



# St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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## Eucharistic Celebration Of The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say that he is the vine and his disciples are the branches. He tells them that those who remain on the vine will bear much fruit. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early church, trying to destroy the blossoming vine. But in today's first reading, after his conversion and baptism, Saul—now Paul—boldly preaches in the Lord's name. We also hear John assure us that if we keep God's commandments we will remain in the Lord, remain on the vine, bearing 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 & Intention

- Saturday, May 1, Vigil Mass - 5:00 PM - Our Parish
- Sunday, May 2, Mass - 8:00 AM - World Peace
- Sunday, May 2, Mass - 10:30 AM - Our Soldiers

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intention

- Monday, May 3 - No Mass
- Tuesday, May 4 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass - Peace, protection & safety for children & family. (By: Nina Hoang)
- Wednesday, May 5 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass - Grandparents/Ancestors (RIP) (By: Nina Hoang)
- Thursday, May 6 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass - Grandparents/Ancestors (RIP) (By: Nina Hoang)
- Friday, May 7 - 7:15 AM Mass



May 1 The Feast Day for  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
the Worker

**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, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Bridget Fairbrother, Ashley & Ryley Touns, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutze, 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, Ricky Whitehead, Kathy Bailey, Lonnie May Young, Gene Scoggins, Ben Williams, Sonny Parsons, Robert Grice, Madeline King, Bruce Davis, Loren Mays, Robin Rushing, C.W. Edge, Robert Wusterbarth, Paul Phillips, Cindy Galey

**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:** Major Charles Andrew Griggs



### 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.

- Billy Walker
- Jason Guthrie
- Ronald Wojcik
- Austin Craig
- Jeremy Champagne
- David Phillips



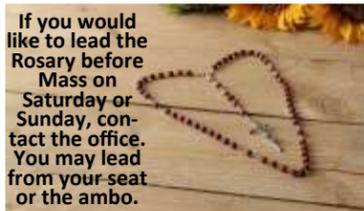
May Crowning for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Children will crown Mary at 10:30 AM Mass on May 9. There will be flowers provided or you may bring your own.

### Washing The Lord's

#### Laundry

If you are interested in washing and preparing the altar linens for mass, please call the church office.



If you would like to lead the Rosary before Mass on Saturday or Sunday, contact the office. You may lead from your seat or the ambo.

Flocknote is the new communication system. Sign-up by texting STFRANCIS1 TO 84576. If you need help registering, contact the office.

### 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)

### May is the Month of Mary

**May 1 – 5:00 am Our Lady in Scripture and Tradition**, The Mother of God. Jesus takes his humanity from Mary. **8:00 am First Saturday Devotion**, the Devotion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **8:30 am The First Saturdays for Kids** – Sister Lucia teaches the children the importance of the First Saturday devotion and the steps necessary for fulfilling Mary's request in this animated special. **10:30 am St. Joseph the Worker** – This EWTN special examines how St. Joseph's example is a reflection upon the dignity of our own work and the crucial role that fathers play in the family. **12:30 pm EWTN Bookmark**: Founder of the Children's Rosary Prayer Group movement discusses her new book that presents the classic Consecration to Jesus through Mary in a way that children will understand. **1:00 pm St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church** – an EWTN docudrama filmed on location in Italy. **2:00 pm Marian Procession from the Holy Land. 4:00 pm The Reformation** – A Christian State or State Christianity? **4:30 pm Hope to Die** – Resurrection of the Body. **7:00 pm - Two Crowns** – An exceptional film about St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Catholic Priest at Auschwitz who sacrificed his own life in order to save others. Includes first-hand testimony of those who were impacted by his courage and faith. **10:30 pm A Journey through Scripture**, The Bible and the Church Fathers continues with Lesson 8, Preserving the Truth! **May 2 – 1:30 pm Doctors of the Church**, St. Athanasius of Alexandria. **4:30 pm Saints vs Scoundrels**, St. Joan of Arc vs Maximilian Robespierre Pt. 1. **10:30 PM Catholic View for Women**, Sex Trafficking – You can make a difference! **May 3 – 6 4:30 pm True Devotion to Mary** – This 4 part mini-series gives Catholics a deeper understanding into St. Louis de Montfort's recommendations that true devotion and consecration to the Blessed Mother will prepare us for a total consecration to Jesus. **May 5 - 3:00 pm EWTN Theology Roundtable**: As the Covid threat diminishes, EWTN experts look at ways parishes can encourage a return to the Holy Sacrament and the importance of attending Mass in person. **May 6 – 10:30 pm A Journey through Scriptures**, Lesson 9, the Doctrine of the Mysteries.

Sign up for the EWTN app on your phone for schedules, live streams, On Demand, the Bible and more!

King's Daughters Medical Center is reaching out to local churches to see if there is interest in receiving the COVID vaccine. If there are 10 or more people (18 & over) interested in receiving the vaccine; KDMC would come on-site at St. Francis and provide vaccines on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please call Celine Craig (601-835-9175) or send an email ([ccraig@kdmc.org](mailto:ccraig@kdmc.org)).

Information required includes Name, Birthdate, and good phone #.

### IMPORTANT USHER NOTICE

Contact the office if: You are a scheduled usher and you are no longer serving your scheduled time.

OR

You would like to be an usher.

### Our Lady of Fatima—Feast Day May 13 Novena May 4-12

Most Holy Virgin, who deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, so that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and this favor (mention your request), which I so earnestly seek and which I ask of thee in this novena, for the greater Glory of God, for thine own honor and for the good of all people. Amen.  
(Our Father, Hail Mary Glory Be – 3 times each)

### Altar Flowers

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.

### Faith Formation Schedule:

Meal at 5:30 Class 6:00 PM—7:00 PM—May 5  
Closing Mass at 5:30 with meal following - May 12

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>.

“Behold, children are a gift from the LORD.” Psalm 127:3

### St. Francis Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
April	\$18,853	\$22,775	83%
Annual	\$218,719	\$273,300	80%

### Mass Schedule for May 8 & 9

Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Sunday, May 9
5:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Ushers: Chandler & Goss Lector: Shelley Harrigill	Ushers: Bonner & Jones Lector: Joshua Atwater	Ushers: Womack & Allen Lector: Valentine Music: Eileen