



***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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***February 11, 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

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday always falls 46 days before Easter. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all Roman Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

After the priest blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water, the faithful come forward to receive them. The priest will say, "Remember, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return" (or a variation on those words).

The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. In the early Church, Ash Wednesday was the day on which those who had sinned, and who wished to be readmitted to the Church, would begin their public penance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility.

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. This is not simply a form of penance. It is also a call for us to take stock of our spiritual lives. As Lent begins, hopefully we find ways to increase our spiritual life as we proceed through the "forty days."

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**For the week of February 10, 2024**

Saturday †Doc Ladnier, Don Hunt, & Anna Ladnier  
Sunday †Susan Newman & Brenda Newman Sargent  
Sun. 11 am Hispanic Community  
Monday †Wayne & Genevieve Creel  
Tuesday †Fr. Steve Wilson, CSsR  
Wednesday †Ursula Skrmetti  
Thursday †Rose Mary Higginbotham Tiblier  
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!!*

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday**  
**Office Closed**



**February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**7:30 am & 6 pm**

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Week's Collection**

Collected: \$ 2,850  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

**Year to Date Collection**

Collected: \$ 80,800  
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

**\*\*There is a special collection on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, for the Churches in Eastern Europe and Churches in Africa.**

**\*\*There is a special collection next weekend, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> for the Black & Indian Mission. Please be generous in your support.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Orin Eleuterius
Sun., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Adams
Sat., Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Boney

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gerard Darnell	
Sun., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip & Darlene Adams	
Sat., Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill	
Sun., Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Balius	Kristin Orr

### SACRISTANS

Sat., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Orin & Sherry Eleuterius	
Sun., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip & Darlene Adams	
Sat., Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill	
Sun., Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Balius	Kendra Mabary

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun., Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lyle Ramon	
Sat., Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lola Simnicht	Ava Simnicht
Sun., Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cobie Martino	Natelia Mabary

February Church Cleaning: Regina Shipton & Myrna Meaut  
\*\*Any questions, please call Mary Beth at 228.238.1816



*Father, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body.*

*Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD:

**Ash Wed., Feb. 14th**  
**Mass at Cathedral; 6:00 pm**

### LIFETEEN:

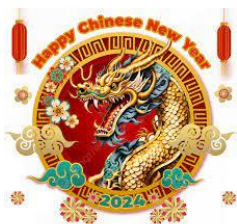
**Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>;**  
**No Lifeteen**

**Confirmation Class for Juniors**  
**No Class**



**THE EXAMEN:** The Examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day:

- 1. ASK GOD FOR LIGHT:** I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.
- 2. GIVE THANKS:** The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
- 3. REVIEW THE DAY:** I look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 4. FACE YOUR SHORTCOMINGS:** I face up to what is wrong – in my life and in me.
- 5. LOOK TOWARD THE DAY TO COME:** I ask where I need God in the day to come.



## Happy 2024 Vietnamese New Year (Tet) The Year of the Dragon

**We wish the New Year will bring health to your families  
and may all your wishes come true!!!**

“The Vietnamese New Year, known as Tet, is the most important holiday in Vietnamese culture. The holiday encompasses the traditional values of Vietnamese culture: "their gratitude to God, their love and respect for their ancestors, and their sense of national unity."



### ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB. 14<sup>th</sup> MASS SCHEDULE 7:30 am and 6:00 pm

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday

6:00 pm in English

6:45 pm in Spanish

Spanish Mass: 7:15 pm



### BLESSED SEELOS PARISH LENTEN DINNERS

**\*\* FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED \*\***: We are in need of donated items for the Lenten fish dinners, please look at the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Every week there will be requests for different items. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make these dinners a success for our parish! Our Lenten dinners are on the following Fridays: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. The cost is \$12 a plate.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN DINNERS

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Lenten dinners! It takes a tremendous amount of help to make everything run smoothly! This is one of our biggest fundraisers for our parish, and thanks to our volunteers, it is very successful! Please come and help support your parish!

*“Many hands make light work!”*

**Catholic Sharing Appeal – “Missionary Discipleship”** Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Biloxi will join together in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal. As your pastor, I would like to achieve a **100% participation for our parish!** Please consider giving a generous gift to this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal. Our goal for this year is **\$ 11,967.**  
**\*\*Thank you to those who supported the CSA last year! We exceeded our goal and \$613 came back to our parish!!**