

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, 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, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims, Robbie Arnold, Lenore Gillispie, Benjamin Smith, Larry Howard, Elizabeth Wesse. Sandy Wojcik, Terri Corley, Warren Estes, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Susan Geffert, Cheryl Matherne, Ed Powell, Alyce and Payton Theriot, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, John Spratley

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, Roseann Harris, James Laird, Joe Robin, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Bob Weathersby, Paul Phillips

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



Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15

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Decades of the Rosary

1. Young Jesus Lost for Three Days

Mary endures both the anguish of losing Jesus in the big city and then his rather haughty reply that she should know he needed to be about God's concerns, signaling the first sign of Jesus' independence and break from his family.

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, September 20

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Alice Methvien

Mary Nettles, Sandy Wojcik

Lector: Becky Feduccia

Commentator: Joshua Atwater

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin

Thurifer: Joshua Smith

Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

Greeters: Lanelle Wusterbarth, Shandra Flynn

Music: Steve and Emily

Sunday, September 21

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Patrick Riley

Cathy Ditcharo, Sabrina Smith

Lector: Ashley Davis

Commentator: Dennis Valentine

Altar Servers: Finley & Ellie Brooke Ybarra

Thurifer: David Phillips

Ushers: Luis Ybarra, Mark Smith

Greeters: Susan Smith, Kathy Phillips

Music: Johnna



2. Mary Meets Jesus Going to Calvary

Tradition includes Mary among the women Jesus encounters on the way to his death. How hard for a mother to witness her son going to his execution, knowing both that he is innocent and yet that this must be the way that God has decided is the way to salvation.

3. Jesus' Crucifixion & Death

Nothing could be more anguishing than for a mother to witness the brutal slaying of her child, especially by religious authorities who do it in the name of God. Yet Mary trusts that even in this cruelty God will bring new life.

4. Jesus' Body Taken from the Cross

As Jesus is taken down from the cross, like any mother Mary holds her child tightly in her arms, treasuring in her heart once again all the memories. Simon's prophecy has now come true and her heart is pierced with overwhelming sorrow.

5. Jesus' Burial in the Tomb

Overwhelmed with sadness, Mary must bid final farewell to her beloved son (how God also identified Jesus at his baptism). Only a vague hope now lingers for God's promise of new life.



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SEPTEMBER 14, THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass luncheon to follow

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

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Jennifer Townsend, Secretary

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Hugh Louviere, Member

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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.

Happy Birthday!!
 Kathleen Jackson (15)
 Braden Allen (16)
 Talita Ruble (16)
 Bob Weathersby (17)
 Errol Callais (17)
 Barrett Womack (18)
 Preslee Womack (18)
 Piper Curole (18)



The Ladies of St. Francis
 will meet
 Sunday, September 21
 immediately following
 the 9AM Mass.
 Reminder that annual dues are due,
 cost is \$20.
 New members are welcome!

Second Collection on 9/13 & 9/14 for the
 Extension Society

**THINGS YOU OUGHT
 TO KNOW**
 when: Sundays,
 immediately following Mass at coffee &
 donuts
 This week 9/14:
**HOW TO TIE A TIE &
 A BOWTIE**
 (please bring your own tie)
 presented by
 Jason Guthrie &
 The Young Catholic Group

Do you want
 Photos, Trivia, Announcements?
 Follow the Family of Francis
 on our Facebook Page
St. Francis Brookhaven

Altar flowers
 are given by
 Cathy Ditcharo
 in Thanksgiving
 for her children
 &
 grandchildren



Parish Council
 will meet
 this Wednesday,
 Sept. 17
 at 6:00PM




The Family of Francis is invited to
THE OPENING OF THE NEW YOUTH ROOM!
 This Sunday, September 12
 after the Youth Mass at 11AM.
 The room is located in the basement of the office building.



The Knights of Columbus
 are hosting a jambalaya fundraiser
 Sunday, September 21
 after the 9AM Mass
 in the Parish Center.
 Please plan on supporting this event!

**THANK
 YOU!**

To Ange'le and Myron Bartholomew and Sabrina
 Smith for your time and dedication to Youth Day and
 Youth Lock In last weekend!
 We also thank all of those youth from St. Francis &
 St. Alphonsus who participated in these events.



OCIA
 begins Tuesday, September 16
 at 6:00PM
 topic: Welcome, Introductions, and
 Seeking the Face of God

September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Reflection: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: **the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628.** Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.


Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 12:24-25)

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Prayer: *Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grave today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Excerpt: My Catholic Life



For God so loved the world that
 he gave his only Son...

September 6 & 7, 2025
Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 4920.54
Loose Cash	\$ 434.00
Total	\$5354.54

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

Sunday, October 5
 following a 10AM Mass
 Meat, baked beans, potato salad, drinks, &
 desserts will be provided!
 If your last name starts with;
 A-M: bring salad, pasta, or deviled eggs
 N-Z: bring a vegetable, casserole

The Parish provides a majority of the food for this picnic, however, we still need your food contributions to make this a success! If you have a favorite dish/dessert, feel free to bring it in **ADD IT ON** to your assigned dish!

If you have a gift to donate for a bingo prize please contact the office.



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG
 The Southwest, MS Pregnancy Center in McComb just tallied their church contributions. St. Francis donated \$753.13. With the \$851.26 previously reported from the Lawrence County Pregnancy Center, St. Francis baby bottle 2025 donations totaled \$1604.39. This is an increase of 10% or \$150 over the 2024 donations made by St. Francis. The donations from over 100 churches that participate in the baby bottle boomerang account for 50-60% of the operating budgets of both pregnancy centers. God bless each of you for your generous support!