

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, 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

January 24 & February 1, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 5851.00
Loose Cash	\$ 411.00
Total	\$ 6262.00

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

January 2026 online giving
\$5844.53



FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 14 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman

Becky Bowman, Cathy Fuselier

Lector: Shelley Barron

Commentator: Joshua Smith

Altar Servers: Kailyn Nolin

Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

Greeters: Jane Coleman, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Music: Steve, Emily

Sunday, February 15 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Patrick Riley

Cathy Ditcharo, Laura Murray

Lector: Jim Craig

Commentator: Lauren Zell

Altar Servers: Tucker Smith, Sami Curole, William Murray

Ushers: John Henriquez, Mark Smith

Greeters: Peggy Henriquez, Susan Smith

Music: Eileen, Celine

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

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Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

FEBRUARY 8, THE FIFTH 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.



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

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.



SUPER BOWL BASH
Sunday, February 8
at 4:30
in Serio Hall
Bring a snack/fingerfood/dish to
share
AND a lawnchair for comfy seating!




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!



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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cade Duplantis (8)
Robert Phillips (8)
Russ Britt (11)
Lauren Mabry (11)
Pat Williams (12)
Toni Pesson (13)
Cathy Ditcharo (13)

Please remember
Fr. Mano in your
prayers as he starts his
travels back to MS on
Thursday, 2/12.

Coffee & Donuts
following the
9:00AM Mass
All are
welcome!



"Here I am!"

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.



February 8, 2026—The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

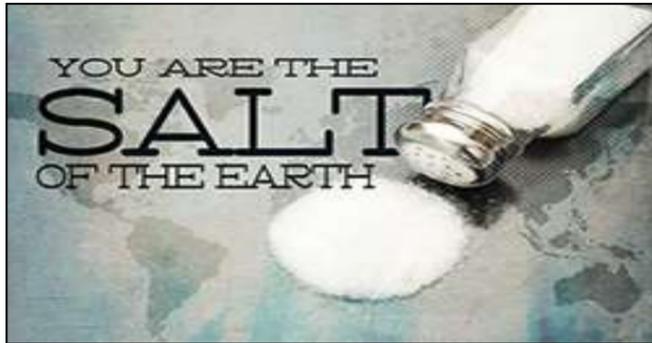
Jesus makes two emphatic statements, 'You are the salt of the earth' and 'You are the light of the world.' In the context of Matthew's Gospel, these statements follow the Beatitudes, in the Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are the poor in spirit,...Blessed are those who mourn,...Blessed are the meek"... (Matthew 5:3-11).

Jesus' two emphatic statements, 'You are the salt of the earth' and 'You are the light of the world,' are descriptions of our interior life being revealed to the world. Jesus cautions us not to allow our salt to lose its taste or saltiness. Jesus second metaphor is echoed in our psalm response, "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright." Each one of us is called to be "the light of the world." Unbelief is a kind of darkness which is illuminated by the light of faith. Jesus' metaphor emphasizes that it is impossible to imagine the light of faith as something which is deliberately hidden. Like a city on a hill, it cannot be hidden even if it desired to be.

Jesus admonishes us, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16). Again this is not about going out and doing something unnatural to make ourselves "light up," it should be the natural light of Christ within us irresistibly shining.

Imagine the transformation that would occur in our world if we came to realize that the light of Christ shines in every aspect of our daily life.

Excerpts: Catholic Key



CSA Ministry of the Week
Family Ministry

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Service Appeal at our parish. We invite every member of the Family of Francis to prayerfully consider a generous gift to the CSA. Achieving our parish goal of \$16,695.00 relies on the collective efforts of our diocese to support the 14 impactful ministries funded by the Appeal. Your contribution will make a difference, especially by supporting Family Ministry, which provides essential services to couples, helping them strengthen their vocation of marriage and family life through both marriage preparation and enrichment programs. Let us come together to make the Catholic Service Appeal a true success for our parish and our diocese.



Meet Justin Gleason,
a member of the OCIA class. He was born & raised
in Kenner, LA. He recently moved to the West
Lincoln area and works for Weyerhaeuser.

OCIA
class this Tuesday,
February 10
at 6:00PM
This week's topic is
**The Truth Will
Set You Free**
All are welcome to join in
the class!



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.

