

1.6.2019
WELCOME!

Our parish community welcomes you! We are blessed by your active participation in our worship together. Thank you for helping us grow!

"Be faithful in little things."
-Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MASS

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSION

Sundays in the meeting room
behind the kitchen

7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

By appointment: call Fr. Jim

DAILY MASS

NEW! Wednesdays at 8:30 am at
Steinway Piano Gallery

Thursdays at 8:30 am at
Women's Health Center

Parishioners can still sign up to have a Daily Mass in their home via the church website.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe Collection: \$3087.03 || Building Fund: \$745.25

Holy Day Collection to Prodissee Pantry: \$313.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1/6 and 1/13: Building Fund

1/27: Archdiocesan Catholic
Charities Appeal Sunday

NEW DAILY MASS

Each week starting January 2, we will offer a daily Mass on Wednesdays at 8:30 am at the Steinway Piano Gallery. The Gallery is near Trattoria's Pizza, and the address is 11247 US-31, Spanish Fort, AL 36527. Please, worship with us!

SEELOS SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our first Parish visit to the Bl. Seelos Shrine in New Orleans will be Feb 2. We will tour the museum, Shrine, church, and conclude with Fr. Jim celebrating Mass. Before heading back, we will enjoy the French Quarter. Tickets are \$25 pre-paid, non-refundable, and are on sale now.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

The annual ACYC (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference) Retreat is Feb 22-24 in Orange Beach. All high school students are invited. More information is available at the entrance tables and by visiting archmobyouth.org. The deadline to register is Jan 27th.



ATTN: USHERS, EMS, & LECTORS

All Ushers and Lector - if you are not receiving the schedule via email, please see Joan Dryden after Mass. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESUMES

JAN 6 @ 9:15 AM

Class topic: the Trinity.

SEELOS' BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

JAN 13 @ 11:30 AM

See details below. All are invited!

MOBILE MARCH FOR LIFE

JAN 18 @ 10:45 AM

Activities, including Mass and pre-march rally, begin at 9am. www.MarchForLifeMobile.org.

PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION

JAN 20 @ 9:15 AM

ACYC REGISTRATION DUE

JAN 27

ACYC is the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference for students in grades 9-12. More details to the left.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

Mobile's March for Life is Friday, Jan 18th. Join us in representing Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos parish. Details can be found at the entrance tables.

The 46th national March for Life is also on Jan 18th. One of our own, high school junior Katherine Hewlett, is participating in the Washington DC march. May our prayers and good wishes go with her.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

We are presently looking for volunteers to prepare for the Holy Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. These are our most beautiful Liturgies of the Year and take a great deal of preparation. We are looking for representation from Lectors, Musicians, Artisans, and anyone who has a love for Church Liturgy. There is much detail to be discussed and planned! If you are interested please let Fr. Jim know by email: jcink@mobarch.org. He will be looking to have a meeting at the end of January.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration begins today for Confirmation of students currently in grades 9 and 10. Find registration forms at the entrance tables.

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Catholic Charities Appeal, "We are Called to Give to those in need," will start in a few weeks; Jan 27 is Appeal Sunday! As a newly established parish, our participation in this appeal is very important. We will have pledge envelopes before and after Mass starting January 20th. It is our goal to have 100% participation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Sincerely, Zannyha Wright | Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Catholic Charities Appeal Chairperson

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY. FR. SEELOS!" PARISH POTLUCK AND BOARD GAME DAY

In celebration of Bl. Seelos' 200th birthday (1/11/1819), all are invited to a parish potluck and board game day on Sunday, Jan 13 at 11:30 am. The parish is providing paper products, ham, and beverages. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish based on your last name:

A thru D: salad

E thru P: side dish

R thru Z: dessert

There is further need for volunteers to set up, bring games, clean up, and breakdown. Sign up at the main entrance tables or email Theresa.

Getting involved is the easiest way to get to know more of your fellow parishioners!



OUR SUNDAY CONNECTION: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Read more at www.loyolapress.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

January 20th will be the First Reconciliation for the children listed below. Keep them in your heart and prayers as they prepare to receive this beautiful Sacrament for the first time.

Nick Hansen	Bentlee Hinote	Nico Arosemena	Eli Santiago	Ryan Hughes
Michael Ferrill	Jackson Crawford	Lorelai Milar	Kennedy Kerns	Owen Kyle's

PRAYER TO THE TRINITY

The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exalt God above all forever. Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe the grace of professing true faith, Grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may, through your majestic power be confirmed in this faith and defend against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

DAILY READINGS | JAN 7 - 13

January 7: Monday after Epiphany
1 JN 3:22-4:6 / PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A / MT 4:12-17, 23-25

January 8: Tuesday after Epiphany
1 JN 4:7-10 / PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / MK 6:34-44

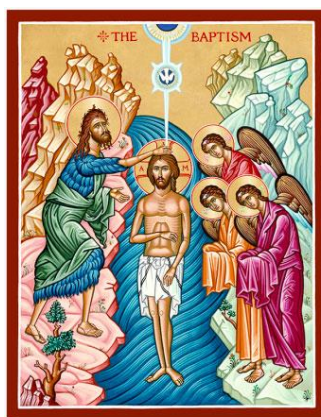
January 9: Wednesday after Epiphany
1 JN 4:11-18 / PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / MK 6:45-52

January 10: Thursday after Epiphany
1 JN 4:19-5:4 / PS 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17 / LK 4:14-22

January 11: Friday after Epiphany
1 JN 5:5-13 / PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / LK 5:12-16

January 12: Saturday after Epiphany
1 JN 5:14-21 / PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B / JN 3:22-30

January 13: The Baptism of the Lord
IS 42:1-4, 6-7 or IS 40:1-5, 9-11 / PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or
PS 104:1B-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 / ACTS 10:34-38 or
TL 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / LK 3:15-16, 21-22



The Baptism of Jesus...

...is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son.
(www.loyolapress.org.)

January 6, 2019 | Epiphany of the Lord

A KING TO BEHOLD

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
-Matthew 2:2*

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