

**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, Nancy Oliver, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Virginia Sparks

**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

**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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**JANUARY 19, 2025—SECOND 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  
No Spanish Mass Saturday 1/18
- 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

**Thursday:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

**Friday:** 11:30 Eucharistic Adoration  
12:10 Mass

### 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

Bo Allen, Christian & Family Life Commission

Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Hugh Louviere, Member

Cathy Fuselier, Member

### St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

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David Phillips

James Bellipanni

Laura Murray

Ashley Davis

Gerry Whitman

### 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, January 18, Mass at 4 pm —Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Sunday, January 19, Mass at 9 am—Our Parish*

*Tuesday, January 21, Mass at 12:10 pm —Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Wednesday, January 22, Mass at 12:10 pm—Mr. Binh (RIP)*

*Thursday, January 23, Mass at 12:10 pm—Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)*

*Friday, January 24, Mass at 12:10pm—Matthew Corkern (RIP)*



January 19, 2025—The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Before anyone else, Mary sees the potentially embarrassing situation that faces the families of the bride and groom. She was sitting next to Jesus so she could say to him quietly, mother to son, “They have no wine.” She asks this of him even though his public life is not yet launched. Mary is constantly interceding before her Divine Son on behalf of her children. How often do I turn to her for a favor? Do I realize that there is no greater intercessor in heaven than our Blessed Mother?

At his mother’s words, Jesus’ public ministry is launched. Mary’s faith-filled words to the servers are repeated to me today, “Do whatever he tells you.” The servers are given most unusual instructions. They are told by Jesus to fill jars used for the ritual cleansing of feet with water and then draw some out to be taken to the headwaiter to taste. Surely they must feat the angry reaction of their boss, or mockery from the guests. Sometimes when Jesus tells us to speak up for him in unfriendly territory, our human respect and fear of rejection can paralyze us.

Jesus addresses his mother as “Woman,” signifying that she is the new Eve who, together with her Divine Son, will crush the Serpent’s head, releasing human beings from the bondage of sin. This moment launches a holy partnership, a mutual acceptance of sacrifice for the salvation of souls, for so the Heavenly Father has willed it.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, just as your Mother did at Cana, you ask us to have the same eye for detail as we seek to charitably look after the needs of others. Help me to forget about myself, so that I can quickly and efficiently do whatever you ask of me. Help me to trust in your guidance and love. Mother Mary, teach me to welcome sacrifice as you did, so I too can be faithful and follow Jesus to the cross and be a coworker in the redemption.

Excerpts: *epriest*



**“Roe Versus Wade Anniversary Prayer Service”**

St. Francis will be holding a 15 minute prayer service in place of the homily on the weekend of January 18th/19th in memory of the over 65 million unborn babies killed as a result of the disastrous 1973 US Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Although the Dobbs case struck down Roe v. Wade, abortions performed in the US remain at a horrifying rate of approximately 1 million per year! Please come gather with your Catholic community to pray to our God for the souls of our ‘little martyrs’, to end abortion and for the healing of all those affected by abortion.

God Bless You!

**Happy Birthday!! Bill Phillips (21)**



GOD IS GOOD  
all the time  
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Coffee & Donuts  
after the  
9am Mass  
All are welcome!

The Family of Francis is in  
need of  
Rosary Leaders  
before the weekend  
Masses, please contact Alice  
Methvien to volunteer.

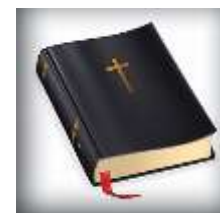
**OCIA**

Order of Christian Initiation for  
Adults

Tuesday, January 21 @ 5:30pm

**Made for Communion**

All are welcome to attend!



**CSA Ministry of the Week**

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**

Religious education & faith formation for all ages are essential to our Catholic faith. This ministry is dedicated to equipping and supporting our volunteers, helping them become effective lay leaders within their parishes. Through the Catholic Service Appeal, we provide the crucial funding needed to sustain and grow this important work. Thank you for your generosity in supporting faith formation across our diocese.

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, January 25**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Alice Methvien

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Sandy Wojcik

**Lector:** Cathy Fuselier

**Commentator:** Becky Feduccia

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum

**Ushers:** David Goss, Charles Feduccia

**Greeters:** Jane Coleman, Pat Williams

**Music:** Steve Russell, Hilda Harrigill

**Sunday, January 26**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Jennifer Townsend

**Lector:** Joshua Smith

**Commentator:** Tara Bonner

**Altar Servers:** Finley Ybarra, Phillip Murray

**Ushers:** Chad Townsend, Luis Ybarra

**Greeters:** Susan Smith, Kathy Phillips

**Music:**

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2025**

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson invites all couples celebrating their **25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or longer** wedding anniversaries to the Diocesan 2025 World Marriage Day celebration held Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson or Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM at St. James Church in Tupelo, MS.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Kopacz and a reception will follow. To register, call Debbie Tubertini, Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or Eileen at St. Francis office 601-833-1799.



if a man loses  
reverence  
for any part of life  
he will lose reverence  
for all life.

—Albert Schweitzer

**Family of Francis**

Let us keep in our prayers the members of our parish who are traveling to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life on Friday, January 24.

Godspeed and safe travels!



**January 11 & 12, 2025**

**Regular Offertory**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3666.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$ 580.77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4246.77</b>

*The Family of Francis extends deep sympathy & condolences to Ana Howard & Family upon the passing of James Howard, may his soul rest in peace.*

**Family of Francis**

is in deep appreciation to all of our faith formation & religious education teachers/leaders who volunteer & dedicate their time and energy into our religious classes & programs.

It's Time for the **Parish Wide Appreciation Dinner**

5:30pm— Social  
6:00pm—Dinner  
Saturday, January 18

St. Francis is in need of volunteers to place flowers on the main altar for the weekend Masses.

To place altar flowers as a honorarium or memorial please sign the altar flowers sheet available in the vestibule. Thank you!



**Knights of Columbus**

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Saturday, April 5  
more information to follow

