



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 First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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 Wednesday
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
Sunday Spanish Mass – 11:00 am
Mon. – Thu. Daily Mass – 7:30 am
at the Mercy House Chapel
Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Devotions: Tuesdays at 8 am
Fridays: Communion Service

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

God's promise of Real Treasure: If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to His promises and to fulfill all He has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver. Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to prepare your soul for His coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures. The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust. God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps His promises.

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MASS INTENTIONS For the week of December 2, 2023

Saturday	Shelby Moore
Sunday	†Diane & George Williams
Sun. 11 am	Martha Arellano
Monday	†Gregory Skrmetti, Sr.
Tuesday	†Verne Lamas
Wednesday	†Matta Dieu Mai; Simon Chieu Nguyen †Alphonso Thanh Nguyen
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

**Thurs.- 8 am – 11 am
in the Mercy House Chapel**

Adoration is a powerful time of prayer and healing! Come spend some time with Jesus!!

**December 2nd – 10th
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena**

**December 11th – Monday 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
with Bishop Kihneman**

**December 12th – Tuesday 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast Day Mass**

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STEWARDSHIP Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,581
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 53,908
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

****There will be a special collection next weekend, Dec. 9th / 10th for the Retired Religious. This collection supports the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.**

"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 2 nd	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Dec. 3 rd	Darlene Adams
Sat., Dec. 9 th	Tom Quinn
Sun., Dec. 10 th	Charnell Martino

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 2 nd	David Hill	Gerard Darnell
Sun., Dec. 3 rd	Joe & Nancy Boney	
Sat., Dec. 9 th	Katie McMahan	Gerard Darnell
Sun., Dec. 10 th	Gert Newman	Charnell Martino

SACRISTANS

Sat., Dec. 2 nd	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Dec. 3 rd	Phillip & Darlene Adams
Sat., Dec. 9 th	Theresa Lamey Lowana Ratisher
Sun., Dec. 10 th	Bill & Regina Shipton

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 2 nd	Lola Simnicht	Ava Simnicht
Sun., Dec. 3 rd	Cobie Martino	Natelia Mabary
Sat., Dec. 9 th	Paityn Newbaker	
Sun., Dec. 10 th	Lyle Ramon	

December Church Cleaning: Phillip & Darlene Adams

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



What is the Rescue Project? Rescue is a multi-week event of great meals, great conversation and answers to life's tough questions. *Fr. Riccardo and the team at ACTS XXIX* have formulated a plan

to bring people together to discuss these questions and how our Faith provides answers to those questions.

Please pick up a date / time flier in the back of church.

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YOUTH NEWS

CCD: Wed., Dec. 6th
CCD Class

LIFETEEN:

Sun., Dec. 10th
Lifeteen Christmas Party



Dear God, help us always to remember the reason that we wait, each year, in great anticipation for Christmas — not for presents but for the greatest gift of all, your Son.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked "Christmas Flowers". The deadline is Sunday, December 17th.





**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation Friday, December 8th
7:30 am & 6:00 pm**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISHES

We are so grateful for the opportunity God is giving our parishes to join together to tell the story of the Birth of Baby Jesus through words and music. This is for all children ages 3 to 12. Teens and adults ages 13 and up are welcome to be a part of the choir. Please pick up an information / sign up sheet in the back of church. Please turn in the bottom portion of the form as soon as possible. For more information, please call Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017. It's not too late to participate!!

Practice and performance schedule

Mon., Dec. 4th 5:30 – 7pm at St. Michael

Thur., Dec. 7th – 5:00 – 6:15 at Blessed Seelos

Sun., Dec. 10th – 11:30 – 2:00 at St. Michael (lunch @ 11:30 – 12) **Very Important Practice!!

Mon., Dec. 11th – 5:30 – 7pm at St. Michael

Fri., Dec. 15th – 4:30 - 6:00 at Blessed Seelos ** Dress Rehearsal with costumes

Sun. Dec. 17th – 3 pm – Performance at Blessed Seelos

Tues., Dec. 19th – 6 pm – Performance at St. Michael

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree is in the back of church. This is a great opportunity to help children in our community this Christmas. If you feel called to help, please take a tag with a child's name off of the tree. There is a sign-in book next to the Christmas tree. **Please don't forget to sign your name and phone number next to the name/number off the tag you choose. All gifts should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 17th.** For more information, please call Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or Bunny Thompson at 228-233-5400.

***God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.***

