

**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, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Rita Feduccia, Cathy Fuselier, Terry Harvard, Robert Rogers, Carol Bennett, Shirley Magee

**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

**March 7 & 8, 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$4922.29         |
| Loose Cash   | \$ 382.00         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 5304.29</b> |

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

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

FYI: The wheelchair lift has been repaired & is working again.

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

**MARCH LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, March 21 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Alice Methvien

Kira Burke, Becky Bowman

**Lector:** Paige Jackson

**Commentator:** TA Boyd

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Vidalia Foster

**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, Charles Feduccia

**Greeters:** Jane Coleman, Phyllis Hobbs

**Music:** Steve & Hilda

**Sunday, March 22 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Eric Postma

Kelly Postma, Sue Junkin

**Lector:** Talita Ruble

**Commentator:** Dennis Valentine

**Altar Servers:** Piper Douchard, Preslee Womack

**Ushers:** Brett Douchard, Josh Townsend

**Greeters:** Cathy Pigott, Cathy Ditcharo

**Music:** Children's Choir, Emily, Eileen

The Ladies of St. Francis are in need of a new President.

Due to health complications Mrs. Cathy Fuselier has resigned from this post. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact Fr. Mano. Thank You!

The Ladies of St. Francis are women of all ages, who work to help with activities and events that take place within our parish. For instance; The Ladies organize wedding showers/baby showers, host a luncheon for graduating seniors, help the altar society in the maintenance of altar linens, and many more parish related activities.



**St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church**

**“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”**

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**MARCH 15th , THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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:** NO Daily Mass

**Wed: Senior Anointing Mass & Luncheon:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 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**

**David Phillips, Chairperson**

Sabrina Smith

Eric Postma

James Bellipanni

Mike Smith

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.



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.

March 15—Bereavement Committee Members & Liturgical Environment

March 22—Finance Council, Pastoral Council, & the Ladies of St. Francis

Please plan on attending this special Mass and luncheon.



**OCIA**  
class this Tuesday,  
March 17  
at 6:00PM  
This week's topic is  
**Discipleship & Mission**  
All are welcome to join in  
the class!



Sebastian Pedro (15)  
Craig Womack (17)



To all members of the  
**Ladies of St. Francis**  
On Sunday, March 22nd, the Consecration Mass & Luncheon will be in your honor. Please contact the office by Thursday, March 19, if you will be attending the Mass & luncheon.



Senior Anointing  
Mass & Luncheon  
Wednesday, March 18  
Rosary 11:50  
Mass 12:10  
Luncheon immediately  
following Mass

Second  
Collection  
March 14 & 15  
for the Catholic  
Relief Services  
(Bishop's  
Overseas Appeal)

Happy 1st Day of Spring!  
Friday, March 20th!



Prayer for the Faithful  
by Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore.  
Amen.

NO Daily Mass on  
Tuesday, March 17th.

Coffee &  
Donuts

after the 9AM Mass  
on Sundays  
All are WELCOME!

CSA Ministry of the Week  
Permanent Diaconate

We are grateful to everyone who has supported this year's CSA. Your gifts sustain vital ministries like the Permanent Diaconate, whose deacons serve our parishes with dedication & faith. Thank you for your support.

If you are interested in volunteering as Eucharistic Minister, Lector/Commentator, Altar Server, Usher/Greeter for the Holy Week/Easter services please sign up on the sheets located in church vestibule. Thank You!

March 15, 2026

Excerpts: LoyolaPress

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle.

To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgement. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins.

The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates:

Jenna Beth Townsend, Camille Calcote,  
Barrett Womack, Parker Shann,  
Brayden Allen, Jacob Postma, Lucas Phillips,  
Yessi Gonzalez, Melvin Hernandez, &  
Jose Dardon.

Confirmation is scheduled for April 7 here at  
St. Francis of Assisi.

A Prayer for Lent



O Lord,  
quiet my restless heart  
and lead me into your peace.  
Strip away what keeps me  
from loving you fully.  
Give me courage in trials,  
clarity in prayer,  
and patience in waiting.  
Let this holy season  
draw me deeper into your life.  
Amen.

-St. Teresa of Avila

Don't forget!

There is still time to donate to the Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please fill out the envelope with your name & the name of whom you are honoring. Place the envelope in the offertory collection basket.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

Parish  
Council  
Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
March 18.

