



## ***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 Fifth Sunday of Lent***

***March 17, 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.

#### **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 the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

## The Beatitudes: An Examination of Conscience (part 1)

The message of Jesus is one of humility, charity, and love. He teaches transformation of the inner person. Jesus presents the Beatitudes in a positive sense, virtues in life which will ultimately lead to reward. All of the Beatitudes promise us salvation - not in this world, but in the next. Jesus Christ gave us the Beatitudes:

- ***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*** What are my priorities? Do I share my gifts, talents, time and treasure to help build the kingdom of God here on earth?

- ***Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*** Do I take the time for prayer, calling out to God in my need? Do I help those who mourn and suffer? Do I show compassion?

- ***Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*** Do I ever look down on others because they are not like me? Do I treat other people fairly? Are my close relationships nurtured by mutual respect?

- ***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for holiness, for they will be satisfied.***

Am I passionate for the things of God? Do I work for the triumph of love, peace and justice?

- ***Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*** When I am wronged, am I willing to forgive? Am I currently holding any grudges against anyone?

(to be continued next week)

## MASS INTENTIONS For the week of March 16, 2024

Saturday	†Fred Hill, Sr.
Sunday	†Miriam Jones
Sun. 11 am	Hispanic Community
Monday	†Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti
Tuesday	†Susan Newman & Brenda Newman Sargent
Wednesday	†Jim & Juanita Eide; George Juanico
Thursday	†Verne Lamas
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**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**  
**Lenten Seafood Dinners**  
4:30 pm – 7 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**6:00 pm in English**  
**6:45 pm in Spanish**  
**Spanish Mass at 7:15 pm**



**March 20<sup>th</sup>; Wed; 6:00 pm**  
**Lenten Penance Service**  
**at Our Mother of Sorrows**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,994  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,705

### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 93,363  
Yearly Budget: \$ 140,671

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Boney
Sat., March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Deacon M.J. (Narrator) Orin E. (Voice)
Sun., March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon M.J. (Narrator) Missy E. (Voice)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., March 16 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Cannon Michele Moore
Sat., March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Katie McMahan
Sun., March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Nancy Boney

### SACRISTANS

Sat., March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Greg & Loretta Eleuterius
Sun., March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Cannon Michele Moore
Sat., March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Orin & Sherry Eleuterius
Sun., March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Nancy Boney

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., March 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Sun., March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bella Jackson Zoe Andrews
Sat., March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Paityn Newbaker
Sun., March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lyle Ramon Cobie Martino

March Church Cleaning: SPEAK Prayer Group

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

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## Catholic Sharing Appeal

The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. If you've never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year, of any amount. As your pastor, I would like to achieve a **100% participation for our parish!** Please consider giving a generous gift to this year's CSA. Our goal for this year is **\$ 11,967.**

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD:

**Wed., March 20<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 pm**  
**Family Penance Service**

### LIFETEEN:

**Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup>; 6:40 pm**

**Confirmation Class for Juniors**  
**Sun. 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm**



## East Biloxi Lifeteen Blessing Bags for the Homeless

The East Biloxi Lifeteen group is collecting donations of: socks, gallon zip lock bags, water bottles, granola bars, gift cards, apple sauce, crackers, pretzels, fruit snacks, beef jerky, soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrush & paste, small hairbrush / comb, Q-Tips, chapstick, travel tissue, feminine products and nail clippers.

Drop off donations by March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the parish office.

For more info, please call Bunny or Kristy Arguelles (228) 324-9934

**The Blessing Bags**





## Our Mother of Sorrows -- Lenten Penance Service Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

*Reconciliation is an invitation to place ourselves in God's gentle presence and the overwhelming truth about this sacrament is that God wants to heal us more than we want to be healed. Nothing gives Jesus greater joy than forgiving us of our sins. Through this sacrament, God seeks to remove our fears and guide us into future confidence that we are loved by a God that desires so much for us. Several priests will be available for reconciliation.*

### BLESSED SEELOS PARISH LENTEN DINNERS \*\* FOOD DONATIONS

**NEEDED \*\*:** We have one more Lenten dinner, next Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will also have shrimp spaghetti! We are in need of donated items for the Lenten fish dinners, please look at the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make these dinners a success for our parish!! The cost is \$12 a plate.



**EASTER REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS:** If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the back of church marked "Easter Flowers". Write your name on the envelope and write who the flowers are "in memory / honor of". The suggested donation is \$16 ea. **Orders must be received by March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### EASTER EGG HUNT – DONATIONS NEEDED

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Mass, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and filled plastic eggs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



*Jesus said unto her,  
I am the resurrection, and the life:  
he that believeth in Me,  
though he were dead,  
yet shall he live:  
And whosoever liveth  
and believeth in Me shall never die.*