

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, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims, Robbie Arnold, Lenore Gillispie, Benjamin Smith, Larry Howard, Elizabeth Wesse, Sandy Wojcik, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Cheryl Matherne, Ed Powell, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, Keagan Smith, Cam Martin, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Robert Rogers, Carol Bennett, Kristy Lambert, Pat Gardner, Eddie Britt, Carrol Black, Ledger Smith, Hugh Louviere, Ryley Toups and Baby, Julia Haydel and Baby, Donald Lewis, Bubba James, Tommy Cupit, Gerald Williams, Alice Hearn, Ashley Toups, Joseph Harris, Robert Rollins, Marlo & Ryder Veillon, Ladale Thompson, Richard Case

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.

July 18 & 19, 2026
Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$4997.00
Loose Cash	\$493.00
Total	\$5490.00

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

AUGUST LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, August 1 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Alice Methvien
Paige Jackson, Lanelle Wusterbarth
Lector: Shelley Barron
Commentator: Alice Methvien
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Robert Phillips
Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Henriquez
Greeters: Alice Hearn, Peggy Henriquez
Music: Steve, Emily

Sunday, August 2 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Eric Postma
Kelly Postma, Lisa Shann
Lector (1): Ashley Davis
Lector (2): Laura Murray
Commentator: Jason Guthrie
Altar Servers: Finley Ybarra, Brooke Davis
Ushers: David Goss, Luis Ybarra
Greeters: Violet Corrales, Lisa Shann
Music: Johnna

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





Dates are available to sign up for weekend altar flowers.
Sign up sheet located in church vestibule (bulletin board).
The office will help coordinate the purchase of flowers.

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





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: 11:30 Exposition 12:00 Angelus 12:10 Mass

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 Catholic Church
“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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JULY 26, THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

- David Phillips, Chairperson**

Sabrina Smith	Eric Postma
James Bellipanni	Mike Smith
Laura Murray	Ashley Davis
Gerry Whitman	

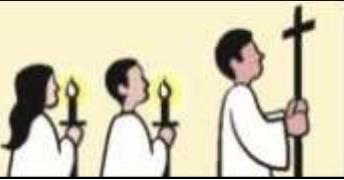
St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry

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.

Altar Server Training
Sunday, July 26th
after the 9:00AM Mass.
Please plan on attending.

Altar Servers





Mark Nettles (25)
Becky Bowman (27)
Brenda Delano (29)

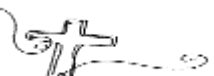
GOD is GOOD -
All the Time.
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Eucharistic
Adoration
Mondays
9:00AM to
1:00PM
in the
Church

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



The Next
Breakfast & Bingo
will be held
August 9th.



ALTAR SERVER OUTING 2026

The Family of Francis thanks all altar servers for their dedication to serving God & their Family of Francis!

Thank You! Hope you enjoyed your day!



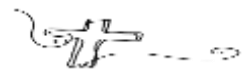
July 26th—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgement, will the wicked and the righteous be separated. Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his store-room both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.





Altar Flowers are given by
Shelley Barron
in honor of her Mom,
Hilda Harrigill's
57th Anniversary
of graduating from nursing
school!



Saint of the Day
Wednesday, July 29
Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death. Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27). No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also nothing that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly. Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus, "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him" Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend from the dead. Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years. It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday.

Saint Martha is a Patron Saint of: Cooks, Homemakers, and Restaurant Servers

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are Patron Saints of: Siblings

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