

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, Sydney Conzelmann

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

All offertory collections from Christmas through the first weekend of January will be reported in the bulletin next weekend.



JANUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, January 10 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman

Cathy Fuselier, Becky Bowman

Lector: Paige Jackson

Commentator: Gerry Whitman

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, David Goss

Greeters: Violet Corrales, Alice Hearn

Music: Steve and Hilda

Sunday, January 11 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Aaron Achord

Bridget Achord, Cathy Ditcharo

Lector: Lindsey Smith

Commentator: Larry Baker

Altar Servers: Phillip Murray, Thomas Lopez, Sami Curole

Ushers: Joshua and Chad Townsend

Greeters: Cathy Pigott, Kathy Phillips

Music: Eileen, Emily

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JANUARY 4, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

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Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

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Eddie Britt, Member

Cathy Fuselier, Member

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Sabrina Smith

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David Phillips

James Bellipanni

Laura Murray

Ashley Davis

Gerry Whitman

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. 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.



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.

Beth DeLaughter (3)
Elizabeth Allen (5)
Michael Ruble (7)
Katie Jones (9)
Lauren Zell (9)
Eva Mason (9)

**GOD is GOOD
all the time!
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Coffee & Donuts
following the 9AM Mass
All are welcome to attend!



There will be
NO Faith Formation
this Wednesday, Jan. 7.
Classes resume Wednesday,
Jan 14.

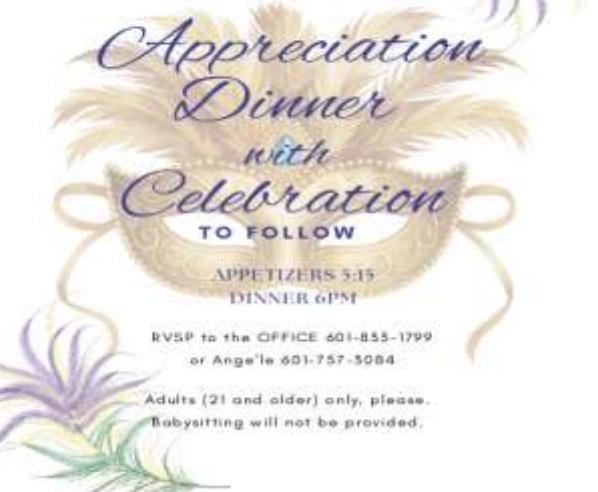
January 10-11
Second Collection
for the
Saltillo Mission

OCIA
class resumes this Tuesday, January 6
at 6:00PM

This week's topic is
Sacrament of Reconciliation
& Anointing of the Sick
All are welcome to join in
the class!



PLEASE JOIN US
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th
FOR OUR YEARLY, PARISH-WIDE



The Announcement of Easter & the Moveable Feasts

In keeping with an ancient practice of the Holy Church, the moveable feasts of the coming year are announced on the Epiphany of the Lord.

This proclamation is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith, which are celebrated each year. Although optional, it is a living tradition that connects the present day to our ancient roots in the Church.

Know dear brethren, (brothers & sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the seventeenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty fourth day of May the feast of Pentecost. On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever.
Amen.

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's unfolding plan that all people would know and come to Christ. The magi were wise men, astrologers, and the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus. They were led to him by a star. This can remind us that creation reveals God (CCC 36, 288). Nevertheless, for the final directions, the magi needed to rely on Herod, who then turned to the chief priests and scribes for help in finding Jesus. Today, it is not uncommon to hear people say that they are spiritual but not religious or that they find God in nature. They haven't quite zeroed in on where to find Christ. They've only taken a first step and might need further help from us. We can pray that our Lord continues to work in the hearts of our family and friends who make these or similar statements, that they will come to follow the Light out of the shadows and into the glory of his radiance. Then, we can be ready to answer their questions and encourage them on their journey.

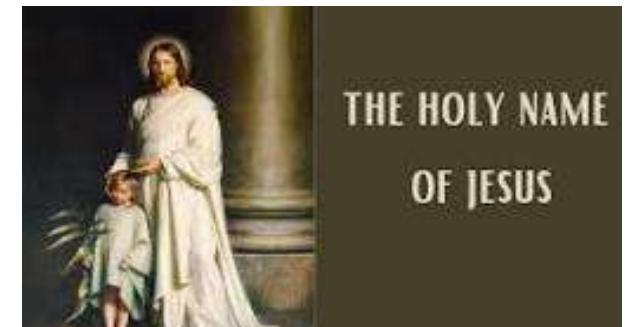
Just as the magi had to ask for directions, so we, too, need to attune ourselves to revelation and look for "directions." The culmination of God's revelation of himself is in Christ, and we come to know the fullness of his revelation in Scripture and tradition, the teaching of the Church. St. Jerome is often quoted: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We turn to Scripture daily, pondering how the Lord is speaking to us today through his word. Similarly, we take time to grow in our understanding of the faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is an invaluable tool for reference, and it also provides an important resource for reflection on the truths of the faith and how we live them in our personal lives.

The gifts offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were precious. They indicated the high esteem in which the magi held Jesus. In the song "The Little Drummer Boy," the child laments that he has nothing of value to bring Jesus until he realizes that he can share his talent with the baby. He gives of himself. Likewise, we can offer precious gifts of self to Our Lord. We can offer all that we are through our sacrifices of self-will and preferences, and by embracing the sufferings that God allows in our lives. We offer ourselves through prayer, worship, and adoration. We can offer ourselves in service, putting our particular gifts and talent to work to build Christ's Kingdom.

Excerpts: ePriest



Christmas Eve Vigil 2025



January Monthly Devotion
The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in Heaven by God, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs Mary of the Incarnation. The name Jesus means "Savior." His name describes His mission and his infinite love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us. The

Feast of the most Holy Name of Jesus is
celebrated on January 3, 2026.