Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Jimmy Cuevas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, 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, Keagan Smith, Cam Martin, Audrey Cuevas, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Freddie Barrett, Missy Kilpatrick, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb

<u>Prayers for the Homebound:</u> 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

November 22 & 23, 2025 Regular Offertory

Envelopes \$ 4746.00 <u>Loose Cash</u> \$ 563.00 Total \$ 5309.00

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

The Pastoral Council
is looking for a volunteer to
help with the
Parish Health Ministry.

If you are in the health care field & would like to
learn more about this volunteer position please

contact the office.

DECEMBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 6

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner Alice Methvien, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Lector: Tara Bonner **Commentator:** TA Boyd

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin

Thurifer: Joshua Smith

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Chandler **Greeters:** Pat Williams, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Music: Steve, Hilda



Sunday, December 7

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Aaron Achord

Bridget Achord, Lisa Shann

Lector: Jim Craig

Commentator: Jason Guthrie

Altar Servers: Finley Ybarra, Sami Curole, William Murray

Thurifer: David Phillips

Ushers: Luis Ybarra, Mark Smith **Greeters:** Susan Smith, Beth DeLaughter

Music: Eileen, Celine

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and movies.

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2) enter parish zip code 39601 or name and select St. Francis

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SAVE THE DATE

<u>December 8</u>: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

<u>December 10</u>: Senior Anointing Mass & Luncheon

<u>December 10</u>: Parish wide Reconciliation Service

<u>December 12</u>: Our Lady of Guadalupe

<u>December 13—14:</u> Second Collection for support of retired religious



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NOVEMBER 30, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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—

<u>Tuesday</u>: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass <u>Wed:</u> 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass <u>Thursday</u>: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

<u>First Friday:</u> 11:15 Exposition 11:20 Rosary 11:40 Adoration 12:10 Mass (light lunch 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.

<u>Baptism:</u> Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano

<u>Marriage:</u> 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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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.



Finley Ybarra (30)
Serena Whitman (1)
Jonathan Smith (1)
Bobbye Dear (2)
Cristian Lopez (2)
Donnell Louviere (3)

GOD is GOOD all the time All the time GOD is GOOD!

2nd collection Nov 29-30 for St. Vincent de Paul Ministry



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 30
immediately following the 9AM Mass!
ALL are welcome to join in this project
for your home during this
Advent season!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Kenneth Goodrum (left of Fr. Mano)

Kenneth was recently selected to the Permanent

Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Jackson.

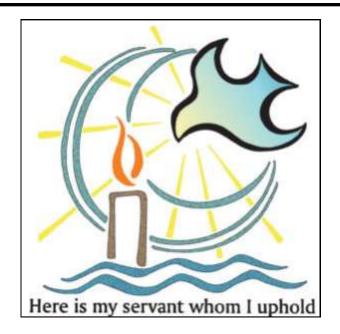
Please keep Kenneth & Family in your prayers as

he commits himself to this process and ministry!

Coffee &
Donuts
following the
9AM Mass
All are welcome to
attend!



Faith Formation
Mass
this Wed. Dec 3
@ 6:30PM
All are welcome!



During the four Sundays of Advent, Father Mano will celebrate a Consecration Mass on Sundays at the 9AM Mass.

This Mass will celebrate the work and dedication of Faith

Formation Teachers, OCIA Instructors, CYO Teachers, Lectors/
Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & Greeters.

There will be a special Consecration Prayer and a Blessing after Communion for those involved in these ministries.

Following the Mass there will be a luncheon for these dedicated groups.

Sunday, November 30—CFF & CYO Teachers & OCIA Instructors
Sunday, December 7—Lectors/Commentators
Sunday, December 14—Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday, December 21—Ushers & Greeters
Please plan on attending this Mass.

If you would like to honor your loved one with a Christmas flower donation, please fill out a Christmas Flower Offering Envelope and place it in the offering basket.

Envelopes are located in the vestibule of Church.





The Family of Francis needs your help!
Who: anyone who likes to sing
when: December 24 at
Midnight Mass
If you are interested in singing with
Emily Phillips and other members of the
Parish at this Christmas Mass please
contact the office.





December 12 at 6PM
Join us for a Spanish Mass to honor Our
Lady of Guadalupe and to celebrate the
First Communion of Franco Gonzalez
Apolonia Pedro, and Jose Pedro. There
will be a small gathering after Mass in the
Parish Center. All members of the St.
Francis family are welcome to attend.

El 12 de diciembre a las 6 PM tendremos la misa en honor a Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe y la Primera Comunion de Franco Gonzalez, Apolonia Pedro y Jose Pedro Perez. Habra un pequeno compartir despues de la misa en el centro parroquial. Toda la familia de la parroquia es bienvenida. November 30—The First Sunday of Advent

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. He occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26).

His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see <u>Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12)</u>. He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see <u>Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7)</u>. It is time we start living like it—throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in today's Psalm, let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord. Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Excerpt: Integrated Catholic Life



CONGRATULATIONS

Eddie Britt & Leslie Phillips

who were elected by the

Family of Francis as the newest members

of the Pastoral Council.

We also would like to thank

Joshua Atwater, Owen Junkin,

Amy Mason, & Talita Ruble who agreed to

be on the ballot and serve the parish if elected!

