



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 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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 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

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 27, 2024

Saturday	†Elbert Meaut
Sunday	†Janis Fountain
Sun. 11 am	†Jorge Zavala
Monday	†Rose Mary Higginbotham Tiblier
Tuesday	Dale Cannon
Wednesday	†Fr. Steve Wilson, CSsR
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 – 9 am
in the Mercy House Chapel**



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

**Saturday, Feb. 3rd
Fr. Daniel's Installation**

**Sunday, Feb. 4th
Blessing of the Throats**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,333
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 77,950
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

****The Special collection for our Lenten Dinners was \$ 794.
Thank you for your support!**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Jan. 27 th	Tom Quinn
Sun., Jan. 28 th	Kristin Orr
Sat., Feb. 3 rd	Devyn Quinn and Flor Arellano
Sun., Feb. 4 th	Missy Ellsworth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Jan. 27 th	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 28 th	Charlotte Balias Charnell Martino
Sat., Feb. 3 rd	Deacons
Sun., Feb. 4 th	Joe & Nancy Boney

SACRISTANS

Sat., Jan. 27 th	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Jan. 28 th	Charlotte Balias Kendra Mabary
Sat., Feb. 3 rd	Orin & Sherry Eleuterius
Sun., Feb. 4 th	Joe & Nancy Boney

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Jan. 27 th	Paityn Newbaker
Sun., Jan. 28 th	Cobie Martino Natelia Mabary
Sat., Feb. 3 rd	P. Newbaker, L. & A. Simnicht, M. Gabriel J. Garcia, and B. Panzo
Sun., Feb. 4 th	Bella Jackson & Zoe Andrews

January Church Cleaning: Joe & Nancy Boney

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

A Word from Pope Francis

“We have before us Jesus hidden yet present in the Eucharist... On the altar, we worship the flesh of Jesus; in these our brothers and sisters, we encounter the wounds of Jesus. The Christian adores Jesus, the Christian seeks Jesus, the Christian can recognize the wounds of Jesus.”

YOUTH NEWS

CCD:

Wed., Jan. 31st; 5:30 pm
Class – Sacred Heart Center

LIFETEEN:

Sun., Jan. 28th; 6:40 pm
Sacred Heart Center

Confirmation Class for
Juniors

Sunday at 4:15pm – 5:15pm



Catholic Schools Week

*Living and Learning
In the Light of Faith*

*Almighty Father, You sent
forth your Son as a beacon of
hope for all people.*

*As Teacher, he has given us
the prime example of the
importance of education.*

*As disciples, we look to him
for inspiration and strength.*

Amen

**Please visit our Catholic
Schools' website:**

Nativity Elementary:

www.nativitybvm.org

****Open House this Sunday
from 11 am – 1 pm**

St. Patrick High School:
www.stpatrickhighschool.net



REV. DANIEL MARTINEZ-PATIÑO INSTALLATION MASS

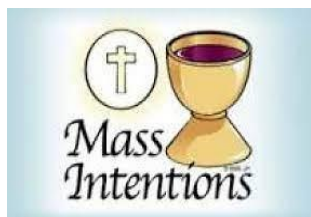
Fr. Daniel's Installation as our Pastor will be Saturday, February 3rd at the 4:00 pm Mass. Bishop Louis Kihneman, III will be the Celebrant. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Please join us for this joyous occasion!

UPCOMING WOMEN'S CURSILLO February 15th – 18th



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.



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.

**The 2023 contribution statements are now available.
You may call the office to request your statement, if needed.**