live from Rome – March 25, 10:30 am
The Feast of the Annunciation – Fr. Lawrence Lew explains how the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary can impact not only our personal lives, but society’s as well. March 25, 4:00 pm.
Hope to Die (miniseries) Scott Hahn - questions about Life, Death & the Body Tue 2:00 am, Sat 5:00 pm.
Stations of the Cross – Fridays 6:00 am & 1:30 pm. For Kids 3:00 pm
Lent: A Season of Grace, Fr. Cedric Pisegna, Saturdays 4:00 pm, Sundays 4:30 am.
Lenten Reflections – Saturdays, 9:30 am; Sundays 3:00 pm.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Daily 2:00 pm. Followed by **Live Adoration** 2:20 – 2:30 pm.

Days and times subject to change.
Check your TV guide for EWTN Lenten related programs. Sign up for the EWTN app on your phone for program schedules, live streams, On Demand, the Bible and more!

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