

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, 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: 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.



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DECEMBER 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass—
Tuesday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Wed: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Friday: 7:15 Mass followed by breakfast

Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9am to 4pm.

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.

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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, December 14 Mass at 4 pm—Matthew Corkern (RIP)

Sunday, December 15, Mass at 9 am—Our Parish

Tuesday, December 17 Mass at 12:10pm —Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)

Wednesday, December 18, Mass at 12:10pm — Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Thursday, December 19, Mass at 12:10pm— Healing, Protection, & Guidance

Friday, December 20, Mass at 7:15am — Mary Ann Allen (RIP)



December 15, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent

I love John the Baptist and interestingly he also reminds me a lot of Peter. Two evangelization bookends, as it were, not simply to the great story of Jesus, but to the person of Jesus Himself.

Both John and Peter seem to be good discerners of God’s Will for their lives. John seems to know when to put down his task and role of the precursor to Jesus—and Peter seems to know when to take his role up per Jesus’ instruction. And that role continues today.

Both John and Peter sometimes say the perfect thing. But almost as often they say the wrong thing, the awkward thing—or in this case, the rough thing—they are impassioned about trying to get things right and doing their best to yield to the Holy Spirit.

And so today we see John doing his best to build trust but also credibility with the people around him while calling them to turn away from sin and receive a baptism of repentance. This in essence prepares them for Jesus to arrive on the scene to do everything else.

Ponder:

What would John the Baptist say to me today if I asked him, “What should I do?”

Pray:

Lord Jesus, I desire to be ready for You when You come. Help me to rejoice today as I prepare my home and my heart to receive You at Christmas.

Excerpts: *Catholic Mom*

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.

LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS

This Sunday after the 9m Mass a picture will be taken for the parish directory. Please plan on joining the photo.

SAVE THE DATE:

January 18
Parish Wide Appreciation Dinner
more details to follow

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.



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Give Me A Joyful Faith

3rd Sunday of Advent—Psalm 13:6

Lord, I believe: I wish to believe in you. Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thought, my way of judging divine things and human things. Lord, let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit, and dispose it for prayer with God and conversation with others, so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation.

-Pope St. Paul VI

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sun., Dec. 22—Homebound Deliveries & Nursing Home Caroling at 12pm
Tuesday, Dec. 24—**Christmas Eve Vigil/Children's Mass at 4pm**
Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Midnight Mass—Carols at 11pm—
Mass @11:30 pm
Wed, Dec. 25—**MERRY CHRISTMAS**
Mass at 9am



We are pleased to announce that St. Francis Parish has subscribed to **FORMED.org**
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1) go to FORMED.org/signup
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**December 7 & December 8, 2024
Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 3720.00
Loose Cash	\$ 725.84
Total	\$4445.84



Time is running out to sign up for the **MARCH FOR LIFE!** In Washington, DC. January 23—26. Cost is \$100 per person includes travel and hotel accommodations. Please contact the office to register.

Happy Birthday!!

- Natalie Britt (15)
- Chancy Duplantis (15)
- Elaine Ledet (18)
- Cathy Fuselier (18)
- Alice Hearn (18)
- Annie Cuevas (19)
- Tara Bonner (19)
- Thomas Taylor (19)
- Susan Smith (19)
- Ricky Dunaway (20)
- Natalie Womack (20)

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

**OCIA
Order of Christian
Initiation for Adults**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17
@ 5:30pm**

**The Body &
Blood of Christ**

**Come explore &
rediscover your
Catholic roots!**

*GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
GOD is GOOD!*

Family of Francis is in need of rosary Leaders before weekend mass. If interested please contact Alice Methvien or the office.

Christmas lights are a symbol of Jesus, who is the Light of the World. (John 8:12)

Sunday, December 22
The Family of Francis & friends are invited to participate in Homebound Deliveries & Nursing Home Caroling starting at 12pm. Please come and help spread Christmas cheer!



PLEASE NOTE:
Date Change:
Date is December 22



Bishop Joseph Kopacz invites all to come and celebrate the installation and blessing of a life-sized bronze statue of Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 11am in the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle in Jackson. The statue is a gift from the Bishops of the Province of Mobile. The celebration will begin with Mass followed by the blessing of the statue, then a reception in the Cathedral Center.

**Liturgical Assignments
Saturday, December 21**

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Lanelle Wusterbarth
Alice Methvien, Kira Nolin
Lector: Joshua Smith
Commentator: Erica Looney
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin
Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Chandler
Greeters: Jane Coleman, Lanelle Wusterbarth
Music: Steve Russell, Hilda Harrigill



Sunday, December 22

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner, Laura Murray
Lector: Ashley Davis
Commentator: Tara Bonner
Altar Servers: Lucas Phillips, Tucker Smith
Ushers: Myron Bartholomew, Luis Ybarra
Greeters: Lisa Shann, TA Boyda
Music: Eileen, Celine, and the Phillips