

**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, 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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| <b>Envelopes</b>  | <b>\$ 4870.00</b> |
| <b>Loose Cash</b> | <b>\$ 441.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$ 5311.00</b> |

**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 Ditchar  
**Music:** Johnna



We are pleased to announce that St. Francis Parish has subscribed to **FORMED.org**  
Access thousands of books, studies, audio talks, documentaries, and movies.  
1) go to FORMED.org/signup  
2) enter parish zip code 39601 or name and select St. Francis  
3) enter your name and email  
4) start browsing

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.



**St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church**

**"Make me an Instrument of Your Peace"**

227 East Cherokee Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601  
Office: 601-833-1799 Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 9:00-3:00



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Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

**DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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

**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. 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.

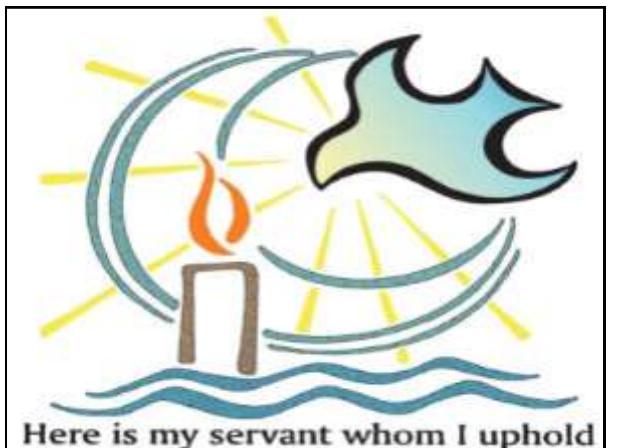


Chancy Duplantis (15)  
Natalie Britt (15)  
Adam Smith (17)  
Cathy Fuselier (18)  
Alice Hearn (18)  
Jose Pedro (18)  
Thomas Taylor (19)  
Tara Bonner (19)  
Susan Smith (19)  
Leo Schilling (19)

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!



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.



### SAIN T 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



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

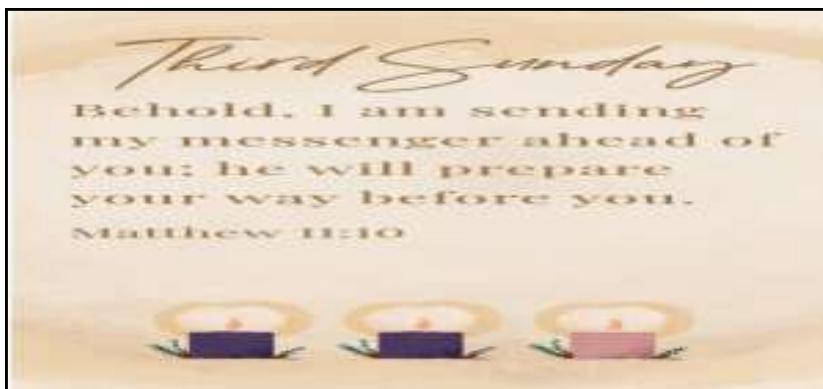
If you are interested  
in singing with  
Emily Phillips and other  
members of the  
Parish at this Christmas  
Mass please  
contact the office.



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).



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

**GOD  
is GOOD  
all the time!  
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Christmas Caroling  
Sunday, Dec. 21  
11:00AM  
meet at Trendz  
Nursing Home

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.



**JOY**