

**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, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims

**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, Paul Phillips, Billy Walker, Perry Bergeron

**Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:**

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges

**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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**MARCH 2, 2025—EIGHTH 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: Ash Wednesday** 12:10 Mass (church)  
and 6:00 PM Mass (church)

**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 on  
Mondays in the church

### 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

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James Bellipanni

Laura Murray

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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, March 1, Mass at 4pm—Helen Walters (RIP)

Sunday, March 2, Mass at 9am—Our Parish

Tuesday, March 4 Mass at 12:10 pm — Mrs. Thien (RIP)

Ash Wednesday, March 5 Mass at 12:10pm— Our Parish

Ash Wednesday, March 5 Mass at 6:00 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Thursday, March 6, Mass at 12:10 pm—Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Friday, March 7, Mass at 12:10pm—James Howard (RIP)

### Lenten Season 101:

*A Guide for Everything You Need to Know*

*Catholic Company.com—Because Faith Matters*

*Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5, and ends on Holy Thursday, April 17.*

*On the evening of Holy Thursday, Lent ends and the Sacred Triduum begins.*

*Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and the time for penance. Obligatory day of fasting (ages 18—59) and abstinence (ages 14 & over).*

*Fast:* *Eating less food than normal (does not necessarily mean no food).*

*What you can eat:* *One normal, full sized meal, and two smaller meals which if combined would not equal one full meal.*

*Why:* *“Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being; the hunger and thirst for God.”-Pope Benedict XVI*

*Abstinence:* *Do not eat meat.*

*What you can eat:* *fish & seafood*



Ash Wednesday, March 5

Mass at 12:10 (church) & 6:00 (church)

Lenten Mission:

Fr. Aaron Williams

Spirit & Truth:

Understanding the Word of God

March 13 & 14 6:30—8:00PM

a light meal at 6PM will precede the service



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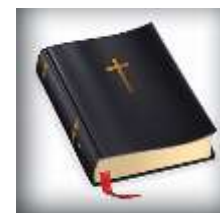
Order of Christian Initiation for

Adults

Tuesday, March 4 @ 5:30pm

Devotions & Sacraments

All are welcome to attend!



March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The first reading** is from the wisdom book of Sirach. It talks about testing. It is necessary in order to reveal the true nature of every person. Just as a sieve reveals the husks, and the clay jar is molded in the fire, so also a man's character is revealed when he speaks. The lesson being pointed out here is about the need to discern the attitude and character of every person, and not be easily taken in by the external façade being shown. One has to look inside in order not to be blinded by the outward appearance and behavior of a person.

**The second reading** is the Apostle Paul's admonition to the Corinthians to remain steadfast in fidelity and commitment to the Lord and in the fulfillment of their responsibilities. He acknowledged the weakness of everyone, owing to man's corruptibility and limitations. But this should not discourage anyone from striving for holiness and perfection. In Jesus, there is always hope and certainty of victory-over sin and death. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?"

**The Gospel** is the Lord's challenge to all his disciples to avoid all kinds of pride and hypocrisy. Instead, he urges them to regularly look into one's self and examine his own deficiencies, failures and sins. It is easy to see the faults of others and condemn or ridicule them. But the Lord warns them to resist this temptation and always remain, humble, being reminded of their own sins and failings.

Excerpts: Catholic for Life

Happy Birthday!!

Jack Jones (2)

Julianna

Townsend (3)

Jeff Phillips (4)

Linda Moak (5)

Sam Smith (5)



Family of Francis

When you give to the Catholic Service Appeal, your contribution helps fund essential ministries like Prison Ministry, which provides Mass and pastoral care to those incarcerated. So far we have raised

14, 690.00 toward our goal of 16.690.00

. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal and sustain these vital diocesan ministries.

The Weekend Mass Highlights

1st weekend:

**Benediction**

2nd weekend:

**Youth Mass**

3rd weekend:

**Memorial Mass**

4th weekend:

**Children's Choir**

Altar Flowers are given

in

loving

memory of

Margaret

Weathersby

by her

friends, Carol

& Wendy Wil-

liams & Jim

Baron



Making of King Cakes

by

Talita Ruble's Faith Formation Class

March Monthly Devotion

ST. JOSEPH



In March we honor St. Joseph. He was the foster father and guardian of Jesus. He ministered to all of the needs of the Holy Family in Nazareth. St. Joseph is the patron saint of families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers/buyers and the dying.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, March 8

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman

Alice Methvien, Lanelle Wusterbarth

**Lector:** Becky Feduccia

**Commentator:** TA Boyd

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum

**Ushers:** Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

**Greeters:** Shandra Flynn, Jane Coleman

**Music:** Steve & Emily

March 9

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Cathy Fuselier

**Lector:** Talita Ruble

**Commentator:** Larry Baker

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** David Goss, Micah Davis

**Greeters:** Kathy Phillips, Cathy Pigott

**Music:** Johnna

Second Collection Next Weekend 3/8 & 3/9 for the Black & Indian Mission

February 22 & 23, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3038.78
Loose Cash	\$ 392.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3430.78</b>

St. Francis Parish Offertory

\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

Operation Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters & brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger & climate change, & how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Rice Bowls are available for you in the vestibule of the church. Return on Holy Thursday, April 17.

