

**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”**

227 East Cherokee Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601  
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**FEBRUARY 9, 2025—FIFTH 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

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

**Patrick Barrett, Chairperson**

Sabrina Smith

Eric Postma

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, February 8 Mass at 4 pm —Bob & Miriam Whitman (RIP)*

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

*Sunday, February 9, Mass at 11am—Our Parish*

*Tuesday, February 11 Mass at 12:10 pm — James Howard (RIP)*

*Wednesday, February 12 Mass at 12:10pm — Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Thursday, February 13, Mass at 12:10 pm— Janice Woodward (RIP)*

*Friday, February 14, Mass at 12:10pm—Robert Wusterbarth (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](mailto: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 Weekend**

The Annual Catholic Appeal depends on the generous participation of all parishes to truly make a difference. Your pledge, joined with others, empowers our diocese to provide vital ministries & services. By contributing, you become a part of Hope Rising, embodying Christ's promise and extending hope to those who serve us. Together, we support essential ministries like Clergy Healthcare Assistance, ensuring our active and retired priests, as well as our seminarians, receive the healthcare they need. This ministry covers healthcare costs and helps with out-of-pocket expenses, so they can continue their vocation with peace of mind. Please consider a generous pledge to support the Catholic Service Appeal, helping us carry forward this important mission in our diocese.

**Happy Birthday!!**

- Cade Duplantis (8)
- Robert Phillips (8)
- Russ Britt (11)
- Lauren Mabry (11)
- Pat Williams (12)
- Toni Pesson (13)
- Cathy Ditcharo (13)
- Braden Revere (14)



Altar Flowers  
are given by TA  
Boyd in  
thanksgiving for  
her  
loving parents,  
Frieda &  
Clarence Hutson



SAINT FRANCIS YOUTH NEWS

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!

Sunday, February 16

children's choir practice after 9am Mass

Sunday, February 23

Children's choir sings at 9am Mass

7th—12th Youth  
meets from 5:30—7:00pm on Sunday evenings  
Jr. CYO  
meets after Mass until 11:30am

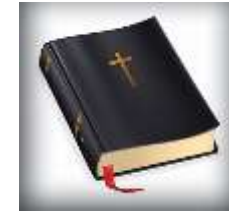
Wednesday, February 12  
**Senior Anointing Mass**  
at 12:10PM in the church  
luncheon to follow in the  
parish center

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.



OCIA  
Order of Christian Initiation for  
Adults  
Tuesday, February 11 @ 5:30pm  
**The Truth Will Set You Free**  
All are welcome to attend!



February 9, 2025  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this passage, we see Jesus taking the initiative in his relationship with Peter. Jesus chose Peter's boat among many and asked Peter permission to enter both his boat and his life. Peter accepted. Jesus then took the next step by asking Peter to cast his net. We can only respond to God; even our positive response is the fruit of God's grace in our soul.

Working all night and catching nothing reminded Peter that he was never fully in charge of his life. Even with fishing, his area of expertise, Peter had to admit that he could not control all the factors necessary for success. Masterful technique and profound knowledge of the lake were not sufficient. Peter had failed. Either failure can make us bitterly resent God and those around us, or it can open us up to the reality of needing the help of God and others.

It is an opportunity for humility. God resists a proud heart and seeks out the humble (Sirach 10:15). Thankfully, Peter chose to open up to Jesus.

When Peter saw the miraculous catch, he recognized the sanctity of Our Lord, fell to his knees, and asked Jesus to depart from him. Peter knew that he was not worthy to be in the company of Jesus. He knew himself to be a sinful man. As followers of Christ, we, too, must know that we are unworthy sinners. However, focusing too much on our sinfulness can lead to discouragement. Instead, like Peter, we bring our weaknesses to Jesus so that he can also tell us to "not be afraid; from now on, you will be catching men." Peter, Andrew, James, and John proceeded to leave everything to follow Jesus. Even today, the Church benefits from their generous response to Christ's invitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown me your gratuitous love in countless ways: in creating me, in redeeming me, in calling me to your friendship, and in inviting me to partake in your mission. Who am I that my Lord should come to me (Luke 1:43)? Please help me to respond to your gifts with faith, hope, and love.

Excerpts: epriest



St. Valentine

Patron Saint of  
love,  
young people,  
&  
a happy marriage  
Happy Valentine's Day!

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 15

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman  
Mary Nettles, Kira Burke  
**Lector:** Shelley Baron  
**Commentator:** Joshua Atwater  
**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum Kailyn Nolin  
**Thurifer:** Joshua Smith  
**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, John Chandler  
**Greeters:** Pat Williams, Jane Coleman  
**Music:** Eileen & Celine

February 16

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Aaron Achord  
Bridget Achord, Ange'le Bartholomew  
**Lector:** Talita Ruble  
**Commentator:** Lyndsey Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Preslee Womack, Lucas Phillips  
**Thurifer:** David Phillips  
**Ushers:** Mark Smith, Owen Junkin  
**Greeters:** Susan Smith, Kathy Phillips  
**Music:** Johnna

February 1 & 2, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 4485.00
Loose Cash	\$ 451.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4936.00</b>

January 2025 online giving—\$4762.66

Knights of Columbus

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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!



Confirmation Candidates

Parker Shann, Jenna Beth Townsend,  
Camille Calcote, Braden Allen, Lucas Phillips,  
Jack Postma, & Barrett Womack  
please pray for the confirmation candidates