



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Smith  
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Holy Days: please call for Mass times

**St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Confessions:** Tuesdays before Mass.  
**Weekday Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 9 a.m.; all other Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.**

**New Parishioners** – Welcome to the Parish! Please register as soon as possible at the Parish Office.

*All times subject to change*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2012

*The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.  
Mark 1:40-45*



An appropriate question for each of us to ask ourselves at the start of each day is "How am I going to bring God to others today?" Seeking to live our lives in imitation of Jesus is a matter of virtue. Do we live on behalf of the Gospel? How do we think of the needs of others? Please notice that it was Jesus who changed the old world of sacrifice into the new world of self-sacrifice. Jesus offers the virtue of compassion. We are called to witness to the compassion of Jesus. We notice that during His ministry when Jesus healed the sick and afflicted this was a clear sign of God's presence and these acts of compassion was Jesus' way

of saying that something greater was coming. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection give new meaning to all of life and offer a deeper insight into the meaning of suffering and the connection to all of life. By giving of Himself, Jesus shows us that we are not alone. Knowing that Jesus is on our side, suffering becomes an opportunity to prepare ourselves for new life. Jesus also invites us to help spread His message and invite people to Him.

**Our prayers** and condolences go out to the family of **Ludie Pietruszkiewicz** who passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2012. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH** and our second collection next Sunday will be for the **Mississippi Catholic**. Bishop Joseph Latino asks us to send *Mississippi Catholic* to every family in our parish. Please help us by remitting \$20 to the parish next Sunday. If you wish to pay with cash, there are envelopes for your convenience located on the table in the narthex. If paying by check, please write MS Catholic on the memo line. *Thank you!*

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - Thank you for your generous support to help **strengthen the Church at home**. Your help will provide training for priests and lay persons in parishes that desperately need help attending to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your contribution helps ensure that parishioners in mission dioceses will continue to worship well here at home. To learn more about Home Missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

Please note that **this coming TUESDAY MASS, February 14<sup>th</sup>, will be at 9 a.m.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** classes – **Tuesday, February 14, at 1:45 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing "**The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.**" Everyone is welcome to attend!

We are looking for more **Hospitality Ministers**, who hand out bulletins and take up the collection(s). If you would like to help, please talk to Sheila. *Thank you!*

**"Cultivating Stillness"** – A retreat combining audio and group sharing, is being offered on **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Pickwick Pines** – approximately 45 minutes northeast of Booneville. All are welcome. For more information and to register – **space is limited** – see the forms and flyers in the narthex, or call Sheila at 662-728-7509.

Don't forget the **Bake Sale next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, to benefit a trip to **Cullman, Alabama** during the week of Spring Break. Please bring **baked goods** or money to spend to donate! *Thank you.*

*Thank you* to all who contributed time, talent, food, materials, prayers and presence for the celebration of Ludie's life. Your contributions made the day special for everyone, and honored Ludie's memory. We will miss her very much.

*Thank you*, as always, to Melanie for keeping our bulletin boards updated and so nicely decorated!

**Catholic Day at the Capitol 2012** - The 2012 Mississippi Legislative Session is now underway, and the Poverty in America Taskforce with Catholic Charities, Inc. Office of Parish Social Ministry is gearing up for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Day at the Capitol on February 29, 2012**. Participants will have the opportunity to gather at the Central High School Auditorium to learn about issues from key leaders, attend Mass with Bishop Joseph Latino of the Jackson Diocese and Bishop Roger Morin of the Biloxi Diocese, and meet with their legislators to discuss important issues. All are welcome to attend. To register for Catholic Day at the Capitol 2012, please visit our website at: [www.CatholicCharitiesJackson.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesJackson.org) today!

**In February we pray for...** Irene Chatterly, Ed Porter, Green family, Alejo family, Gary Walker, Tiffany Bogart, Judy Lawrence, Jerome Lawrence, Lorene Stanford, José Alejo, Ramirez family, Perez family, Magaña family, Patricia Soburn & family, Shane Jackson & family, Donna Floyd, Leon Alvarez family, and Ludie Pietruszkiewicz RIP†.

### COLLECTION 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 5, 2012

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$737.50</b>
Candles	18.00
Trust Fund	50.00
Youth Group	17.00
Catholic Home Mission	192.00
MS Catholic	20.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 19, 2012

Lector 1	Jim Goo
Lector 2	Olga Green
Intercessory Prayers	Mary Williams
EM of HC	Ted and Marla
Gift Bearers	Montañez family
Altar Servers	Jesus & Belen

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to:

16<sup>th</sup> Elia Montañez      16<sup>th</sup> Patricia Ratliff

## Holy Hour



Each Wednesday evening we will be having **Holy Hour** from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at which time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. ALL are invited to come and pray with us!

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

