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**December 28, 2025 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



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### MASSES:

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM**

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are live-streamed on our YouTube channel and our Facebook page.*

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM**

**Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM**

### O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

**Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

New inquirers welcome year round.

### ROSARY:

**Thursday: 6:40 AM**

### ADORATION:

**Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph,  
Year A, Dec 28, 2025**

**From the Desk of Fr. Albeen**

When Jesus' life was threatened by Herod, Joseph was told in a dream to rise and take the family to Egypt. He was obedient and he trusted. Despite having nowhere specific to go and no way of supporting himself or his family, he went in the dark of night. He did what any loving father would do, trusting that God would take care of them. And God did. We see Joseph acting with complete trust in God. We imagine his fear for his family's safety, his worry about the necessities of life, his awe at the instructions and their urgency. We do not know if he initially struggled with what God asked of him; we only know he obeyed. Whether we are man or woman, single or married, a parent or not, we can hold Joseph up as a model of trust and fidelity to God and his plan. When we struggle with what God asks of us, we can ask for intercession from St. Joseph.

**TRAVEL TO INDIA:** As we welcome the New Year, I wish you and your families a joyful, peaceful, and blessed New Year filled with God's grace.

On January 5, 2026, I will be leaving for India to spend time with my family. Please pray for a safe trip and that my presence brings joy and comfort to my mother. During my absence until February 12, Msgr. Elvin Sunds will be in charge of St. Francis Parish, St. Anthony School, and AELC. If you have any needs, please contact Msgr. Sunds or the parish office.

Please know that you and our parish remain close to my heart and prayers. May the Lord bless you abundantly in the year ahead. Fr. Albeen.

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**Special Schedule**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - Vigil - 6:00 pm  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - 10:30 am



Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 8 am on New Year's Day for a fun morning of fresh air and fellowship, and enjoy a yummy New Year's Day-themed meal (with a Southern twist) prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 9543!

Only \$30 for the 10K run, 5K run, or 5K walk. The first 150 registrants are guaranteed an attractive dry-fit shirt. Awards to be given out after all runners and walkers have completed the 10K course (on the beautiful multi-purpose trail) and the 5K course (in the Tidewater neighborhood).

Your support helps our Knights assist Sunnybrook Children's Home, Habitat for Humanity/Metro Capital Area, Canopy Children's home, and priest education.

Register with this QR code, or visit [msracetiming.com](http://msracetiming.com) A fundraiser for KC 9543 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 4000 W. Tidewater Lane Madison, MS [stfrancismadison.org](http://stfrancismadison.org) Email race director Joe Lee with questions at [jlee@dogwoodpress.com](mailto:jlee@dogwoodpress.com).



**Events & Religious Education**

**Children's Ministry: Sunday School**

**Christmas Break for Sunday School Pre-K4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade:**  
All classes resume on January 11, 9-10:15 am.

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:**

**Christmas Break for Life Teen:** No Life Night, Edge, or Confirmation sessions until January 11. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, including ALL 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates will meet, 6-7:45 pm.

Save the Date for helping with our annual Mexican **Fiesta**, Saltillo Mission fundraising dinner on January 21!



Save the date for the annual **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference** for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, March 20-22, 2026! Registration info will be sent soon!



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

WMD is celebrated with a Mass, followed by a reception to honor all married couples who will be celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th+ years or any significant anniversary. The Mass is celebrated by Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz on **February 7th at 1 pm in St. Peter's Cathedral in Jackson**. Register in the QR Code. Deadline January 15, 2026.



**ST. FRANCIS PANTRY**

"For it is in giving that we receive" St. Francis of Assisi



**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>:** Food donations may be left in the "green room". Please, NO expired foods and no previously opened packages. As always, monetary contributions are welcome, cash, check or the GIVE link on our website. Thank you! for your continued support of this outreach program.



**FINANCIAL GIVING**

<b>Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
Collection Basket	\$12,364.00
Children's Offering	\$ 98.00
Online	\$ 4,546.98
Total	\$17,008.98

 Our December monthly stewardship amount by Bank Draft is **\$26,753.00**.

December: Capital Campaign.

December 25: Christmas Offering.

January 1, 2026: Solemnity of Mary Offering.

*Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.*

**2026 Stewardship Campaign**

Please return yours and place it in the basket in the gathering area, mail to the parish office or complete online.

*"Building the Kingdom of God  
Give, and it will be given to you...a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over"  
(Luke 6:38)*



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On January 1, the Church celebrates Mary, Mother of God. This solemnity honors the truth that Mary is truly the Mother of God because her Son, Jesus Christ, is fully God and fully human. By saying "yes" to God's plan, Mary cooperated uniquely in our salvation and became a model of faith, humility, and trust in God. Celebrated on the octave of Christmas, this holy day reminds us that God truly entered human history to save us. As we begin the new year, we look to Mary, our spiritual mother, asking her intercession and striving to follow her example of faithfulness to Christ.

OCIA will not meet this week. Classes will resume in St. Clare Hall on January 14th. Inquirers are welcome to join us at any time. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office or by visiting the church website at [www.stfrancismadison.org](http://www.stfrancismadison.org).

### Theology on Tap

Young Adults (21 and older) are invited to Blaylock Photography on 117 N. Wheatley, Ridgeland, MS 39157 Tuesday, January 6th at 7 pm for the Theology on Tap with Dr. Edgar Meyer. If you have questions, contact Amelia Rizor 601-949-6931.

## Campus Ministry Winter Retreat

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church • Oxford, MS**

Retreat leaders:  
Diocesan Campus Ministry Team  
Retreat priest: Fr. Nick Adam

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For more info: [amelia.rizor@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:amelia.rizor@jacksondiocese.org)

Cost is \$20  
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Deadline to Register is Friday,  
January 23



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### NURSING HOMES, REHAB FACILITIES & ASSISTED LIVING

If you or any member of your family, or friend or neighbor who is Catholic living in the Madison- Ridgeland area and unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office 601-856-5556.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

**Friday**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Sat., Dec. 27**

**ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE**

Mass † Beverly Chaignaud

**Sun., Dec. 28**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**

Mass † Jim Griffin

9:10 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Elizabeth Morrison

10:30 AM

Mass

5:00 PM

Mass † Markus Swing

**Mon., Dec. 29**

**ST. THOMAS BECKET**

7:00 AM

Mass † Peggy Zarate

**Tue., Dec. 30**

**WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

7:00 AM

Mass † Joseph Gandolini

8:30 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Ava Elizabeth Hill

**Wed., Dec. 31**

**VIGIL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7:00 AM

**NO Mass**

6:00 PM

Mass

**Thurs., Jan. 1**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7:00 AM

**NO Mass**

10:30 AM

Mass

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Fri., Jan. 2**

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

7:00 AM

Mass † Barbara Hutchisson

8:30 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Alice Herrington

† Praying for Deceased      ♥ Praying for Special Intention



### PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan, Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty, Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith, Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser, Dagan Nations, Lee Greco, Liam Nethery, Tristan Nethery, Kelly Yonko, and Willy Gabriel Cardona.

Thank you for protecting our country.  
May the Lord keep you safe.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

**Parishioners:** Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats, Kathleen Hood, Elvie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak, Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp, Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Lauren Kalka, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner, Bernard Dreiling, Lucy Hilton, Molly Hoke, and Elizabeth Winter.

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**Friends:** Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore, Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln, Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer, Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer, Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson, Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker, Linda Parish, Fr. Michael O'Brien, and Robert Blount.

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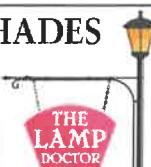
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