

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, 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, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Sydney Conzelmann, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Rita Feduccia, Judy Muldihill, Cathy Fuselier, Terry Harvard, Robert Rogers

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

February 7 & 8, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3316.00
Loose Cash	\$ 588.00
Total	\$ 3904.00

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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



FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 21 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Alice Methvien

Lanelle Wusterbarth, Kira Burke

Lector: Paige Jackson

Commentator: TA Boyd

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Chandler

Greeters: Pat Williams, Beth DeLaughter

Music: Steve, Hilda

Sunday, February 22 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma

Kelly Postma, Jennifer Townsend

Lector: Talita Ruble

Commentator: Jason Guthrie

Altar Servers: Piper Douchard, Preslee Womack

Ushers: Brett Douchard, Chad Townsend

Greeters: Jimminette Phillips, Kathy Phillips

Music: Children's Choir, Emily, Eileen

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

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.



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 15, THE SIXTH 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: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Wed: Ash Wednesday: 12:10 Mass 6:00PM Mass
Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Friday: Divine Mercy 3:00PM Mass 3:15 Exposition 3:45-5:15 Stations of the Cross 5:30

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

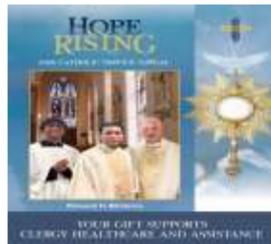
706 South 1st Street

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.

The Catholic Service Appeal relies on the generosity of all parishes to make a lasting impact. Your pledge, joined with others, supports vital ministries like **Clergy Healthcare Assistance**, ensuring our priests and seminarians receive the healthcare they need. By giving, you become part of Hope Rising, extending Christ's promise to those who serve us. Please consider a generous gift to help continue this important mission in our diocese.



OCIA
class *this Tuesday, February 17*
at 6:00PM
This week's topic is
The Last Four Things
All are welcome to join in the class!

GOD is GOOD - All the Time
All the Time - GOD is GOOD!

Second Collection 2/21-2/22
Black & Indian Mission

Love is **PATIENT**,
Love is **KIND**.
It does not **ENVY**,
it does not **BOAST**,
It is not **PROUD**.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

FEBRUARY
birthdays

Braden Revere (14)
John Chandler (15)
Amy Mason (15)
Matt Jackson (19)
Yessi Gonzalez (20)

Coffee & Donuts
after the 9AM Mass on Sundays
All are WELCOME!

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18
12:10PM Mass
6:00PM Mass

Last chance to return 2025 palms to church is this weekend! 2/13-2/14

During several Sundays of Lent, Father Mano will celebrate a Consecration Mass at the 9:00AM Mass. This Mass will celebrate the work and dedication of several ministries at St. Francis. 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.

February 22—Altar Servers and Thurifers
March 1—Singers and Musicians

Please plan on attending this special Mass and luncheon.

Altar Flowers are given by Jim & Celine Craig in loving memory of their Moms—Kate Craig & Dolores Hart.

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.

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 March 1.



Ash Wednesday—February 18—Lent Begins

Lent begins. 40 days to pray, fast and grow in charity. We need this time each year to step back and reexamine our lives, to turn away from our sins and to grow in the virtues God so deeply desires to bestow upon us. The 40 days of Lent are to be an imitation of Jesus' 40 days in the desert. In fact, we are called not only to "imitate" Jesus' time in the desert, we are called to live this time with Him, in Him and through Him.

Jesus did not personally need to spend 40 days of fasting and prayer in the desert so as to obtain a deeper holiness. He is Holiness Itself! He is the Holy One of God. He is Perfection. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is God. But Jesus entered into the desert to fast and pray so as to invite us to join Him and to receive the transforming qualities he manifested in His human nature as He endured the suffering of those 40 days. Are you ready for your 40 days in the desert with our Lord?

While in the desert, Jesus manifested every perfection within His human nature. And although no one saw this but the Father in Heaven, His time in the desert was abundantly fruitful for the human race. It was abundantly fruitful for each one of us.

The "desert" we are called to enter is one that is hidden from the eyes of those around us but is visible to the Father in Heaven. It's "hidden" in that our growth in virtue is not done for vainglory, for selfish recognition, or to obtain worldly praise.

The 40 day desert we must enter is one that transforms us by drawing us to deeper prayer, detachment from anything not of God, and fills us with love of those we encounter every day.

During these 40 days, we must pray. Properly speaking, prayer means we communicate with God on an interior level. We do more than attend Mass or speak prayers aloud. Prayer is first and foremost a secret and interior communication with God. We speak, but more than that, we listen, hear, understand and respond. Without all four of these qualities, prayer is not prayer. It's not "communication." It's only us talking to ourselves.

During these 40 days, we must fast. Especially in our day and age, our five senses are overwhelmed with activity and noise. Our eyes and ears are often dazzled by TV, radio, computers, etc. Our taste buds are constantly satiated with fine foods, sweets, and comfort foods, often to excess. Our five senses need a break from the bombardment of the delights of the world so as to turn to the deeper delights of a life of union with God.

During these 40 days, we must give. Greed often takes hold of us without us even realizing the extent of its grip. We want this and that. We consume more and more material things. And we do so because we seek satisfaction from the world. We need to detach from all that distracts us from God, and generosity is one of the best ways to achieve this detachment.

Reflect, today, upon these three simple words: pray, fast and give. Seek to live these qualities in a hidden way known only to God this Lent. If you do so, the Lord will begin to do greater wonders in your life than you may currently realize are possible. He will free you from the selfishness that often binds us and will enable you to love Him and others on a whole new level.



Hope Rising
Commitment Weekend
in pew pledge cards available
February 14-15

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 21
St. Francis Cemetery
& Graveside Clean-up
9:00AM—all are welcome to join in this project

Wednesday, February 25
Free Throw Competition
with the youth of St. Francis
4:30PM—meet at parish playground

Friday, March 13
Fish Dinner
6:00PM in Serio Hall following Stations of the Cross
All are welcome!

Sunday, March 22
Breakfast & Bingo
After the 9:00AM Mass in Serio Hall
All are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:30PM during Lent!
Light meal to follow at 6:00PM in Serio Hall!

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The U.S. Catholic Bishops, through their Respect Life Committee, conducted National Marriage Week 2/7-2/14. They recommend that all Catholic married couples consider attending an in person Marriage Retreat or go to their website (USCB.org), download the National Marriage Week 2026 At-Home Retreat document & celebrate your divinely inspired union with your loving spouse and our God. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and a mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh!"