

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ashley & Lincoln Touns, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Gale, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Cuevas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Virginia Sparks, Sandra Upton

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker, Brenda Simmons, Bob Weathersby

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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FEBRUARY 2, 2025—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor
Eileen Neal, Office Administrator
Emily Phillips, DRE
Ange’le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
Spanish Mass at 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass—

Tuesday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Wed: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Faith Formation Mass at 6:30PM

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: First Friday—11:15 Exposition

11:20 Rosary 11:40-12:10 Adoration

12:10 Mass (church)

Benediction

First weekend of the month.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration from 9am—1pm.

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

Jim Bonner, Vice President

Jennifer Townsend, Secretary

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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, February 1 Mass at 9am—Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)

Saturday, February 1 Mass at 4 pm —Our Parish

Sunday, February 2, Mass at 9 am—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Tuesday, February 4 Mass at 12:10 pm —Healing, Protection, & Guidance

Wednesday, February 5 Mass at 12:10pm—Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Wednesday, February 5, Mass at 6:30pm—Our Parish

Thursday, February 6, Mass at 12:10 pm—Mr Huy (RIP)

Friday, February 7, Mass at 12:10pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Create a Legacy of Faith and Service

Planning for Peace of Mind and Legacy

Initiating conversations about your estate plan with your loved ones is an essential step in fostering understanding and transparency. By openly discussing your intentions, you can ensure that your estate plan is not a “surprise package” for your children, but rather a thoughtfully prepared and well-understood expression of your values and legacy.

Such discussions provide clarity, reduce the potential for misunderstandings, and allow your family to honor your wishes with respect and unity. Taking proactive steps now helps create a sense of peace, knowing that your plans are both meaningful and manageable for those you hold dear.

To assist you in this important process, we offer our Funeral and Financial Planning Guidebook. This resource is designed to help you reflect on and document your wishes, making it easier to communicate them with your loved ones. If you would like to receive a copy, simply reach out to us:

Email rebeccaharris@jacksondiocese.org to request your guidebook or to discuss your estate plans.

We are here to support you in planning a legacy that reflects your faith and values.

Catholic Services Appeal

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Service Appeal at our parish. We invite every member of St. Francis to prayerfully consider a generous gift to the CSA. Achieving our parish goal of \$16,720.00 relies on the collective efforts of our diocese to support the 14 impactful ministries funded by the Appeal. Your contribution will make a difference, especially by supporting Family Ministry, which provides essential services to couples, helping them strengthen their vocation of marriage and family life through both marriage preparation and enrichment programs. Let us come together to make the Catholic Service Appeal a true success for our parish and our diocese.

Happy Birthday!!

- Becky Corkern (1)
- Bridget Achord (1)
- Hunter Bartholomew (1)
- Kevin Fiorella (3)
- Aimee Harris (3)
- Marjorie Kimble (4)
- Dr. James Hall (5)
- Christine Fiorella (6)
- Kelly Postma (6)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ashley Davis
she has been appointed
the next principal of
Mamie Martin
Elementary School.



SAINT FRANCIS YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, February 2
recognition of Confirmation candidates
Sunday, February 2
immediately following 9am Mass there will be a meeting for youth currently grades 7-12 AND their parents. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the youth ministry experience at Saint Francis.
Wednesday, February 5
First Wednesday, Faith Formation Mass at 6:30pm
Sunday, February 9
Youth Mass at 11:00am
Sunday, February 9
Super Bowl Party
Pregame @ 4:30, kickoff @ 5:30
Bring a snack/finger food and join us for a good time!

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults
Tuesday, February 4 @ 5:30pm
The Cardinal Virtues
All are welcome to attend!



February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

Imagine this picture of the Holy Family coming to the temple in a spirit of sacrifice and obedience. Mary and Joseph arrived at the temple to offer their sacrifice of poverty, not the sacrifice of the wealthy (Leviticus 12:8). They presented their firstborn son to consecrate him to the Lord. St. John Paul II said, "These words resound in the temple of Jerusalem, as forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph prepare to 'present him to the Lord' (Luke 2:22). By emphasizing the contrast between the modest, humble action of the two parents and the glory of the event as perceived by Simeon and Anna, the Evangelist Luke apparently wanted to suggest that the temple itself was waiting for the Child's coming." This is the moment when God revealed Christ, the true High Priest (Hebrews 9:11), to the temple itself. It is the moment of Israel's first encounter with Christ. Simeon and Anna represent Israel: both of these elderly, faithful Jews had waited their whole lives to see this child who had suddenly been brought before them in the temple. Israel had been waiting in expectant joy for the advent of Christ for hundreds of years. As Isaiah prophesied, the child Emmanuel (Isaiah 17:14) is also Israel's righteous King (cf. Isaiah 9:1-7). As our first reading today promises: "And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek; and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3:1). God promised the righteous, devout Simeon the gift of sight: to see the Lord with his own eyes. This is the beatific vision that, God willing, we all will experience when we see God face-to-face in Heaven. Simeon wanted to see with his own eyes this light that would shine on all the nations. Anna was an inspiring woman of heroic virtue. She was known as a prophetess, meaning she was also blessed with spiritual vision. Luke mentioned her heritage, from the house of Asher, along with her father's name. She was married and widowed, then spent her life serving God in the temple, constantly worshiping, praying, fasting, and watching for the Messiah. When she saw Jesus, she knew that it was the time of God's visitation. Jesus, I marvel at your coming to us in history, as in this Gospel passage. I am in wonder at you coming to me in mystery under the veil of the Most Blessed Sacrament and in your word. I am in awe of the moment when you will come again in majesty, when all flesh shall see your salvation, just as Simeon did (cf. Luke 3:6). Inspire and lead me with the Holy Spirit as you lead Simeon and Anna. Fill me with zeal for building up your Kingdom of Heaven, and so prepare for your coming.

Excerpts: epriest

March for Life!

A special thank you
to our Family of Francis
members who participated & represented us
in this event



St. Blaise
Blessing of the Throats

Feast Day, February 3
Blessing of the throats after all
Masses this weekend, 2/1 & 2/2

February Monthly Devotion
The Holy Family

In February we honor the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the most perfect reflection of the love of the Trinity and sets before us the most perfect model of virtue for all Christian homes. Pray with, or for, your family during this month. At the start of each day, ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for the grace to follow their example of love and selflessness.



LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 8

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Alice Methvien
Lanelle Wusterbarth, Becky Bowman
Lector: Becky Feduccia
Commentator: Gerry Whitman
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum
Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler
Greeters: Alice Hearn, Shandra Flynn
Music: Steve & Hilda

February 9

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner, Cathy Ditcharo
Lector: Diane Acy
Commentator: Jason Guthrie
Altar Servers:
Ushers: David Goss, John Henriquez
Greeters: Violet Corrales, Tara Bonner
Music: Eileen

January 25 & 26, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3716.00
Loose Cash	\$ 368.00
Total	\$4084.00

Knights of Columbus

WHITE
ELEPHANT
SALE

Saturday, April 5
more information to follow



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

GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
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