

**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 20 & 21, 2025**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 4221.00
Loose Cash	\$ 660.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4881.00</b>

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

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

**New Year's Trivia**

Which Pope introduced the calendar most of the world uses today, setting January 1 as the start of the Year?

Pope Gregory XIII (the Gregorian calendar, 1582)

**JANUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, January 3 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Alice Methvien

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Kira Burke

**Lector:** Becky Feduccia

**Commentator:** Alice Methvien

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin

**Ushers:** Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

**Greeters:** Pat Williams, Lanelle Wusterbarth

**Music:** Steve and Hilda

**Sunday, January 4 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Patrick Riley

Lisa Shann, Laura Murray

**Lector:** Talita Ruble

**Commentator:** Jim Craig

**Altar Servers:** Finley Ybarra, William Murray

**Ushers:** Luis Ybarra, Stephen Murray

**Greeters:** TA Boyd, Cathy Ditcharo

**Music**

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**DECEMBER 28, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**

**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:** No Daily Mass

**Wed:** No Daily Mass

**Thursday: SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Mass at 6:00PM

**Friday:** No Daily Mass

**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**

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry**

St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

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Brookhaven, MS 39601

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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.



Gloria Kramer (30)  
 Bryanna Miles (30)  
 Michael Smith (31)  
 Paige Jackson (31)  
 Billy George (1)  
 Andres Mendez (1)  
 Sophia Coleman (1)  
 Norman Ratliff (2)

Let us welcome  
 Fr. Kevin Slattery & Fr. Panir  
 to the Family of Franics.  
 Father Kevin will celebrate the Saturday evening  
 4:00PM Mass and the 5:30PM Spanish Mass.  
 Father Panir will celebrate the Sunday Mass while  
 Father Mano is on his break.

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

The Diocese of  
 Jackson  
 and all offices  
 will be closed  
 from  
 Dec. 24-Jan. 2.



Thank You  
 Myron, Ange'le, Sawyer, & Hunter  
 Bartholomew & Sabrina Smith for  
 preparing & serving the meals following  
 the Consecration Masses. We also thank  
 those who are the leaders of the various  
 ministries for their time & dedication to  
 their position as leader.

December 28

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

During the holidays, our life can be so full of noise and distractions that it's challenging at times to be with the Lord and to hear the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit. We may even find ourselves unable to discern—is that really the holy Spirit or just my imagination? Disruptions in routine, holiday festivities, fatigue, media saturation—so many things vie for our attention and block the ears of our soul to hear the Lord's will. We are in a special time of grace, so let's be sure to spend a few minutes in silence with Jesus so that he can restore peace in our soul, which will allow us to have ears to hear his plan for my day.

How many times has the Lord saved you from danger? From being somewhere we shouldn't be, from speaking out of anger and frustration, from participating in activities that would harm our soul? When we are faithful to our daily examination of conscience, we become aware of the Lord's action in our life and our gratitude grows. We find ourselves more eager to live attentive to the Lord's will.

Joseph protected the infant Jesus and Mary from all danger and harm by responding to the promptings of your holy angels. The Lord is the ultimate protector of our soul, but he also asks that we look out for the good of the souls he has placed in our life. How are we protecting from harm those souls he has entrusted to us? (My congregation, my spouse, my children, those I work with, those I teach, those I guide...) No matter our vocation, there are souls who are influenced by our thoughts, words, and actions. Let's pray for the grace to help others to encounter Jesus.

Excerpt: epriest



**THANK YOU:**  
 to the decorators of the  
 church, the musicians, the  
 singers & all volunteers for this  
 Blessed Christmas Season!

Christmas Flower Donations

- In memory of Hugh Louviere Sr., Don Powell & Heath Louviere given by Hugh & Donnell Louviere
- In memory of Robert Wusterbarth given by Lanelle Wusterbarth
- Flower donation by Mailien Nguyen
- In memory of Wade Ditcharo given by Cathy Ditcharo
- In memory of Tom, Marion, & Jim Phillips given by Mark & Susan Smith
- In memory of deceased members of the LeJeune & Fuselier families given by Cathy & Roderick Fuselier
- In memory of the Wickham & DeLaughter families given by Beth DeLaughter
- In memory of deceased members of the Hartl & Craig families given by Jim & Celine Craig
- In memory of Ernest & Audrey Bowman & Mack & Adaline Flynn given by the Merle Bowman Family
- In memory of Mack & Adaline Flynn given by Mary Nettles
- In honor of the Harris Family, Gloria Hall, & Helen Walters given by Alice Hearn
- In memory of Stephanie Eskine & Norma Bienvenu given by Debbie Bienvenu
- In memory of Charlie & Adaline Feduccia & Ray & Louise Newell given by Charles & Becky Feduccia
- In memory of the Puffer & Henriquez Families "Merry Christmas in Heaven" given by John & Peggy Henriquez
- In memory of Emily Catherine Smith-DiLisio given by Phyllis Hobbs
- In memory of the Clarence Hutson Family, Richard Boyd, & the Amien George Family given by TA Boyd
- In honor of our 8 Grandchildren & 7 Great Grandchildren given by Clifford & Cindy Galey
- In memory of Matthew Corkern



January 1

Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

(holy day of obligation)

Mass at 6:00PM

**Entering the New Year**

God of all time,  
 help us enter the New Year quietly,  
 thoughtful of who we are to ourselves & to others,  
 mindful that our steps make an impact  
 and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
 May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
 help us enter the New Year reverently,  
 aware that you have endowed  
 every creature & plant, every person & habitat  
 with beauty & purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.  
 May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
 help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
 willing to laugh & dance & dream,  
 remembering our many gifts with thanks  
 & looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
 May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.  
 May the grace & peace of Christ bless us now & in the days ahead.

-Vinita Hampton Wright

**Happy New Year!**

