

**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

**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 Andrew Tucker niges

**Prayers for Healing**

Please contact the Parish Office

601-833-1799

Charles Griggs, Hoeniges

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**  
\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

January 10 & 11, 2026	
Regular Offertory	
Envelopes	\$ 2241.00
Loose Cash	\$ 436.00
Total	\$ 2677.00

Saltillo Mission—Second Collection  
\$745.00

**JANUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**


**Saturday, January 24 @ 4:00PM**  
**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Jim Bonner  
Tara Bonner, Ashley Albritton  
**Lector:** Lanelle Wusterbarth  
**Commentator:** TA Boyd  
**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin  
**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, Charles Feduccia  
**Greeters:** Phyllis Hobbs, Shandra Flynn  
**Music:** Steve, Hilda

**Sunday, January 25 @ 9:00AM**  
**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman  
Jennifer Townsend, Sabrina Smith  
**Lector:** Lauren Zell  
**Commentator:** Jason Guthrie  
**Altar Servers:** Preslee Womack, Piper Douchard, Tucker Smith  
**Ushers:** Brett Douchard, David Goss  
**Greeters:** Violet Corrales, Beth DeLaughter  
**Music:** Eileen

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



*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!*

Catholic Service Appeal  
February 7 & 8, 2026



**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 Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

**JANUARY 18, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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.

All things are possible with God



To the Ladies of St. Francis  
from Cathy Fusilier  
Happy New Year!

I would like to wish you a safe, joyful, and prosperous year filled with family and friends. The Ladies of St. Francis will not meet again as a group until late January. At that time I will relinquish the chairman position, so I ask all our members to consider who will take over. I am confident any of our members could fulfill the job. Thank you for the opportunity to lead such a faithfully devoted group of women.

Sincerely yours,  
Cathy Fuselier



Hilda Harrigill (17)  
Bill Phillips (21)

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



#### CSA Ministry of the Week Seminarian Education

This weekend, let us join in prayer for the ministries supported by the Catholic Service Appeal. Your generous contributions play a vital role in supporting our **twelve seminarians** as they journey with dedication and sacrifice toward priesthood. Your gift also extends to all the men throughout our diocese who are discerning their call to this sacred vocation. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for these future leaders of our Catholic faith.



GOD is GOOD  
all the time!  
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Have any  
ideas or  
suggestions for our  
parish?  
Please drop your  
ideas/suggestions off  
in the suggestion  
box located in the  
church vestibule for  
parish council review.



#### 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](http://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](mailto:debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org)



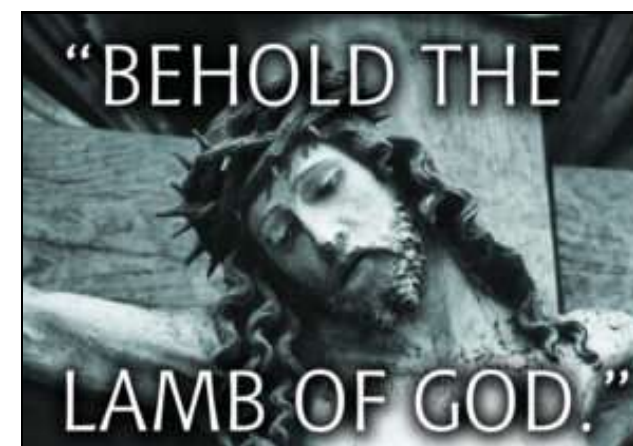
January 18—The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Baptism.** We hear about Jesus' baptism again this week because we are invited to reflect on the power and the importance of our own baptism. Just as Jesus' identity and mission are revealed in the baptism so is ours. Baptism is in fact, as many saints and popes have attested, the most important sacrament, as it is the gateway to all of the rest. Like confirmation and ordination, baptism cleanses our soul and confers on it an indelible mark which ontologically changes us. That simply means that in our very being, our essence, we have been changed and now are incorporated into Christ. How do we open our ears to hear and open our eyes to see or open our mouth to proclaim his good news? The answer is the cross. We cannot be a follower of Christ or disciple unless we are able to carry His cross.

**Lamb.** John the Baptist proclaims the identity and mission of Jesus by proclaiming what we repeat at every mass when the priest holds up the Eucharist. "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." In order to appreciate and understand this title we need only look at the exist and how God saved and liberated the Hebrew people in Egypt. He did so of course by inviting them to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood over the door in order that death would pass over them. When his people were spared death and liberated from Egypt, he commanded them to remember it every year during the feast of Passover. Jesus in fact was a good jew and was merely celebrating the feast of Passover when he did something amazing. He transformed it! He said you don't need a lamb, I am the lamb of God and you don't need its blood because I'm going to pour out my blood to save you not from slavery in Egypt, but a far worse evil, the slavery of sin.

**Eucharist.** So, what is our response to this heroic, unselfish and self-sacrificing act? As baptized into his death and resurrection, we are called to be reminded of our own identity to continue his mission so that we don't merely receive the Eucharist but rather, we are called to be the Eucharist. What does that mean? To be self-sacrificing disciples who are willing to lay down our lives for others.

Excerpts: [DigitalMissionaries](#)



Please welcome OCIA candidate  
Dave Levy

Dave did not grow up with religion but about a year ago he went to his first Latin Mass in New Orleans and it was something he had never experienced before. He knew then that he felt strongly about the Catholic Faith and felt compelled to be baptized and receive the Holy Eucharist. He shoes horses, enjoys blacksmithing, loves animals and growing vegetables and sharing with others the fruits of his labors.

#### OCIA

class this Tuesday, January 20  
at 6:00PM

This week's topic is  
Faith, Hope, and Charity  
All are welcome to join in  
the class!



Parish Council will meet Wednesday, Jan 14 @ 6PM