

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, 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, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell

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 16, 2025—SIXTH 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

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: 11:15 Exposition/Adoration
12:10 Mass followed by light brunch

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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Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Hugh Louviere, Member

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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 15 Mass at 4 pm — Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Sunday, February 16, Mass at 9 am — Our Parish

Tuesday, February 18 Mass at 12:10 pm — Mary Ann Allen (RIP)

Wednesday, February 19 Mass at 12:10pm — Helen Walters (RIP)

Thursday, February 20, Mass at 12:10 pm — James Howard (RIP)

Friday, February 21, Mass at 12:10pm — Leah Whitman (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 Service Appeal

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the Catholic Service Appeal last weekend. If you haven't had the chance to make your gift yet, please consider doing so today. Your support of the CSA helps our Young Adult Ministries, enabling young adults to encounter Jesus and grow in their faith. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in supporting the ministries of our Church.

With Gratitude!



CONGRATULATIONS

Tom & Becky Corkern (56 years),
Shane & Nina Hoang (30 years)
Ron & Sandy Wojcik (65 years)
as they celebrate milestone wedding
anniversaries this year!

Happy Birthday!!

John Chandler (15)
Amy Mason (15)
Matt Jackson (19)
Kathleen Calcote (19)
Erin Womack (21)



Altar Flowers
are given by
Terry Wallace
in loving
memory of his
wife,
Gwendolyn
Wallace



SAINT FRANCIS YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, February 16

children's choir practice after 9am Mass

Youth 7th—12th @ 5:30

Sunday, February 23

Children's choir sings at 9am Mass

Youth 7th—12th @ 5:30

Sunday, March 2

JrCYO after 9am Mass

7th—12th youth at Phillips

Wednesday, March 5

Faith Formation—Mass at 6:30pm

Sunday, March 9

Youth Mass @ 11am followed by
roller skating 12:30—2pm for ALL!

**BE STRONG
AND OF
GOOD
COURAGE.**

FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline.

This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

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English speaking USA: 888-830-0004

Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288

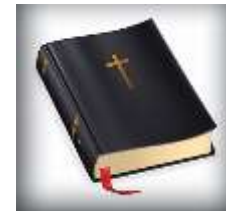
OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults

Tuesday, February 18 @ 5:30pm

The Truth Will Set You Free

All are welcome to attend!



February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let's be honest: taken from a worldly or human perspective, Jesus' words seem preposterous. To be poor, to be hungry, to be weeping in sorrow, to be hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced as evil hardly seems like a blessing! In fact, when we experience any of this, we are more likely to feel cursed, abandoned, and forgotten by God. Few of us are spiritually evolved enough to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1Thessalonians 5:18). In fact, our reaction is quite often the opposite—we beg God to change things around until they are more to our liking!

Jesus' words sound quite different when we consider that he speaks of spiritual (rather than physical) states of being. Jesus' words suddenly make so much more sense. We are blessed when we are poor in spirit, when we hunger and thirst for righteousness when we weep in sorrow at our own sin and need for salvation.

And indeed, it does make sense that we will sometimes be hated, excluded, and denounced when we make tough choices in order to follow Jesus instead of the world. Fortunately, Jesus is here to strengthen and console us.

Those who are "rich" and "filled," in contrast, do not see their deep need for a savior. Confident in their own superiority, they dismiss their own sin, rationalizing whatever behavior brings them pleasure. Replete with satisfaction in the things of this world, they ignore thoughts of eternity. Since we know that this life, however beautiful and precious, is not the endgame, we stay focused on that time when "every tear will be wiped away" (Revelation 21:4). "Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal" (St. Thomas More).

Lord, deepen my awareness of my own spiritual poverty. Fill me with hunger for your salvation and make me truly sorrowful for my sins. Whatever life throws my way, teach me to be grateful in all circumstances, trusting in your perfect plan for my salvation.

Excerpts: epriest

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 22

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Erica Looney

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Sandy Wojcik

Lector: Cathy Fuselier

Commentator: Alice Methvien

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum

Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

Greeters: Lanelle Wusterbarth, Phyllis Hobbs

Music: Steve Russell & Hilda

February 23

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma

Kelly Postma, Jennifer Townsend

Lector: Ashley Davis

Commentator: Dennis Valentine

Altar Servers: Tucker Smith, Jenna Beth Townsend

Ushers: Joshua Townsend, Chad Townsend

Greeters: Cathy Pigott, Cathy Ditcharo

Music: Eileen, Emily, and Children's Choir

February 8 & 9, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3748.91
Loose Cash	\$ 441.40
Total	\$4190.31

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
GOD is GOOD!*