

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, 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, 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, Pat Gardner, Eddie Britt, Carrol Black

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, Joey Davenport, Patrick Willis

Prayers for Healing

Please contact the Parish Office
601-833-1799

April 18 & 19, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$7437.14
Loose Cash	\$739.00
Total	\$ 8176.14

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

MAY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, May 2 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Alice Methvien
Lanelle Wusterbarth, Becky Bowman
Lector: Becky Feduccia
Commentator: Joshua Atwater
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin
Thurifer: Joshua Smith
Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler
Greeters: TA Boyd, Pat Williams
Music: Steve, Hilda

Sunday, May 3 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Aaron Achord
Bridget Achord, Lisa Shann
Lector (1): Ashley Davis
Lector (2): Sue Junkin
Commentator: Dennis Valentine
Altar Servers: Finley Ybarra, William Murray, Brooke Davis
Thurifer: David Phillips
Ushers: Luis Ybarra, Myron Bartholomew
Greeters: Lisa Shann, Jimminette Phillips

CAMP CHATAWA
AT OUR LADY OF HOPE
*A faith-filled week
your child will never forget!*

SESSION 1 JUNE 14 - JUNE 19 | SESSION 2 JUNE 28 - JULY 3

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*"His faithfulness continues
through all generations."
PSALM 100:5*



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APRIL 26TH , FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Friday: First Friday: 11:15 Exposition
11:20 Rosary 11:40 Adoration 12:10 Mass
light lunch to follow

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
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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.



Piper Douchard (25)
 Christopher Smith (27)
 Ange'le Bartholomew (27)
 Carsten Schilling (29)
 Michael Quin (29)
 Mervin Hernandez (29)
 Henley Jackson (30)
 Adela Mendez (1)



Sunday, May 3
 after the
 9:00AM Mass
 the Ladies of St.
 Francis

will host a baby shower
 for Paula & Christian Lopez.
 All are welcome!

Renovations
 are continuing
 on the Chapel.
 The Daily Mass
 at 12:10 is being
 held in the church.



Please continue to pray
 for our graduating
 seniors as they finish out the last
 few weeks of their high school years.
 Emma Barrett
 Melvin Hernandez
 Bria Postma
 Wilson Calcote
 Kamryn Perkins
 Julianna Townsend
 Eva Mason



Melvin Hernandez, Emma Barrett, and Bria Postma
 our graduating seniors!

Second Collection
 April 26th & 27th
 for the
 Catholic Home
 Missions

Coffee & Donuts
 on Sunday
 after the
 9:00AM Mass

**GOD is GOOD -
 All the Time**

**All the Time—
 GOD is GOOD!**

Have any ideas or
 suggestions for our parish?
 Please drop your ideas/suggestions
 in the suggestion box located in the
 church vestibule

Thank You
 to the
 Ladies of St. Francis
 for your time & energy
 in organizing the
 receptions for our
 Confirmands & our Graduates!
 Many thanks & much gratitude!

Don't forget:
 Eucharistic Adoration
 Mondays in the church
 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Did you know that
 as a member of the
 Family of Francis
 you have access to
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 1) go to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org)/signup
 2) enter parish zip code 39601
 and select St. Francis
 3) enter your name & email
 4) start browsing



Kamryn Perkins, Wilson Calcote, Julianna Townsend
 (not pictured, Eva Mason) our graduating seniors

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on reaching the
 Catholic Service Appeal goal! Because of
 the commitments from St. Francis, semi-
 narians are being educated, youth
 ministry is vibrant throughout our
 diocese, couples are preparing for a life-
 long commitment, and many are being
 cared for across our diocese.
 We are grateful for the support of the
 pastor, staff, and all the parishioners
 who supported the CSA. Your generosity
 is making a difference! May God
 continue to bring many blessings on
 your parish.

Thank You,
 Rebecca Harris
 Stewardship & Development

April 26, 2026—The Fourth Sunday of Easter—Loyola Press

The Fourth Sunday of Easter each year is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggest that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

