



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Holy Days: please call for Mass times

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2010



Scripture Meditation: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." How would you react if Jesus spoke this message in your worshipping community? It was customary for Jesus to go weekly to the synagogue to worship and on occasion to read the scriptures and comment on them to the people. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns.

What sign would he do in his hometown? Jesus startled them with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. They regarded gentiles as "fuel for the fires of hell". Jesus' praise for "outsiders" caused them offence because they were blind-sighted to God's mercy and plan of redemption for all nations.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal: This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal, poorer dioceses

COLLECTION

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

Envelopes	\$719.00
Loose	40.00
Total	\$759.00
Candles	12.50
Ticket sales	260.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 7, 2010

Lector 1	Jim Goo
Lector 2	Carolyn Lenske
Euch. Min.	Sr. Colette
Intercessory Prayers	Ashley Green
Gift Bearers	Ratliff family

in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. Next week we will take up a collection for this Appeal. Please be generous and help **strengthen the Church at home.** Envelopes are included in this bulletin.

Renew signup is today. 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 Sacraments. Classes will be after Mass on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. **Signup sheet is on the table in the Parish hall.**

Free Clinic: The Free Clinic, located at 670 Crossover Rd., Tupelo, is open every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. This clinic is for people without health insurance.

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 15th for the ladies' weekend and February 22nd for the men's weekend.

Feast of St. Blaise is February 3rd and the customary blessing of throats will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on February 7th.

A Special Collection will be taken up on Tuesday, February 16th at the 3:30 p.m. Mass and at the Ash Wednesday service, February 17th for Catholic Charities of Northeast Mississippi in Vardaman. Catholic Charities will be opening a whole new facility in the near future.

Stations of the Cross: We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. starting on February 19th. There will be **NO** Stations on Friday, February 26th.

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



Spaghetti Dinner: This coming Friday, February 5th, will be our 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner. All unsold tickets and money for sold tickets need to be turned in by Monday, February 1st. 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: Respect for nature and respect for human life are inextricably related. "Respect for life, and above all for the dignity of the human person," Pope John Paul II has written, extends also to the rest of creation (*The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility [=EC], no. 7*). Other species, ecosystems, and even distinctive landscapes give glory to God. The covenant given to Noah was a promise to each and all: 'See, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark (Gn 9:9-10).'

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