

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, 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, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Cheryl Matherne, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, Keagan Smith, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Carol Bennett, Kristy Lambert, Pat Gardner, Eddie Britt, Carrol Black, Ledger Smith, Hugh Louviere, Julia Haydel and Baby, Donald Lewis, Bubba James, Tommy Cupit, Gerald Williams, Joseph Harris, Ladale Thompson, Richard Case, Paola Quin, Walter Thompson, Sr., Nate Trosclair, Josh Townsend, Brenda Sears, Cliff Feduccia, John Henriquez, Jude Theriot, Ryley and Zane Touns, Myrna Casciola, Brenda Moak, Robert Robinson, Adam Smith, Janice Bowling, Ted Rounsaville

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.



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.

OCTOBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, October 3 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Mary Nettles
Becky Bowman, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Commentator: Shelley Baron

Altar Servers: Lucas & Robert Phillips

Thurifer:

Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Henriquez

Greeters: Peggy Henriques, Jane Coleman

Music: Steve, Emily

Sunday, October 4 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Eric Postma
Kelly Postma, Cathy Ditcharo

Lector (1): David Levy

Lector (2): Laura Murray

Commentator: Larry Baker

Altar Servers: Tucker Smith, William Murray

Thurifer: Kam Perkins

Ushers: Stephen Murray, Aaron Achord

Greeters: TA Boyd, Tara Bonner

Music: Eileen



September 19 & 20, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$3948.85
Loose Cash	\$737.00
Total	\$4685.85

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.



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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SEPTEMBER 27, THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM
NO Spanish Mass 9/27/26

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass

Tuesday: Communion Service 12:10

Wed: NO Daily Mass

Thursday: Communion Service 12:10

Friday: NO Daily 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 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.



James Laird (26)
Mark Smith (26)
Max Daughdrill (26)
Michael Cuevas (28)
Sawyer Bartholomew (29)
Clifford Galey (1)
Heidi Smith (1)
Deborah Bienvenu (2)

Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays 9:00-1:00
in the church
All are welcome!



Respect Life Month

October 2026



October: Respect Life Month

Every October the U.S. Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. October 4th of this year will be observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable in our society, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and every stage in between. The U.S. Bishops have affirmed that abortion remains our pre-eminent priority destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone. During October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops will conduct an online Respect Life Novena on October 22-30. Prior to the October weekend Masses, Pro-Life Meditations will be included in the praying of the Holy Rosary.



St. Francis Picnic & Jubilee Celebration

Oct. 11 after the 10:00AM Mass
Meat, baked beans, potato salad, drinks & desserts will be provided!

If your last name starts with

A–M: bring a vegetable casserole

N–Z: bring salad, pasta, or deviled eggs

The Parish provides a majority of the food for this picnic, however, we still need your food contributions to make this a success! If you have a favorite dish/dessert, feel free to bring it in ADDITION to your assigned dish! Thank You!



Save the Date:
Blessing of the Pets
October 4, @ 3:30PM
on the Parish Playground

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

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

NO Daily Mass
Wed. 9/30
and Fri. 10/2
There will be
a Communion
Service on
Tues. 9/29
and Thurs. 9/31



Choir Practice
9/28, 10/5 @ 5:30PM
[New Members are Welcome to Join!](#)



Altar Flowers are
given by
Mark & Mary Nettles
in thanksgiving for
54 years of marriage,
two children,
& five grandchildren.

September 27

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saying “Yes, But No.” It seems that the longer we have been following Jesus, the more we are like the second son in the parable. We have said “Yes” to God. Our intention is to follow him, but in the end, we don’t seem to follow him very well. We come up short. Then we renew our resolutions to follow him more closely, and before long, we catch ourselves once again using up our time on ourselves and doing very little for him. What’s wrong? We don’t truly want to be like the second son, who said “Yes” only with his lips. In what aspect of my life am I saying, “yes, but no”?

Doing the Bare Minimum: Isn’t at least part of the problem that Jesus doesn’t come first in our lives? Since we live in a world where many follow him lukewarmly—if at all - , it’s easy to think we are doing a wonderful, even exceptional job with the way we practice our faith. It’s easy to think this way even when we’re doing little more than the bare minimum, or perhaps living with a fatal flaw in some basic virtue like charity or purity. What if we were evaluated in our Christianity the way we would be evaluated for a job? Would we keep that job if we never worried about doing more than the bare minimum, or if we lacked one of the basic skills needed for it? Why do I think I can get away with shoddy work when it comes to Jesus? Do I forget that God the Father invites me to work in his vineyard, the Church, not as a servant, but as his son/daughter?

I am Crucial for the Salvation of Souls: Following Jesus is the single most important thing I have to do in my life. It is more important than any job I could ever have. He has given me a mission in my life similar to his own mission. Our Lord wishes me to earn graces not only for myself but for many souls out there whom I may never even know. These graces could be crucial for the salvation of many souls. Certainly, if I am married, my spouse and children would be the first ones to benefit from the graces I gain through my prayers, good works and sacrifices. But in addition, I have no way of knowing how many others will depend on my holiness. I need to be ready at any time to bear witness to Jesus and to be a faithful instrument of his grace for whomever he places in my life.

Excerpts: *ePriest*

Created for
Covenant
Thursdays at 6:15
in the library.
All are welcome
to attend!



OCIA
Tuesday, September 22
Topic: I Believe in God,
the Father Almighty
Class starts at 6:00PM



Ken Goodrum, Ashley Duplantis, Bela Nagy, Becky Feduccia, Luis Ybarra, Joyce Duncan, Johnna McRee, Lilith Walker, Jane Coleman, Phillip Nguyen, Lucas Phillips, Shea Riley, Layla McKenzie, Dennis Valentine, Kathleen Jackson, Braden Allen, Talita Ruble, Bob Weathersby, Errol Callais, Barrett Womack, Preslee Womack, Piper Curole, Henry Swann, Elizabeth McIntyre, Mary Nettles, James Laird, Mark Smith, Max Daughdrill, Michael Cuevas, & Sawyer Bartholomew

Happy 59th
Wedding Anniversary
to Carole & Henry Swann
Happy 60th
Wedding Anniversary
to Charles & Becky Feduccia



United In Mission Capital Campaign

Over the last several years, the Diocese of Jackson has held meetings and discussions with clergy, religious and parish lay persons regarding a thoughtful path forward for our Diocese. We have experienced a significant increase in our Diocesan seminarians and young men discerning a call to the priesthood. As a result, the message became clear—the Diocese must invest in the future of the Church by forming strong, new priests and strengthening our parish communities. The Diocese has launched United in Mission—Forming Shepherds, Strengthening Parishes, a five year, \$21.5 million capital campaign. The Campaign will direct \$10 millions toward parish needs, \$10 million toward a permanent seminarian education endowment, and \$1.5 million toward the 2027 Catholic Service Appeal. The campaign goal for St. Francis of Assisi is Brookhaven is \$360,000.

There will be a campaign information meeting in the cafeteria for all St. Francis parishioners after each of the three weekend Masses on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4. Please be present at this important meeting as we have the opportunity to ensure that our parish community and the Diocese of Jackson remain strong, vibrant, and faithful for generations to come.”