



## ***Blessed Francis X. Seelos Catholic Church***

***360 Lameuse St., Biloxi, MS 39530 228-273-4281***

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***January 21, 2024***

#### **Staff:**

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

#### **Pastoral Council:**

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Day of Prayer For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

*In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22<sup>nd</sup> shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.*

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

Remember, the unborn are only one of many Respect Life Issues: Sexism, racism, death penalty, diversity, sex trade, misogyny (treating women like objects), hate, lying and many more. March for Life is inclusive, not just one.

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### MASS INTENTIONS For the week of January 20, 2024

Saturday	†James & Juanita Eide; George Juanico
Sunday	Angela Cannon
Sun. 11 am	Hispanic Community
Monday	†Dorothy Skrmetta and Mary Skrmetta
Tuesday	†Beatriz Miranda Ortiz
Wednesday	†Gregory Skrmetti, Sr.
Thursday	†Fr. Steve Wilson, CSsR
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 – 9 am  
in the Mercy House Chapel**



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

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## STEWARDSHIP

### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,579  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 75,617  
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

**\*\*There is a special collection next weekend, January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> for the Church in Latin America & Saltillo Mission. This helps educate priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders; assists missionaries; trains catechists and youth ministers; and supports the Church's work with those in need. Please be generous in your support.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Betsy Boney
Sat., Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Quinn
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin Orr

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gert Newman                      Michele Moore
Sat., Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Balius                      Charnell Martino

### SACRISTANS

Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Greg & Loretta Eleuterius
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Angela Cannon                      Michele Moore
Sat., Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Balius                      Kendra Mabary

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Paityn Newbaker
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bella Jackson                      Zoe Andrews
Sat., Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Paityn Newbaker
Sun., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cobie Martino                      Natelia Mabary

January Church Cleaning: Joe & Nancy Boney

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



## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD:

**Wed., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 pm**  
**Class – Sacred Heart Center**

### LIFETEEN:

**Sun., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>; 6:40 pm**  
**Sacred Heart Center**

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**  
**Juniors / Seniors in high**  
**school seeking to receive the**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation,**  
**classes begin January 21st.**  
**Please contact Kristy Arguelles**  
**at 228-324-9934**



**“The fact is, God**  
**loves us even more**  
**than we love**  
**ourselves. *He believes***  
***in us even more than***  
***we believe in***  
***ourselves. He is***  
***always “cheering us***  
***on”; he is our biggest***  
***fan.”***

~ Pope Francis

## UPCOMING WOMEN'S CURSILLO

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>



When was the last time you did something for yourself? When was the last time you took time to grow in faith, to grow in grace? When was the last time you took time to grow in your responsibilities as a Catholic?

Perhaps now is the time to think about making a Cursillo. Cursillo is a three-day encounter with Christ. It is an opportunity to learn more about the faith that we profess. It is an opportunity to learn how to more fully live an authentic Christian life. I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a Cursillo Weekend. \*\*Applications are in the back of the church. For more information, please contact Michele Moore at 228-860-1580 or Melanie Moe at 228-219-0616.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



Loving God, we ask that you grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as you are one with our Lord Jesus Christ - and he with you. Enable all the members of the body of Christ to live together in unity and fellowship with one another and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness so that we may be well pleasing in your sight. We ask you to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing your Son, Jesus. May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



It is an ancient and noble practice to pray for the living and the dead at Mass. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption made present to us.

A Mass intention may be requested for a Mass for a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life. We have many dates available for this year. The Mass stipend is \$10.