



## ***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 Easter***

***May 18, 2025***

#### **Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Martinez-Patiño  
Pastoral Assoc.: Deacon M.J. Landry  
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard

#### **Pastoral Council:**

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
of the month

#### **Religious Education**

Charnell Martino and  
Deacon MJ Landry

**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.

**Signs and Symbols of Easter: (part 3)**

**Oil:** Besides being used in cooking, olive oil is an old-fashioned ointment for burns and bruises. The Good Samaritan poured oil and wine on the wounds of the man who was attacked by robbers. People who are sick who are anointed with holy oil unite their suffering with Christ. In preparation for Pentecost, treat yourself to a bottle of fine olive oil. Savor its fragrance and unique flavor. The church’s use of olive oil brings to mind Noah’s darling dove, which bore in its beak an olive branch as a sign of peace, of earth touching heaven. We Christians are anointed with oil so that our bodies, with all our sufferings and struggles, become bearers of the olive branch, become shining signs of peace.

**Wine:** When grapes are fermented, there is obvious energy in this transformation. Fermenting grapes hiss and fizz with potentially explosive force. In Christian tradition, wine has become symbolic for the power of the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit is the lifeblood of the body of Christ and commands us to drink deeply. The pentecostal signs of the Spirit, such as fire and wind, share qualities in common. Like wine, they can be agents of destruction or forces for creativity and delight. During Easter time it seems as if the earth itself is filled with these signs. Orchards and vineyards blossom. Sunshine pours down and gentle breezes blow. Throughout Easter time, celebrate the Spirit with kites and windsocks, with wine and sweet liqueurs, with fiery barbecues and flickering candles. Make of this season a time to turn away from destruction and to renew your powers of creativity and delight.



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**For the week of May 17, 2025**

- Saturday      †Cathy Wiltz
- Sunday        †Vern Ladewig
- Sun. 11 am    Predmore Family
- Monday       †Thomas Skrmetti, Sr.
- Tuesday      †Rose Mary Higginbotham Tiblier
- Wednesday   †Sharon Newman Galle
- Thursday     †Sharon Newman Galle
- 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**



**HOLY HOUR**  
**Every Thursday**  
**6 pm English**  
**7 pm Spanish**

*Eucharistic adorers share Mary’s life and mission of prayer at the foot of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is the most beautiful of all missions, and it holds no perils. It is the most holy, for in it all the virtues are practiced.*

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Memorial Day -- Office Closed**



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last Week’s Collection**

Collected: \$ 2,729  
Weekly Budget: \$ 3,977

**Year to Date Collection**

Collected: \$ 129,161  
Yearly Budget: \$ 206,804

**Catholic Sharing Appeal**  
**“Building a Future of Hope”**

We have received \$ 5,100 in pledges and donations from 16 donors. I would like to achieve a 100% participation for our parish! Our goal is \$ 13,745. Please prayerfully consider donating to the CSA. There are envelopes in the back of church. You may also donate online at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org) and click on the “Giving” tab.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Marie Hil
Sun., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Charnell Martino
Sat., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Adams
Sun., May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Boney

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Balias      Gert Newman
Sat., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip & Darlene Adams
Sun., May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Nancy Boney

### SACRISTANS

Sat., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	David & Ann Marie Hill
Sun., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Dia Perry
Sat., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip & Darlene Adams
Sun., May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Regina Shipton

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lola Simnicht	Ava Simnicht
Sun., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cobie Martino	Ava Jade Kennedy
Sat., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Vada Gates	Charlotte Balias
Sun., May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lyle Ramon	Ava Jade Kennedy

**\*\*If you are unable to fulfill your duties, please call someone to take your place!**

**May Church Cleaning: Newbaker Family**

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### Corporal Works of Mercy Helping the Needy

**We are collecting donations of clothing and household items to support the needy in our community. There is an immediate need at the Mercy Cross Center for laundry detergent, liquid or powder (excluding Tide). Your generosity can make a difference for those in need! Please note that this is an ongoing ministry! Please call the office or Deacon M.J. for more information.**

## YOUTH NEWS



### HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you have a student who will graduate high school or college, please call the office with their information as soon as possible. We would like to recognize them in the bulletin. Our deadline for this information is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



### Parish Youth Recognition

We would like to recognize those K – 11<sup>th</sup> grades who made **Honor Roll** or a **Special Achievement**. Our deadline for this information is Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.



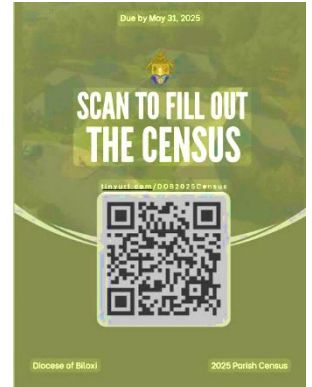
If you have any “good news” you would like to share, please call the office by Wednesday.



## BLESSED SEELOS PARISH CENSUS

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is asking all parishes to conduct a census. Participating in the Census will help ensure that Fr. Daniel is able to serve you and your family in times of spiritual need and it helps strengthen parish life and deepen our connections.

There are Census forms in the back of church. You may also scan the QR code here and fill out the information online!  
If you need assistance or have any questions, please call the office.



## BLESSED SEELOS MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY

Looking for a special way to commemorate your time at St. John Church, St. John School, St. Louis Church, or your fond memories of Blessed Seelos Parish?

You can purchase a personalized memorial brick that will be engraved with your cherished memory. These bricks will be proudly displayed as part of a lasting tribute to the community and moments that mean the most to you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to create a lasting symbol of your connection to these beloved places.

**ENGRAVED BRICK DETAILS:** The bricks are 4" X 8". The cost is \$100 per brick. Please note that only 169 bricks are available to purchase. The deadline to order is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please pick up an order form in the back of church. Please call the office for more information.



## 2025 Vacation Bible School

June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

9 am until Noon

In St. Michael Parish Life Center

**\*\* Open to all children in grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline to register is Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Please pick up a registration form in the back of church.**

**Please make checks payable to St. Michael Church.**

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Cherie Prentiss**

**at 228-365-4017 or [cmprentiss@att.net](mailto:cmprentiss@att.net)**