

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, 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, Sydney Conzelmann, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Rita Feduccia, Trey Harrison, Judy Muldihill, Cathy Fuselier

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

Due to inclement weather 1/24-1/25/2026
all Masses were cancelled. No offertory.

FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

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English speaking USA: 888-830-0004

Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 7 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Mary Nettles

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Kira Burke

Lector: Lanelle Wusterbarth

Commentator: Joshua Atwater

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, Brad Smith

Greeters: Phyllis Hobbs, Shandra Flynn

Music: Eileen, Cindy Gale

Sunday, February 8 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Sue Junkin

Lector: Carlisle Henderson

Commentator: Lindsey Smith

Altar Servers: Maddie Postma, Thomas Lopez, Robert Phillips

Ushers: Owen Junkin, David Goss

Greeters: Violet Corrales, Tara Bonner

Music: Johnna

DIOCESAN POSITION AVAILABLE

The Diocese of Jackson is seeking a faith-filled and organized Event Planning Coordinator to help bring our diocesan gatherings, meetings, and donor events to life. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys serving others, coordinating meaningful events, and supporting the mission of the Catholic Church.

The Event Planning Coordinator will work closely with clergy, staff, donors, and volunteers to plan and execute events across the Diocese. Previous event planning experience is required, along with strong communication and organizational skills and a willingness to work occasional evenings, weekends, and travel as needed. If you or someone you know feels called to serve the Church through this work we invite you to apply by submitting a resume and cover letter to Rebecca.harris@jackson

St. Francis is in need of volunteers to place flowers on the main altar for the weekend Masses. To place altar flowers as a honorarium or memorial please sign the altar flower sheet located in the vestibule of church. The church office will help coordinate this process. Thank You!



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

Website: www.stfrancisbrookhaven.org

Email: office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org

Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

FEBRUARY 1, THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Communion Service 12:10PM

Wed: No Daily Mass

Thursday: Communion Service 12:10PM

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

Jennifer Townsend, President

Jim Bonner, Vice President

Leslie Phillips, Secretary

Bo Allen, Christian & Family Life Commission

Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Eddie Britt, 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

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.



Candlemas 2026, or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is on Monday, February 2, 2026. It marks the 40th day after Christmas, celebrating the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the purification of Mary. It is a traditional Christian "festival of lights" where candles are blessed for the year. Blessed candles will be available at the front of church after the weekend Masses. (One per family)



OCIA
class this Tuesday,
February 3
at 6:00PM
This week's topic is
Catholic Social Teaching
All are welcome to join in
the class!

The Family of Francis again needs your help!

Who: Anyone who likes to sing
When: Saturday, April 4
What: The Easter Vigil Mass

If you are interested in singing please contact the office or Emily Phillips.

Choir practice will be on Sundays after the 9:00AM Mass beginning February 22.



**CSA Ministry of the Week
Catholic Charities**

Let us pray for all who serve through Catholic Charities and the ministries supported by the Catholic Service Appeal. May God bless their compassion and strengthen them as they bring hope and faith to those in need.

It's that time again!
Please bring your 2025 Easter palms and leave at the end of your pew starting this weekend! The palms will be burnt & used as the ashes for the upcoming Ash Wednesday!



- Becky Corkern (1)
- Bridget Achord (1)
- Hunter Bartholomew (1)
- Kevin Fiorella (3)
- Aimee Harris (3)
- Marjorie Kimble (4)
- James Hall (5)
- Kelly Postma (6)
- Christine Fiorella (6)

Coffee & Donuts

following the
9:00AM Mass
All are welcome!

**Catholic Service Appeal
February 7 & 8, 2026**

Have any ideas or suggestions for our parish? Please drop your ideas/suggestions in the suggestion box located in the church vestibule for parish council review.

**GOD is GOOD
all the time!
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World Marriage Day 2026

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry would like to invite all couples who are celebrating

their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or longer year anniversaries in 2026

to the Diocesan **World Marriage Day Celebration**. If you were unable to attend a previous celebration, please join us this

year. We are hosting two events:
Jackson and Tupelo.

Sat., February 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm at St. Peter Cathedral in Jackson
Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm at St. James in Tupelo.

There will be Mass followed by a reception. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register & RSVP in one step go to

www.jacksondiocese.org/familyministry.

For additional information or questions, please call the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email Debbie Tubertini at

debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org

February 1, 2026—The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let's imagine ourselves that memorable day, sitting with the multitudes on a sunny mountainside overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is preaching to the crowd from below, using the steep incline as a natural amphitheater. The soft breeze coming off the water and running up the hillside seems to carry his gentle voice to all of the hundreds of anxious listeners. We are impressed that the Teacher, despite the fact that he is authoritatively delivering a strong message, seems so happy and full of peace. He exudes an interior freedom that allows him to devote himself entirely to serving God and others. The world seems to have no hold on him. Listening to Jesus we are drawn to exclaim, "This man knows what he is talking about." He knows what heaven is like. He knows firsthand that heavenly blessedness far outstrips any worldly happiness I could imagine."

It could feel like we have just heard the most powerful sermon ever delivered, and yet it will take us a while to digest it all. It was absolutely counter-cultural, even shocking. And yet, as challenging as it was, it all seemed to ring true in our hearts. Jesus boldly proposed to us in the Sermon on the Mount a fresh, new roadmap to true happiness and blessedness.

All of us have a deep desire to be happy and live in peace, and we had thought before that we had it all figured out. But Jesus' ways are the very opposite of the ways of the world. He scorns all false beatitudes which make happiness depend on self-expression, license, having a good time, or an attitude of "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you shall die." He knows that the results of these false beatitudes are mental disorders, unhappiness, false hopes, fears, and anxieties.

As the keys to success and happiness, the world often proposes to us one or more of the seven deadly sins. We hear the catchwords: "security," "revenge," "laughter," "popularity," "getting even," "sex," "armed might," and "comfort." Jesus, without batting an eyelash, just turned all of these shallow ideals on their head, calling them all a dead end. He bravely challenged the spirit of the world—accepting the fact that such a move would make him very unpopular with some, and even seal his fate at Calvary. In place of the worldly pleasure route, he offered us a better way, the only way to true blessedness, as expressed in the Beatitudes, one that he himself would walk until the day he died for us. Perhaps these words ring true in my heart..., but am I prepared to cut the strings that keep me running after the false beatitudes?

Excerpts: Catholic.net

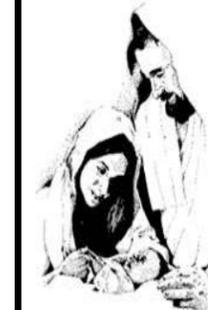


A HOLY YEAR FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Jubilee Year starting January 10, 2026. The Holy Father has granted the possibility of a plenary indulgence to anyone who, under the usual conditions, visits a Franciscan Church or any place of worship dedicated to St. Francis. During the year, embrace St. Francis as a spiritual guide—and keep his example and intercession close in prayer. Our Family of Francis will celebrate this St. Francis Jubilee Year with several events to be announced at a later date.

February Monthly Devotion
The Holy Family

In February we honor the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the most perfect reflection of the love of the Trinity and sets before us the most perfect model of virtue for all Christian homes. Pray with, or for, your family during this month. At the start of each day, ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for the grace to follow their example of love and selflessness. During this month, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd) and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11th).



Have you heard of
Co-Lin ILR?

(Independent Learning in Retirement)
They are hosting a **Spring Social** on February 3 @ 2:00PM @ the Thames Center/Co-Lin. Please join them for membership information & fellowship.

ILR offers monthly luncheons, classes and travel opportunities. Travel includes day & overnight trips. Any questions, please contact fellow parishioner Bobbye Dear @ 303-304-7719