



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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May 9, 2021 Year B

Eucharistic Celebration Of The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our readings today move us from acceptance to love. Peter points out that the Holy Spirit comes to Gentiles and Jews alike, preaching that God does not discriminate. John calls on us to love one another, for God is love. Jesus, on the night before he was put to death, tells his disciples that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for others. Let us listen to these lessons of grace-filled tolerance and selfless love.



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 8, Vigil Mass - 5:00 PM - Mary Gorius (RIP)
Sunday, May 9, Mass - 8:00 AM - Special Intention for Ruth Trausch
Sunday, May 9, Mass - 10:30 AM - The Mothers of Our Parish

Daily Mass Schedule & Intention

Monday, May 10 - No Mass
Tuesday, May 11 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass—Special Intention for Nicole Muller
Wednesday, May 12 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass—Special Intention for Anamaria Gorius
Thursday, May 13 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass—Special Intention for Heather Jo Gorsuch
Friday, May 14 - 7:15 AM Mass—Special Intention for Jess Gorius

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

Knights of Columbus meeting will be May 12th at 6:00 PM, in the library.

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.

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 Toups, 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, Loren Mays, Robin Rushing, C.W. Edge, Robert Wusterbarth, Paul Phillips, Cindy Galey, Ginger Dees

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

WITH DEEPEST

Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Shea & Patrick Riley of our St. Francis Family for the loss of her Dad, Gerald Smith. May the comfort of God be with them during this difficult time.

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.



Happy Birthdays
Hollie Smith & Kellie Barrett

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 Sunday is **Mother's Day** so our programming suggestions are mainly about mothers, becoming a mother and being a mother and the most Blessed Mother of All, Our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Check your guide for numerous live and recorded recitations of the Rosary on EWTN

May 8, 12:30 pm EWTN Bookmark – Our Lady's Picture Book and Our Lady's Wardrobe.

2:30 pm Holy Rosary from Lourdes. 4:00 pm, The Reformation, John Calvin and the Wars of Religion. **4:30 pm Hope to Die** – Burying the Dead.

7:00 pm Light of Soladad – Origins of the Servants of Mary.

May 9, Mother's Day, Mother Angelica Teaching Series, What heaven will be like and what secrets will be revealed there. **4:00 am Heaven's Secrets; 12:30 pm Heaven's Joys; 2:30 pm Heaven's work. 5:00 am Regina Caeli** with Pope Francis. **7:00 am Mass and Rosary Devotions** with the Friars at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel in Irondale. **3:30 pm Savoring our Faith**, for Mother's Day. **4:30 pm Saints vs Scoundrels**, St. Joan of Arc vs Robespierre pt 2. **10:30 pm Catholic View for Women**, Proud to be American.

May 10, 12:00 pm Women of Grace, Mary's 7 Sorrows, pt 1. **4:00 pm 100 Ways John Paul II Changed the World. 4:30 pm From Eve to Mary: The True Dignity of Women.**

May 11, 12:00 pm Women of Grace – Mary's 7 Sorrows, pt.2.

May 12, 9:30 am The Message of Fatima - An EWTN docudrama - Prophecies, warnings and inspirational messages given to the shepherd children by Our Lady of Fatima. **12:00 pm Women of Grace** – Fatima's messages and meaning for Today. **3:30 pm Rosary and Candlelight Procession** from the Fatima Shrine in Portugal.

May 13, Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. 9:30 am National Mass for Life from Ottawa followed by National March for Life at **10:30 am. 1:30 pm The Message of Fatima**. Shortly after Pope Benedict XV's appeal for all to pray for an end to the first WW, Our Lady appeared to the 3 little shepherd children and shared her first message.

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).

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

Updated Protocols

Starting immediately, we will only sanitize the church after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday & the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

Starting June 5, Hymnals will be placed back in the pews.

Baby Bottle Boomerang!

It's Mother's Day! You know the routine. We take home a baby bottle or two, fill them with change, dollar bills or a check and return it on Father's Day. Your donations at these times are the fundraisers for the Center for Pregnancy Choices in Lawrence County and the Crisis Pregnancy Center of SW Mississippi in McComb. This year, you have the choice of filling a baby bottle or simply dropping your change in the large bottle in the vestibule as you enter or leave the Church. "There is still work to be done! There are still babies to be saved!" Please be generous. God bless you!

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.

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 5:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:00 am, 10:30 am on Sundays.** We ask that the 5:00 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.

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.

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Offering will be taken up using a non-touch basket.

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.

Please maintain appropriate social distancing and abide by all state and local health recommendations while inside the building.

Following the 5:00 PM Mass & 8:00 AM 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.

Faith Formation Schedule:

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	\$ 21,453	\$22,775	94%
May	\$ 7,804	\$22,775	34%
Annual	\$229,123	\$273,300	84%

Mass Schedule for May 15 & 16

Saturday, May 15	Sunday, May 16	Sunday, May 16
5:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Ushers: Chandler & Gennaro	Ushers: Achord & Bonner	Ushers: Jim Craig, Ybarra & M. Smith
Lector: Alice Methvien	Lector: Diane Acy	Lector: Jason Guthrie
		Music: Johnna & Emily