

1.13.2019

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe Collection: \$2,939.00 || Building Fund: \$869.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1/13 & 1/20: Building Fund

1/27: Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday

NEW CHOIR AT 10:30 AM MASS

We would like to begin choirs at both 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in joining the choir, contact any of the musicians after Mass. We are particularly looking for cantors to lead the community in song.

SEELOS SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our first Parish visit to the Bl. Seelos Shrine in New Orleans will be February 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.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEELOS' BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

JAN 13 @ 11:30 AM

Bring food to share and a game to play, or just enjoy the community!

MOBILE MARCH FOR LIFE

JAN 18 @ 10:45 AM

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

PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION

JAN 20 @ 9:15 AM

Students receiving this sacrament are listed on the back of the bulletin. Please pray for them!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY

JAN 27

PARISH SEELOS PILGRIMAGE

FEB 2

Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase now. More information to the bottom left of the bulletin.

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ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

The annual ACYC (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference) Retreat is Feb 22-24 in Orange Beach. All high school students are invited.

The theme for ACYC 2019 is "This Changes Everything." Prayer, reconciliation, and holy friendships lead us to personal conversion. Then, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, an encounter with Christ changes everything. The start of a lifelong friendship with Christ often begins during an ACYC weekend. ACYC is where a teen can encounter Christ and His Church, build holy relationships, and be forever changed.

More information is available at the entrance tables and by visiting archmobyouth.org. **The deadline to register is Jan 27th.**

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.

SACRAMENT MEETINGS

First Communion | The parent's meeting is February 3rd between the Masses at 9:15 am.
Confirmation | The first meeting for parents and students is Sunday, February 3rd after the 10:30am Mass. Please bring completed forms and Baptismal Certificates. Lunch will be provided.

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SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (Gn 22:2; Ex 4:22; Ps 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (2 Sm 23:1-17; Ps 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (Is 11:1-2; Dn 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (Lk 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Read more at www.stpaulcenter.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 Kyles

PRAYER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

Bountiful God, in Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos You have given your people a model for those who labor joyfully in Your earthly kingdom. May his smile dwell on those who find life burdensome. In him, our eyes continually behold the gentleness of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

DAILY READINGS | JAN 14 - 20

January 14: Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
HEB 1:1-6 / PS 97:1 AND 2B, 6 AND 7C, 9 / MK 1:14-20

January 15: Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
HEB 2:5-12 / PS 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9 / MK 1:21-28

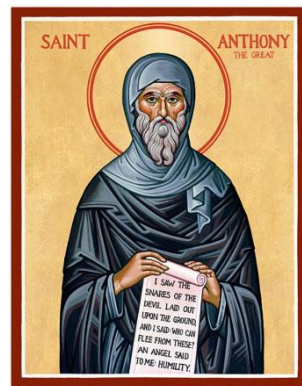
January 16: Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
HEB 2:14-18 / PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / MK 1:29-39

January 17: Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
HEB 3:7-14 / PS 95:6-7C, 8-9, 10-11 / MK 1:40-45

January 18: Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
HEB 4:1-5, 11 PS 78:3 AND 4BC, 6C-7, 8 / MK 2:1-12

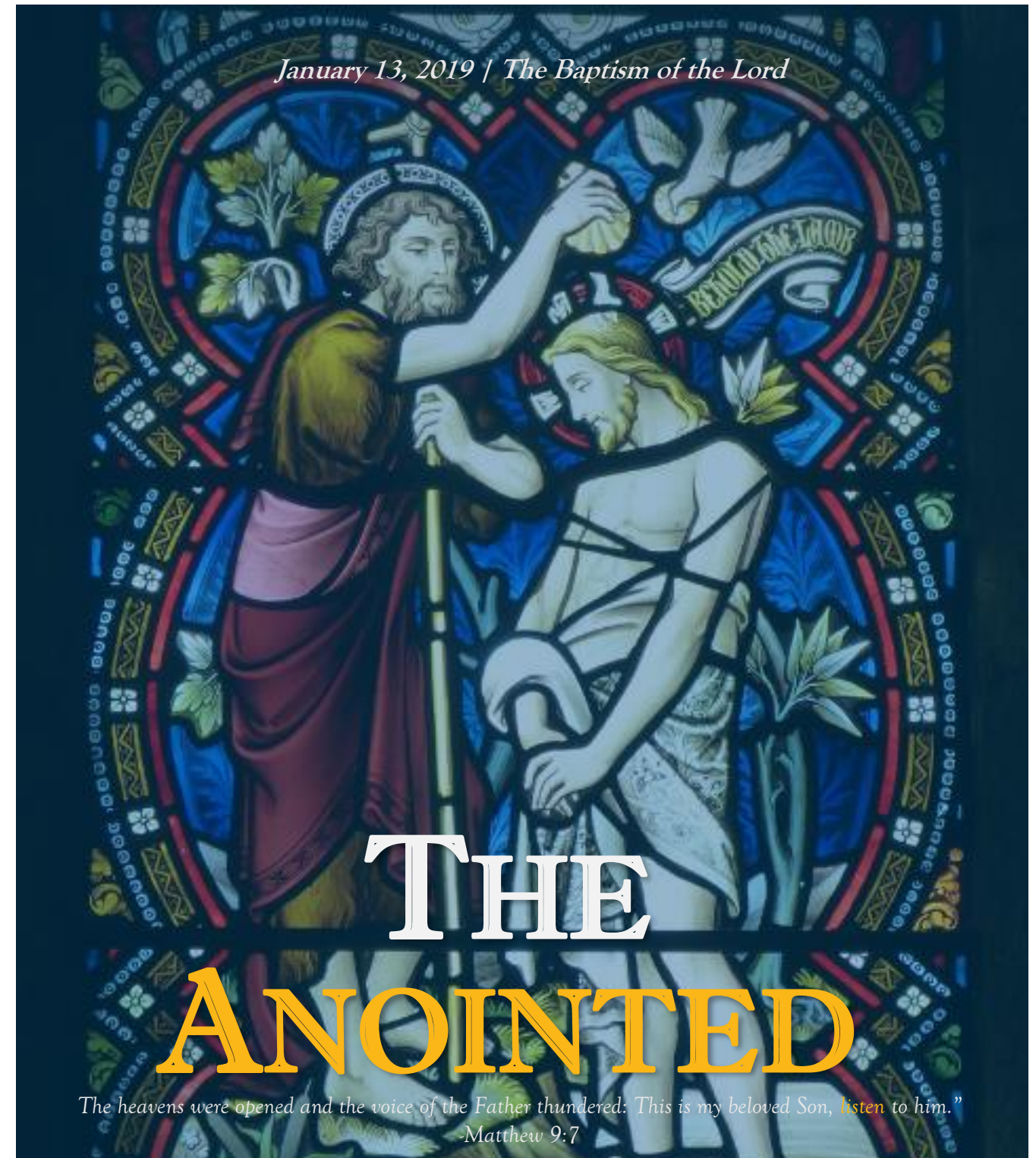
January 19: Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
HEB 4:12-16 / PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / MK 2:13-17

January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 62:1-5 / PS 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 COR 12:4-11 / JN 2:1-11



St. Anthony, the Great

"the Father of Monks;" at 18, departed to the desert for complete solitude (read Mt 19:21); committed to personal mortifications like fasting and sleeping on the ground which made him more steadfast in virtue. Pray to St. Anthony for vigilance in the fight against temptations, prudence in avoiding dangerous occasions, courage under trial, and humility in victory.



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