

**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, Kristy Lambert

**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 21 & 22 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$2983.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$563.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3546.00</b>

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

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

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.



**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.

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

Did you know???

**Easter isn't a simple holiday. It's an entire season!**

The liturgical season of Easter lasts for 50 days! It is the second longest season on the Church calendar!

Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox, always between March 22 and April 25. and ends with the celebration of Pentecost.



**St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church**

**"Make me an Instrument of Your Peace"**

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**MARCH 29TH , PALM SUNDAY**

**Staff**

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
Eileen Neal, Office Administrator  
Emily Phillips, DRE  
Ange'le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

**Mass Times**

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 8:00PM 4/4/26  
NO Spanish Mass at 5:30PM 4/4/26
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Monday:** No Daily Mass

**Tuesday:** No Daily Mass (Chrism Mass in Jackson @ 12:00)

**Wed:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

**Thursday:** 6:00PM Holy Thursday Mass

**Friday:** Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross 5:30PM

**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

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**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.



Understanding the Paschal Triduum

THE THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the Church's liturgical year—the sacred three days that draw us into the very mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. From the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, we do not simply recall events of long ago; we enter into them. These days form one continuous celebration of Christ's saving work, the center of our faith and the summit of our worship.

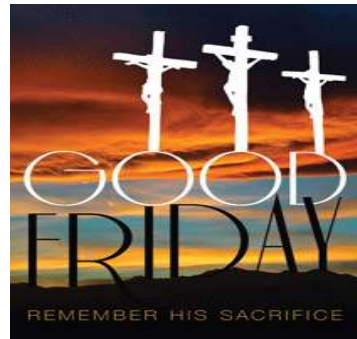
On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the night when Jesus shared his final meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and gave us the gift of the Eucharist—the sign of his abiding presence. The Triduum begins with this Mass of the Lord's Supper, as the Church gathers in gratitude and awe at the mystery of divine love made visible in humble service.

**Good Friday** confronts us with the cross—the most painful and paradoxical symbol of love. We kneel before the wood that bore our salvation, knowing that through Christ's suffering and death, sin and death themselves are conquered. This is not a day of despair, but of solemn hope.

Then, in the deep silence of **Holy Saturday**, the Church waits in vigil, keeping watch beside the tomb. As night falls, light pierces the darkness. The Easter Vigil begins with the flame of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ's victory over death and the dawning of new life.

The Triduum is more than a series of liturgies—it is a journey through darkness into light, from loss to renewal, from death into resurrection joy. It teaches us that love is stronger than hatred, mercy deeper than sin, and life everlasting in Christ. To enter the Triduum is to walk with Jesus through his Passion, trusting that every cross leads to resurrection.

The Chrism Mass  
on Tuesday, March 31  
will now be held at  
12:00pm at  
The Cathedral of  
St. Peter the Apostle  
in Jackson.  
Originally scheduled for 10:00AM



April 2  
Mass of the Lord's Supper/Washing of the Feet  
6:00PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration til 12:00PM



April 3  
Solemn Way of the Cross 12:00PM  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and  
Veneration of the Cross 5:30 PM



April 4  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00PM

April 5  
Easter Sunday Mass 9:00AM  
immediately following Mass  
there will be an Easter Egg Hunt  
for the children !

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday Excerpts: Loyola Press

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "...for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28). While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth nothing that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to mediate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



Easter Break  
NO faith formation  
Wednesday,  
April 1!

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


Reminder:  
Rice Bowls are to  
be returned to  
church vestibule on  
Holy Thursday.  
Thank you!



Myron Bartholomew (28)  
Wesley Baker (28)  
Montze Gonzalez (28)  
Micah Davis (29)  
Franco Gonzalez (3)

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

Second Collection  
March 28 & 29  
for the  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Ministry



Confirmation  
will be held April 7 at 6:00PM  
Please pray for our candidates as they  
draw closer to the reception of this Holy  
Sacrament. Our list of candidates:  
Jenna Beth Townsend  
Camille Calcote  
Barrett Womack  
Parker Shann  
Braden Allen  
Jacob Postma  
Lucas Phillips  
Yessi Gonzalez  
Melving Hernandez  
Jose Dardon