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**January 18, 2026 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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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**

**From the Desk of Msgr. Elvin**

This weekend Readings, we are called to be like John the Baptist, to make straight the path and prepare the way of the Lord. Yes, the world may think we're a little weird sometimes for believing what we do and striving to live out what we believe, but few of us will pay the price John the Baptist did for speaking up about Jesus.

Can we find the courage to be like John the Baptist? Can we live lives of faith that draw the curious toward us, and then urge those people toward the Source of the light? When we do, we stand with John as he proclaims, "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS**

**Sunday, January 18**

- 9:00 am Sunday School for Pre-K4-6th grades resumes.
- 9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
- 9:00 am Bible Buddies in the Family Life Center Lounge.

**Tuesday, January 20**

- 7:00 pm TMIY evening session in St. Clare Hall.

**Wednesday, January 21**

- 10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.
- 5:15 pm Parish Dinner Fundraiser for Saltillo.
- 6:00 pm Wednesday's Grace session in St. Thomas Hall.
- 6:30 pm OCIA session in St. Clare Hall.

**Friday, January 23**

- 6:30 am TMIY morning session in St. Clare Hall.

**Events & Religious Education**

**Children's Ministry: Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School classes meet this Sunday, January 18 and every Sunday, 9-10:15 am.

Save the dates for VBS 2026: **June 15-18!**

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

No **Life Teen** this Sunday, January 18, for the MLK Holiday weekend. All sessions for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, including Confirmation prep, resume next Sunday, **January 25, 6-7:45 pm.**

Youth and parents are needed to contribute food items and to help with our **Mexican Fiesta Saltillo Mission** fundraising dinner this **Wednesday, January 21!** Shifts start at 4 pm in the FLC. Please sign up by scanning the QR Code to bring requested food and to serve:



**Confirmation Retreat!** All 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade candidates should make plans to attend this retreat on **February 22, 9:30 am check-in till about 5:00 pm** at Camp Garaywa! Several other parish Confirmation groups will be joining us for a Spirit-filled day led by Colin MacIver.

Save the date for the annual high school **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, March 20-22, 2026!**



**FINANCIAL GIVING**



<b>Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
Collection Basket	\$18,844.51
Children's Offering	\$ 82.00
Online	\$ 3,602.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,528.78</b>

**January:** Capital Campaign.

**January 17 & 18:** St. Anthony Tuition Assistance.

We are still accepting donations for **Saltillo Mission.**

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

Everyone is invited to a **MEXICAN FIESTA Parish Dinner**

TO BENEFIT OUR DIOCESAN MISSION IN SALTILLO, MEXICO

**Wednesday January 21** | Family Life Center | **5:15-7:00pm**

**\$7 per plate / \$25 per family** for nacho bar, dessert, drink or hotdog, chips, dessert, drink

When 7 am daily mass is not possible in your schedule. You may find time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament once a week on Thursdays from 5-7 pm in the Daily Chapel. Don't wait any longer and visit the Lord during this time. Not sure what to do in Adoration, just have a conversation with the Lord about your worries, sadness, appreciations, etc.

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# OCIA ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Marriage is more than a social contract—it is a sacrament established by God, rooted in creation, and raised by Christ to be a sign of His faithful love for the Church. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a baptized man and woman freely give themselves to one another in a lifelong covenant ordered toward the good of the spouses and the openness to children. Doug and Kimberly Harkins lead OCIA this week in our discussion of the sacrament of Matrimony. OCIA meets at 6:30 on Wednesday nights in St. Clare Hall. 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).



Parish Office Closed  
Monday, January 19

## BAPTISM SESSION



A Baptism session is scheduled Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in St. Clare Hall for all parents who want to baptize their child.

**NOTE:** Please register in advance, parish office 601-856-5556.

## 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  
Scan the QR Code to register  
Deadline to Register is Friday,  
January 23

Invitation for college students

## Draw Down

SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24, 2026  
6-10 PM

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Join us for the St. Joe Annual Draw Down on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Reunion Country Club! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, live music, silent auction, raffle baskets, and the chance to win \$10,000! Sponsorships and auction donations are still welcome—contact Candace Sigler at [csigler@stjoebruins.com](mailto:csigler@stjoebruins.com) or 601-898-4803 for details. Tickets are available for purchase online: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/nikKrfb2>.

	<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</u>
Sunday	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

## MASS INTENTIONS



Sat., Jan. 17	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>
5:00 PM	Mass † Jim Clyne
Sun., Jan. 18	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00 AM	Mass ♥ Adriana Ortega
9:10 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Jeannie & Harold Early Adcock
10:30 AM	Mass - Missa Pro Populo
5:00 PM	Mass † Veronica Bednarz
Mon., Jan. 19	<b>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:00 AM	Mass † Joseph Gandolini
Tue., Jan. 20	<b>ST. SEBASTIAN</b>
7:00 AM	Mass † Mike Dangelo
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Shannon Gilmer
Wed., Jan. 21	<b>ST. AGNES</b>
7:00 AM	Mass † Frank Carollo
Thurs., Jan. 22	<b>PRAYER DAY FOR UNBORN CHILDREN</b>
7:00 AM	Mass ♥ Rebecca Hayes
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Sandra Mendoza
5:00-7:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri., Jan. 23	<b>ST. VINCENT</b>
7:00 AM	Mass ♥ Darlene Smith
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Pansey Damico

† 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, Elizabeth Winter, Mike Robinson, and Christine School.

**Family:** Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart, Isabella Saab, Robert Smith, Kay Wittenberg, Donna Stanley, Keely Ramshur, Desiree Savoie, Angela Gaither, Martha Hall, Marinella Davis, Amy McManus, Dan Nguyen, Rebecca McManus, Porter Antici, Selema Rookis, Marie Chipley, Troy Plaisance, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, and Paul Bolus.

**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.

As Published on the Catholic Diocese of Jackson Website

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Statement of Bishop Joseph Kopacz  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Jackson  
On the Attack on Beth Isreal Synagogue January 10, 2026

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz and the Diocese of Jackson strongly condemn the arson attack on Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, which occurred in the early morning hours of January 10. This evil, senseless, and destructive act is an offense against all faith traditions and all people of goodwill. There is no room for this type of violence in our community.

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and Beth Israel Congregation have a long history of working together for the greater good of our community, dating back to the formation of the Interfaith Committee of Concern in the early 1960s. That effort later evolved into the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference, an organization dedicated to building bridges of understanding and addressing injustices in our State.

We grieve with the congregants of Beth Israel as they endure this terrible act of violence and offer our prayers and our solidarity. In their resolve and resilience as they rebuild their house of worship, may God strengthen them with unfailing hope and abiding faith.



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