

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Gale, 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, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Freddie Barrett, Missy Kilpatrick, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb

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

December 6 & 7, 2025

Regular Offertory

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| Envelopes | \$ 4870.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 441.00 |
| Total | \$ 5311.00 |

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Which saint is credited with popularizing the Nativity scene (creche) as part of Christmas celebrations?

Answer: inside the bulletin

DECEMBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 20

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Sandy Wojcik

Lector: Becky Feduccia

Commentator: Joshua Atwater

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Vidalia Foster

Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

Greeters: Alice Hearn, Phyllis Hobbs

Music: Hilda & Eileen

Sunday, December 21

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Patrick Riley

Sabrina Smith, Ange'le Bartholomew

Lector: Ashley Davis

Commentator: Lauren Zell

Altar Servers: Tucker Smith, Thomas Lopez

Ushers: Myron Bartholomew, Owen Junkin

Greeters: Cathy Pigott, Cathy Ditcharo

Music: Johnna

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



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
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.

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 Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

Lisa Shann, President

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Jennifer Townsend, Secretary

Bo Allen, Christian & Family Life Commission

Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Hugh Louviere, Member

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St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

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David Phillips

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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.



Chancy Duplantis (15)
Natalie Britt (15)
Adam Smith (17)
Cathy Fuselier (18)
Alice Hearn (18)
Jose Pedro (18)
Thomas Taylor (19)
Tara Bonner (19)
Susan Smith (19)
Leo Schilling (19)

2nd collection
December 13-14
Support of Retired Religious

NO Youth Mass
Sunday, Dec. 14

Father Mano
will be returning to
his home in India
for several weeks.
He will be leaving between
Christmas and New Year's.
Please pray for safe travels
and a relaxing visit with his
family back home!



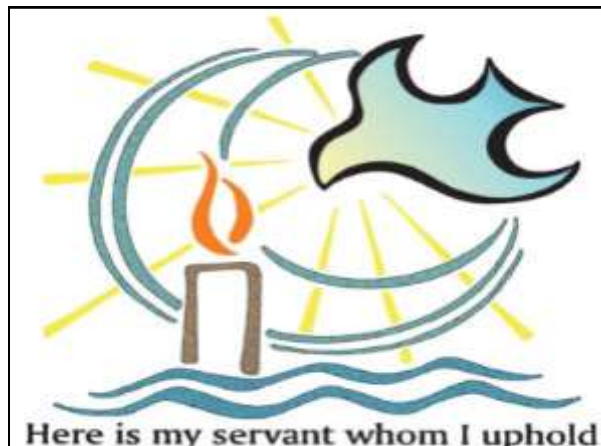
SAI NT FRANCIS SKATE PARTY!!

This Sunday, December 14
at 12:30
at Brookhaven Skating
Rink.
Come & join in the fun!!!



Youth Night/Bonfire 2025

trivia answer: St. Francis of Assisi in 1223



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, December 14—Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday, December 21—Ushers & Greeters
Please plan on attending this Mass.



Please welcome OCIA candidate and go visit with Josh Russell.
Josh was born and raised in Greenville, NC. He works as a Systems Administrator at East Carolina University. He currently lives in Stronghope and is engaged to be married to Kim McLemore.

OCIA
December 16 @ 6:00PM
A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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.



An Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the
darkness, send your Holy Spirit up-
on our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice
each day. We who are anxious over
many things look forward to your
coming among us. We who are
blessed in so many ways long for the
complete joy of your kingdom. We
whose hearts are heavy seek the joy
of your presence. We are your people,
walking in darkness, yet seeking
the light. To you we say,
"Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen

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

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



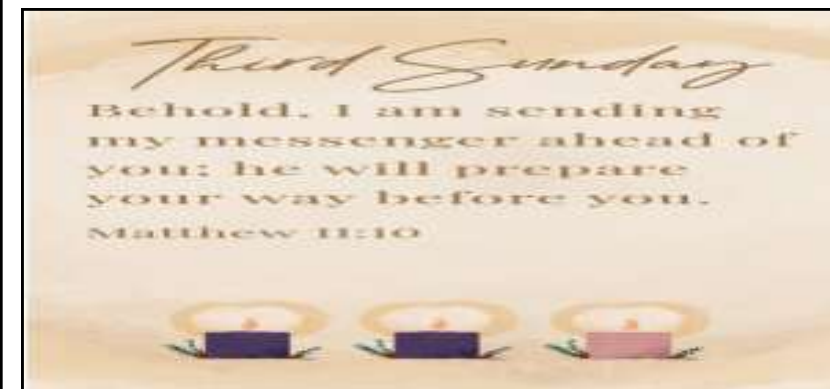
Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 21
11:00AM
meet at Trendz
Nursing Home

December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Many have seen these words of the Baptist a sign of weakness or of doubt in Christ. And it may well be so. Here is a man who had spent the greater part of his life living not in a five-star, but a five million-star hotel: the wilderness. Suddenly he is cooped up in a small, dark and stinking dungeon. He is about to bow out from the stage of life, a martyr for the truth of the gospel. Before making the final act of self-immolation, he might be questioning if it is all worth the ultimate sacrifice. A dying man cannot afford to have any doubt. Do I harbor in my heart doubts about my faith? Do I seek, as John the Baptist did, to resolve those questions by asking someone to help me?

Nested deep within our hearts, we all have doubts and fears that float up in moments of difficulty and trial. We also have courage and certitudes: hidden resources from which to draw in times of necessity. Whatever might have motivated these words of John the Baptist, be it doubt or positive testimony, the lesson is exactly the same: Turn to Christ in every circumstance of life. Christ is our reassurance and strength when fear invades our hearts and clouds our minds. Christ is our Savior and the very reason that sustains our efforts as apostles and heralds of his Kingdom. Thus, we echo the motto of the Baptist in all that we do: "He must increase and I must decrease" (John 3:30).



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.



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