

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 13 & 14, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3176.00
Loose Cash	\$ 787.50
Total	\$ 3963.50

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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



DECEMBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Wednesday, Christmas Eve 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma
Kelly Postma, Laura Murray

Lector: Paige Jackson

Commentator: Lindsey Smith

Thurifer: Joshua Atwater

Music: Johnna, Emily, and children



Wednesday, Midnight Mass 11:30PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner, Cathy Fuselier

Lector: Cathy Fuselier

Commentator: Tara Bonner

Thurifer: Jim Bonner

Music: Steve, Emily, and adult choir



Thursday, Christmas Day 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman
Ashley Albritton, Alice Methvien

Lector: Jim Craig

Commentator: Gerry Whitman

Thurifer: Joshua Smith

Music: Eileen and Celine



Saturday, December 27 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Alice Methvien
Cathy Fuselier

Lector: Shelley Barron

Commentator: Alice Methvien

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Chandler

Greeters: Shandra Flynn, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Music: Steve and Emily

Sunday, December 28 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Jennifer Townsend

Lector: Talita Ruble

Commentator: Dennis Valentine

Altar Servers: Piper Douchard, Preslee Womack, Robert Phillips

Ushers: Brett Douchard, Joshua Townsend

Greeters: Jimminette Phillips, Kathy Phillips

Music



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DECEMBER 21, FOURTH 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.

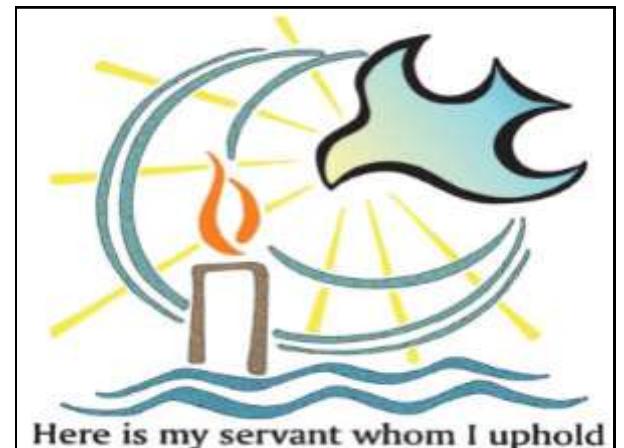


Father Mano will be returning to his home in India for a visit. He will be leaving between Christmas and New Year's. Please pray for safe travels and a relaxing visit with his family back home!

Ricky Dunaway (20)
Natalie Womack (20)
Paulina Lopez (21)
Chad Townsend (24)
Jenna Townsend (26)

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

Faith Formation & OCIA are on break for the holidays.
OCIA resumes January 6
FF resumes January 14
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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 21—Ushers & Greeters
Please plan on attending this Mass.



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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Children's Mass	4:00PM
Christmas Midnight Mass	11:30PM
Christmas Carols	10:45PM
Christmas Day Mass	9:00AM

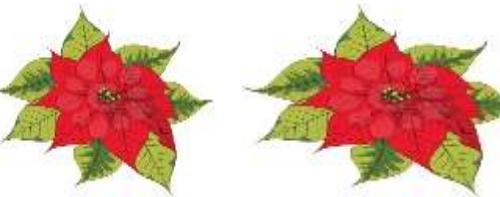


Please welcome Megan Ivy Jones to our Family of Francis. Megan is originally from Mathiston, MS. She currently serves as Director of Academic Counseling at Southwest Mississippi Community College. She has been married to Oliver Jones for nine years. She is grateful for the opportunity to deepen her faith through the Catholic Church..

The St. Vincent De Paul Ministry would like to thank Emily Phillips, the Faith Formation Youth and all of those who contributed to the recent food drive. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

thank you

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.



In This Holy Season

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter,
we praise you for the great wonders
you have sent us:

for shining star and angel's song,
for infant's cry in lowly manger.

We praise you for the Word made flesh
in a little Child.

We behold his glory, and are
bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies
of Christmas,
the incomprehensible comprehended,

the poetry made hard fact,
the helpless Babe who cracks the
world asunder.

We kneel before you shepherds,
innkeepers, wise men.

Help us to rise bigger than we are.

Amen

Author Unknown



December 21—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Joseph was faced with a devastating series of events. He had become betrothed to Mary in a binding religious ceremony, committing to her as his wife. Since the precepts of his time dictated a waiting period between the formal betrothal and taking her into his home as his wife, her pregnancy was a terrible shock to him. He had every reason to believe that his betrothed wife had been unfaithful. Yet, instead of bringing down the full wrath of the law on Mary, he planned to divorce her quietly. She could have been put to death for adultery, and Joseph, as heartbroken and mortified as he must have been, simply did not want that. What a gentle and kind heart he must have had. Are we as gracious and kind when we believe we have been wronged?

Joseph was a practical man, a carpenter who made his living working with his hands. Yet, he was also a student of Scripture and a man of prayer. When the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, it might have been easy for Joseph to wake up and convince himself that he had not had a visitation from an actual angel. On the contrary, his heart and soul were open to the extraordinary possibility that the Scripture was, at last, being fulfilled. The more time we spend in prayer and in studying the word of God, the more ready we are to hear the Lord when he speaks to us.

It is hard to imagine the wonder and awe mixed with fear that both Joseph and Mary must have experienced during this tumultuous time. Joseph did exactly what the angel told him to do, despite the difficulty it must have caused him. There may have been gossip about Mary's pregnancy. They faced the hardship of traveling to fulfill the census when his young wife was about to give birth. Joseph had a quiet strength and he drew this strength from his obedience to God's will. As St. Teresa of Avila was to say so many years later, "I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible" (Interior Castle, preface). The consequence of Joseph's obedience was the fulfillment of the prophecy; Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Excerpts: [epriest](#)



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