

**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, 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, 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, Ledger Smith, Hugh Louviere, Ryley Toups and Baby, Julia Haydel and Baby, Donald Lewis, Layla McKenzie, Jalen Walker, Lilith, Mary, and Nicky Walker

**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 to add a name to the prayer list.

**May 9 & 10, 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$2928.58
Loose Cash	tornado relief
<b>Total</b>	<b>2928.58</b>

Education of Future Priests  
\$593.00

**MAY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, May 23 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (H) Mary Nettles

**Lector:** Coltin Etheridge

**Commentator:** Gerry Whitman

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Robert Phillips

**Ushers:** Charles Feduccia, John Chandler

**Greeters:** Shandra Flynn, Phyllis Hobbs

**Music:** Steve, Emily

**Sunday, May 24 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (H) Patrick Riley

Cathy Ditcharo, Sue Junkin

**Lector (1):** Talita Ruble

**Lector (2):** Laura Murray

**Commentator:** Larry Baker

**Altar Servers:** Piper Douchard, Thomas Lopez

**Ushers:** Brett Douchard, Owen Junkin

**Greeters:** Cathy Pigott, Cathy Ditcharo

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



**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

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



**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

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**MAY 17, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**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

**Closing Mass for Faith Formation** 6:30

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

**Friday:** 11:50 Rosary 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

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.



Daniel Lopez (16)  
Cindy Galey (19)  
Jon McRee (19)

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

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



Altar Flowers  
are given by  
Lanelle Wusterbarth  
in loving memory of  
Bob Wusterbarth,  
may his soul rest in peace.

Closing Mass  
for Faith Formation  
Wednesday, May 20  
Mass at 6:30PM  
All are welcome  
to attend!



**FORMED.org**

Did you know that as a member of the Family of Francis you have access to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)

Access thousands of books, studies, audio talks, documentaries & movies.

- 1) go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)/signup
- 2) enter parish zip code 39601 and select St. Francis
- 3) enter your name & email
- 4) start browsing



St. Francis is still accepting monetary donations for the Family of Francis members impacted by the tornado. All monetary donations can be dropped off at the office or placed in an envelope marked tornado relief & placed in the offertory basket. Thank you to all the members of the Family of Francis who have been assisting these families!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
June 14th  
**BREAKFAST & BINGO!**



WHO: Ages K4-6th grade  
WHAT: VBS  
WHEN: July 12-15  
5:30 -8:00PM  
Dinner at 5:30

Sign up sheets are located in the church vestibule.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!**

Volunteers are needed for meals, kitchen help, and station rotations. Please contact Emily Phillips or the office if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer hours are offered!

Decorating Days: Volunteers also needed for decorating. Friday, July 10th, 10AM—3PM and Saturday if needed!

May 17—The Ascension of our Lord

Excerpts: [CatholicMoms](#)

The celebration of the Ascension used to leave me a bit flat. It was clear what Good Friday did for me. And Easter Sunday's benefits were indisputable. But as for the Ascension, what's in it for me? Christianity is about a kind of love we call agape or charity. It is love that looks away from itself to another and gives itself away for another. The Divine Word did not become man or endure the cross because something was in it for Him

Charity shares in the beloved's joys and sorrows (Jn 14:28). The first thing to remember about the Ascension is that it is about sharing in Jesus' joy. It is about celebrating his return to the heavenly glory to which he refused to cling (Phil 2:6-11). It is about rejoicing that his crown of thorns has been replaced with the king-ly crown, that the mocking crowd at Calvary has been replaced with myriads of adoring angels.

The Ascension is about Jesus's triumph and glorification. If we get our attention off ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit's love of the Son to animate our souls, we'll experience greater joy than when we see our child hit a home run or graduate from college.

But the Ascension is not just about charity. It is also a feast of hope. Yes, there is something in it for us. He goes to prepare a place for us (Jn. 14:2). We will also one day wear crowns made of gold instead of thorns.

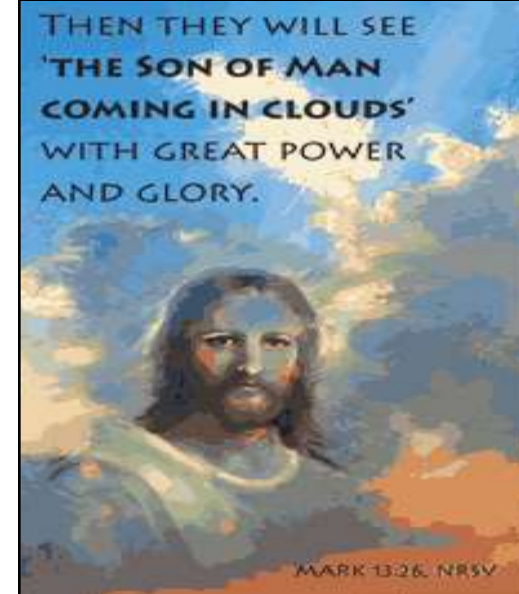
For us to endure until that blessed moment, we need divine power. That's another reason we ought to rejoice in his Ascension. He takes his place at God's right hand so that he can pour out the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, upon his disciples (Eph. 4:10).

As he ascends, he tells the disciples to wait for this power. But notice that he does not tell them to wait passively for the rapture. He does not instruct them to pour over Bible prophecies, debating about how and when he will return. In fact in Acts 1:11, after the Lord ascends out of their sight, the angels ask why the disciples just stand there, staring into space.

The waiting is not to be a squandering of precious time. It is waiting for a purpose, nine days of prayer (the first novena!) leading to empowerment. Why empowerment? Because they have challenging work to do. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matt. 28: 16-20).

Parish  
Council  
Meeting  
May 20 @  
6:00PM

Second Collection  
May 16 & 17  
Catholic Communications  
Collection



**Baby Bottle Boomerang**  
May 10th—June 21st

If you would like to participate in this fundraiser please pick up a baby bottle located in the church vestibule.

Please return bottles filled with your donation on Father's Day, June 21st.



**NEVER STOP LEARNING**

Understanding the Scriptures

beginning June 7th & held every Wed. & Sunday for three weeks.

This course is presented by Eric Postma & is based on the course by Dr. Scott Hahn.

Sunday Class will meet after the 9:00AM Mass.

Wednesday Class will meet at 6:00PM.

Class will last approximately one hour.

Please register by calling/texting Eric Postma at 616-566-7932 or email at [ejpostma2@gmail.com](mailto:ejpostma2@gmail.com)

Books will be ordered & dinner provided at the Wednesday sessions.

A second four week class will begin July 19th.