

**Prayers for Healing:** Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Alyce Theriot, Jeremy Theriot, Ashley & Lincoln Toups, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Ceuvas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nancy Oliver, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Rob Mason

**Prayers for the Homebound:** Bill Medor, Bela Nagy, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker

**Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:**

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Sgt. Keagan Smith

**Prayers for Healing**

Please contact the Parish Office  
601-833-1799  
to add a name to the prayer list.



# St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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**DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Staff**

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
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Ange’le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

**Mass Times**

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
- Saturday (**Spanish**) Mass at 6:00 PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**Wed.:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**Thursday:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**First Friday:** 11:15 Exposition 11:20 Rosary  
11:40 Adoration 12:10 Mass  
**First Saturday:** 9am Mass

**Benediction**

The first weekend of every month.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** 3:30 PM on Saturday & 8:30 AM on Sunday or by appointment.

**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.

**St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members**

**Lisa Shann, President**

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Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry**

St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry  
706 South 1st Street  
Brookhaven, MS 39601  
601-833-2709

We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering basket.

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, November 30, Mass at 4 pm—a special intention

Sunday, December 1, Mass at 9 am—our parish

Tuesday, December 3 Mass at 12:10pm —Mary Ann Allen (RIP)

Wednesday, December 4, Mass at 12:10pm —Mary Lou Anderson (RIP)

Thursday, December 5, Mass at 12:10pm —Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Friday, December 6, Mass at 12:10pm —Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)



December 1, 2024—First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, our journey to join in the celebration of Christ’s birth. The readings today paint a picture of end times as we see widespread destruction in nature which creates fear among society in the anxious anticipation of “what next?”

Every year we see devastating acts of nature around the world creating chaos, fear, death and reminding us all (at least for that time) that the end is coming.

We do not know our day or time, but one thing is certain: our time here on earth is temporary. Times of uncertainty get our attention and Luke reminds us that this is precisely when we should be looking up. We are never alone, Jesus is always with us, and in times of trouble He is there to strengthen us and give us the grace and courage to soldier on.

We all face challenges—this past year there have still been visible and tangible gifts of beauty and encouragement, births, marriages, graduations, new jobs, new homes, goals achieved, adventures had, friendships made—we are beautifully and wonderfully made and adaptable, and let’s thank God for that.

**Ponder:**

As we begin our Advent journey to Christmas, let us reflect on this question: how will we live our lives in preparation for what comes next?

**Pray:**

Lord, help us to walk with You in the daily monotony, praise You in all that we have, and seek Your guidance in life’s direction, trusting in You so that we may not fear what is next but welcome it with open arms.

Excerpts: *Catholic Mom*



Many Christian households celebrate Advent with daily prayers around an Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches arranged with four candles (and often a fifth, called the Christ candle, in the center). The circular wreath reminds us that God has no beginning and no end.

The origin dates to pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, lighting the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

The four candles are lit, one each week during Advent beginning on the first Sunday of Advent and an additional candle each week until Christmas. Three of the candles are purple or deep blue—royal colors to remind us that we are watching and preparing for our Lord and king. The fourth candle is rose or pink, expressing the joy of the Third Sunday in Advent because Christ is drawing near. A white candle in the center represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Francis is sponsoring a trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Leave on Jan. 23,  
MARCH FOR LIFE on the 24  
and return on Jan. 26



The march is an all day event featuring a number of speakers and the chance to stand with hundreds of thousands of fellow Catholics for the cause of life. We will leave the day before and come back on the 26th, allowing a day for sightseeing in the nation's capital. The trip is open to teens and adults. Cost is \$100 per person.  
Contact the parish office to sign up.

### Canned Food Drive



Please support our St. Vincent Ministry by participating in Faith Formation's Canned Food Drive.

Donations can be dropped off in the Parish

Center in the boxes provided. Boxes are located inside the doors off of Cherokee Street.

Let's make this program a success for our community!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 1—First day of Advent -join Family of Francis in the making of Advent wreaths after the 9am Mass

Sunday, Dec. 8—Youth Mass at 11am

Sunday, Dec. 8—Ladies of Parish will gather in Parish Center to assemble gift bags for nursing home residents.



Monday, Dec. 9—Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of Mary— Mass at 12:10pm

Wednesday, Dec. 11—Senior Anointing Mass at 12:10pm followed by luncheon in Serio Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 11—Parish Wide Reconciliation @ 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec 12—Feast of the Virgin de Guadalupe Spanish Mass at 6pm

GOD is good  
All the time  
All the time  
GOD is good!

### ICONOGRAPHY

During Advent a course will be conducted by Eric & Bria Postma after Mass on Sundays during December Iconography: the visual images & symbols associated with a subject, especially a religious subject.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

### RAFFLE FOR FIREARMS

\$25 .00 per ticket  
5 for \$100.00

three firearms will be raffled to raise money for 2026 state convention. See any Knight to purchase tickets.  
Drawing on 12/9/24

Remembrance Mass,  
November 26, 2024



Coffee & Donuts  
after the 9am Mass  
All are welcome ! 1.

The Family of Francis extends deep sympathy and condolences to Bob Weathersby & family upon the passing of Margaret Weathersby, may her soul rest in peace.

### LECTOR/COMMENTATORS

For those unable to attend lector update training on Sunday, Nov 16th, Lector workbooks can be found on the table in the vestibule.

If you would like to honor your loved one with a Christmas Flower Donation, please fill out a Christmas Flower Offering Envelope and place it in the offering



basket. Envelopes are located in the wall hanger in the vestibule.

### Happy Birthday!!

Finley Ybarra (30)  
Serena Whitman (1)  
Johnathan Smith (1)  
Bobbie Dear (2)  
Donnell Louviere (3)  
Regina Britt (6)

### First Friday

December 6  
11:15 Exposition  
11:20 Rosary  
11:40 Adoration  
12:10 pm Mass

### First Saturday

December 7  
9 am Mass

### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

there is still time to submit photos for the Memorial Page of loved ones who have passed since 2018.

&  
now accepting pictures from Family of Francis activities, events, outings, & holidays.

Please submit all photos to  
office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org  
Any questions please call the parish office  
601-833-1799

Deadline for photos is December 8

### November 23 & 30 2024

#### Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 2719.19
Loose Cash	\$689.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3408.19</b>

### Liturgical Assignments

#### Saturday, December 7

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman  
Becky Bowman, Kira Nolin  
**Lector:** Cathy Fuselier  
**Commentator:** Alice Methvien  
**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin  
**Thurifer:** Joshua Atwater  
**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, John Chandler  
**Greeters:** Pat Williams, TA Boyd  
**Music:** Eileen Neal



#### Sunday, December 8

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Patrick Riley  
Cathy Ditcharo, Ange'le Bartholomew  
**Lector:** Shea Riley  
**Commentator:** Larry Baker  
**Thurifer:** Joshua Smith  
**Ushers:** Owen Junkin, John Henriquez  
**Greeters:** Cathy Pigott, Beth DeLaughter  
**Music:** Johnna

### OCIA

#### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Tuesday, Dec. 3  
@ 5:30pm

**Mary,  
the Mother of God**  
Come explore &  
rediscover your  
Catholic roots!

WHO: All parishioners

WHAT: The Making of Advent Wreaths

WHEN: Sunday, December 1 after the 9 am Mass

WHERE: parish center

Please make plans to join your Family of Francis and create an Advent wreath for your family & home for this Advent Season!