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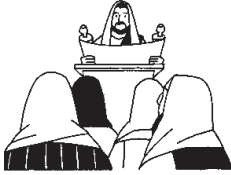
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**St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**  
 Confessions: By appointment  
**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

*All times subject to change*

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2010



**Scripture Meditation:** Luke tells us that Jesus began his public ministry in his own land of Galilee where he was raised as a child. Jesus' first public words in his hometown synagogue amazed both his family and townspeople. It was customary for the president of the synagogue to call on different people each week to read from the Hebrew bible and say a few words. Jesus read the text from the prophet Isaiah that explained how the Messiah would come in the power of

the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus commented that he himself would fulfill this prophecy. Only a madman or the Messiah would dare to make such a claim! Jesus not only got their startled attention, he awoke in his people fresh hope that God would indeed fulfill his promises to them. Luke tells us that the people received Jesus' words favorably and wondered what would become of "Joseph's son". In Jesus we see the grace of God in action. His gracious words bring hope, joy, and favor to all who were ready to receive him. Are you hungry for God's word?

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**Renew signup** will be next Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the Lenten continuation of **Sacraments: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery**. Instead of "giving up" something for God, let God give you a gift this year as you prepare for Easter. Learn more about your faith and deepen your understanding of the

### COLLECTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Sunday, January 17, 2010

Envelopes	\$557.00
Loose	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$563.00</b>
Candles	9.00
Haiti Relief	555.81
Building Fund	35.00
Ticket sales	66.00
Recycling	30.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Sunday, January 31, 2010

Lector 1	Trish Blakely
Lector 2	Ashley Green
Euch. Min.	Cindy Horn
Intercessory Prayers	Charry Lacy
Gift Bearers	Larry & Anna Payne

Sacraments. Classes will be after Mass on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.

**Church Directory:** A new Church Directory is being planned for the three parishes. Pictures will be taken for the new directory at St. James in Corinth on February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and in Belmont on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Times will be announced at a later date.

**Cursillos:** A ladies' Cursillo will be held February 25-28, 2010 and a men's Cursillo March 4-7, 2010 at the Duncan Gray Center north of Canton. The Cursillo is a time of spiritual renewal for deepening faith and commitment to parish ministry. Applications can be found on the Parish hall bulletin board and need to be sent in by February 15<sup>th</sup> for the ladies' weekend and February 22<sup>nd</sup> for the men's weekend.

**3-Day Retreat:** The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Jackson is sponsoring a 3-day retreat given by Fr. David Knight from Memphis. It will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Flowood, MS (5971 Highway 25) on February 8-10 at 7 p.m. each night. A reception will follow after each session. Everyone is invited – all who have made a Cursillo and all who would like to know more about the Cursillo Movement.

**A request** has been made for a free or low-cost sofa from a family that has just recently moved to this area. If you can help, please let Sr. Colette know.

**Last call - 50/50:** The winning ticket for December's 50/50 is **286516**. If you have this ticket, please let Sr. Colette or the office know before the drawing next Sunday.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to an evening of reflection. Pray, learn and explore further:

- What are the ways Christ makes Himself present to us at Mass:
- How does the Eucharist help us to understand the pain and joy of everyday life:
- How does celebrating the Eucharist strengthen our Catholic identity?

Please join us on Sat. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at St. James, Tupelo from 2:00 – 4:00PM.

**Father Henry Shelton** will be leading a retreat on the evening of Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Corinth St. James. More information to follow.



**Spaghetti Dinner:** Hope everyone noticed the ad for our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner in the local newspapers. Tickets will be on sale until February 1<sup>st</sup>. All monies and/or unsold tickets need to be turned in by that day. Besides being a fundraiser, this dinner is an effort to evangelize (spread the "Good News"), so invite your non-Catholic friends! Many thanks to everyone for your dedication and support of St. Francis of Assisi parish!

**Parish Ecology Action:** Some positive examples that the United States Catholic Conference's Campaign for Human Development supports is a wide variety of local environmental efforts. Among them are the following projects: In rural Mississippi, a community coalition seeks to secure greatest access to drinkable water. In Washington state, a farm work organization tries to reduce pesticides in the apple industry. In Oakland, California, immigrant Asian women try to monitor the exposure of electronics workers to hazardous chemicals....

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