

**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

**February 28 & March 1, 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$3708.60</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4338.60</b>

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

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

February online giving  
\$4174.53

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

**MARCH LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, March 14 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman

Alice Methvien, Mary Nettles

**Lector:** Shelley Barron

**Commentator:** Alice Methvien

**Altar Servers:** Kailyn & Koltin Nolin

**Ushers:** John Henriquez, Brad Smith

**Greeters:** Peggy Henriquez, Lanelle Wusterbarth

**Music:** Steve & Emily

**Sunday, March 15 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Jennifer Townsend

**Lector:** Ashley David

**Commentator:** Larry Baker

**Altar Servers:** Maddie Postma, Brooke Davis, Robert Phillips

**Ushers:** David Goss, Mark Smith

**Greeters:** Violet Corrales, Susan Smith

**Music:** Celine & Eileen

**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.



*Easter Flowers*

*Offering envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please consider making a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the envelope with your name and the name in honor of the donation & place in collection basket.*



**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](http://www.stfrancisbrookhaven.org)

Email: [office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org](mailto:office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org)

Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

**MARCH 8th , THE THIRD 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:** No Daily 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.

CSA Ministry of the Week  
Prison Ministry  
 Your gift to the CSA supports vital ministries like Prison Ministry, bringing Mass and pastoral care to those incarcerated. Every gift makes a difference—please consider donating to help us reach our goal and bring hope to those we serve.

OCIA  
 class this Tuesday,  
March 10  
at 6:00PM  
 This week's topic is  
Prayer, On Earth as it is in  
Heaven  
 All are welcome to join in  
 the class!



*Here I stand*

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.



Roderick Fuselier (6)  
 Jacob Postma (10)  
 Ellie Ybarra (12)  
 Luke Abadie (13)

**ATTENTION!**

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.

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

Faith Formation  
 NO CFF on Wednesday,  
 March 11—SPRING BREAK

NO Daily Mass  
 Tuesday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 11  
SENIOR ANOINTING MASS  
 has been rescheduled to March 18.  
 Mass at 12:10 with a luncheon to follow.

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



Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule of church.  
 Please return Rice Bowl by Holy Thursday.

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

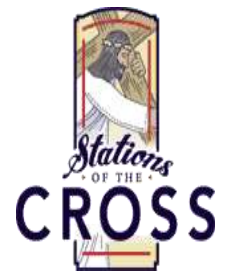
**Fish Dinner**

The Family of Francis is invited to a Fish Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Friday, March 13, immediately following the Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross are at 5:30PM Dinner at 6:00PM

*Thank you*

The Family of Francis extends a thank you to Mr. Mike Fulmer for leading us in the Lenten Mission this past week.  
 Thank You Mike!

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



March 8—The Third Sunday of Lent

How is it that when we drink the Lord's living water, we no longer thirst? To thirst is human nature. To thirst means we have human needs that require quenching. In our spiritual reality, however, the more we drink of the Lord's living water—in prayer, in the Mass, before the Eucharist in Adoration, marveling at his creation in our loved ones and in nature—the more our desire for the Lord increases while the desire for worldly things decreases. Only the Lord's living water—pure grace—can make that transformation in our soul.

A water jar is a heavy vessel, and when filled with water, it is much more difficult to carry. Reflecting on this can help us realize that some of the very things we depend on daily, even those deemed "good for us" may actually be burdens too heavy to carry. When we feel overwhelmed by our "to-do's" or even by the ordinary responsibilities of our vocation in life, we need the grace to see what's weighing us down and have the courage to leave those water jars behind as we fall into the Lord's capable arms.

Like a vain and prideful child, we sometimes want to lay claim to our work and shout, "Look at me! Come see what I did!" But the Lord shows us that it is not we who work, but he who works through us. Each of us is merely a link in a chain of souls who reap and sow for the kingdom. In the words of St. Frances de Sales, Lord, help us to "be who we are and be that well so that we may give glory to the master craftsman whose handiwork we are."

Excerpts: epriests



Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.  
 -John 4:14

**Can You Step In?**


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.

**Knights of Columbus**

Dear Knights Council 7950  
 Thank you so much for prayerfully and financially supporting me! Your encouraging words meant a lot to me as well as praying for strength in my studies, peace in my heart, and overall clarity; there are no words that could say how grateful I am. Be assured of my prayers for your council, your families, and your spiritual lives. If there are ever any prayer requests you have, just let me know.

Thank you,  
 Elizabeth Tadden



Have you ever been to Adoration?  
 Adoration is a special way to pray to Jesus in the Eucharist. During Adoration the Eucharist will be placed in a monstrance, a beautiful vessel that holds the Host. It is a beautiful opportunity to step away from our noisy, busy lives and simply be with Jesus.

Many people encounter Jesus for the first time in their lives in Adoration. This is where they have their first deeply personal experience of Jesus. They may have heard about Jesus their whole lives, they may have been receiving Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday, but there is something about the experience of Jesus in Adoration that leads people to know Him. This shift from knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus changes everything.

And once they are awakened in this way, the Holy Spirit leads them to live their faith and participate in all types of ministries. Imagine what might happen if you made an effort to spend time in Adoration this Lent? Give yourself the chance to spend time in the presence of Jesus and your life will be transformed. It's simple. It's beautiful. And it works!

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis is on Mondays from 9:00-1:00PM in the church.