



Blessed Francis X. Seelos Catholic Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

Celebrating community and cultural diversity, striving to treat everyone as our neighbor, all with the help of the power, love and grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Martinez-Patiño
Pastoral Assoc.: Deacon M.J. Landry
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard
SO / DRE: Bunny Thompson

Pastoral Council:

Meets every 3rd Tuesday
of the month

Religious Education

Grades K-5: Nativity Center
Wed. 5:30pm;

Grades 6-11: Lifeteen;
Sun. 6:45 pm at Nativity Ctr.

St. Martin de Porres Society:

Wednesdays: 9 am – 11 am

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass – 8:30 am

Daily Mass – 8:30 am at

Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions: Tuesdays at 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm
or by appointment

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and / or emergency:

Communion will be brought to anyone desiring to receive but unable to attend Mass for serious reasons. Please call Fr. Daniel at (228) 860-6377.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should call the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage. At least one member of the couple should be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptism requires that at least one parent is a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months. It must be the intent of the parent to actively raise the child in the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Funerals

Contact Bunny Thompson at the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

CATECHISM CORNER

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, is a relatively ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the "purification"). Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story. Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (January 6), because Christmas wasn't yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ's first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days later.

Inspired by the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of January 28, 2023

Saturday	†Gerald Creel
Sunday	†Janis Fountain
Monday	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	Baker & Lauren Boler
Wednesday	Our Parish Family
Thursday	†Isabel M. Sylvester & Arleen Sylvester
Friday	Our Parish Family

****If you would like to have Masses offered for a loved one or friend, living or deceased, please call the office. The stipend is \$10 per Mass intention.**

PARISH NEWS

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Thursday from 9 am
until Noon at
Our Mother of Sorrows**

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

**Next weekend, Feb 4th & 5th
Blessing of the Throats**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,332
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 69,884
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

**** The 2022 contribution statements are now available. You may call the office to request your statement, if needed.**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Jan. 28 th	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 29 th	Nancy Boney
Sat., Feb. 4 th	Cathy Wiltz
Sun., Feb. 5 th	Missy Ellsworth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 28 th	David Hill
Sat., Feb. 4 th	Katie McMahan
** On Sundays, if Deacon is not at Mass, a E.M. shall serve	

SACRISTANS

Sat., Jan. 28 th	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 29 th	Leonard & Mary Corley
Sat., Feb. 4 th	Charles & Frances Penn
Sun., Feb. 5 th	Joe & Nancy Boney

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 28 th	Lola Simnicht	Ava Simnicht
Sun., Jan. 29 th		
Sat., Feb. 4 th	Paityn Newbaker	
Sun., Feb. 5 th	Bella Jackson	

January Church Cleaning: Joe and Nancy Boney

****Any questions, please call Mary Beth at 228.238.1816**



Share the Good News!

If you have any “good news” you would like to share, please call the office by Wednesday!



YOUTH NEWS

CCD:

Feb. 1st – Wed., 5:30 pm
CCD Class

LIFETEEN:

Feb. 4th; Saturday at 8:00 am
Youth Mass and Service
Project at Blessed Seelos

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A PRAYER TO SAINT BLAISE

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





BLESSED SEELoS – RAFFLE APRIL 22, 2023



Tickets for our parish raffle are now available to sell!!

We have some great prizes this year which include 10 \$100 restaurant gift certificates, a family staycation package, a 48" T.V., 50 lbs. of shrimp, and cash! Please call Tommy Boney at 228-860-5077 or see any Parish Council member for tickets.

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10 EACH!!

****This is the parish's main fundraiser, so all of your help is much appreciated. Thank you all for your support and dedication to our parish.**



We will have a Special Collection the weekend of Feb. 11th & 12th to help with initial costs of our parish Lenten dinners. Please be generous in your support. Thank you! Our parish Lenten dinners begin Friday, February 24th.



AN EVENING AT THE MOVIES: To celebrate Black History Month, Our Mother of Sorrows will be showing the movie "*Sr. Thea: Her Own Story*" in the OMS Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 pm. Sister Thea Bowman was born in Yazoo, Mississippi and grew up to be a renowned Roman Catholic nun, teacher and scholar. This movie highlights her life as a leading voice in the U.S. Catholic Church. A cause for canonization has been opened for Bowman. At the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 Fall General Assembly, the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance indicated unanimous support for the advancement of Sister Thea Bowman's canonization cause on the diocesan level.

***“Rejoice and be Glad,
your Reward will be Great in Heaven.”***

Matthew 5:12