

5.12.2019

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

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSION

before, between, and after Sunday Masses
or by appointment: call Fr. Jim

DAILY MASS

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at
Steinway Piano Gallery on Hwy 31
Thursdays at 8:30 am at
Women's Health Center off Hwy 31

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

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know
would like to receive weekly communion.

STEWARDSHIP: GIFT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Contact these parishioners if you are interested in
assisting in the following ways:

Altar Servers: Theresa West at (228) 209-4935;

Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers:

Joan Dryden at (251) 680-5541;

Coffee Social: Zannyha Wright at (334) 405-3631

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe Collection: \$3,670.39

Building Fund: \$1,147.75

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

5/12, 5/19 5/26: Building Fund

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"On To Pentecost," a continuation of our Lenten adult faith formation, continues! This week, we viewed Episode 14, "The Spirit Remembers." Next week, we will watch Episode 7, "The Spirit of Adoption." It's not too late; series guides are available at the entrance tables. *Want to view in your own?* Visit FrancisXSeelos.formed.com and search for Wild Goose.

FREE GIFT

"Nine Words: a Bible Study to Help You Become the Best-Version-Of-Yourself" by Allen R. Hunt is our gift from Dynamic Catholic this month. Copies are at the entrance tables. Quantities are limited!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOUNDING MEMBERS PHOTOS

MAY 12 & 19 @ 9-10:15a, 11a-12p
See announcement for more information.

PRODISEE PANTRY SERVICE

MAY 15 @ 6:00 PM

Come see the good work our host organization is doing in our community! Volunteers are needed to pack food boxes.

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION

MAY 19 @ 10:30 AM

Please keep our 2nd Grade classes in your prayers as the prepare to receive this life-giving sacrament.

ARCHMOB ORDINATION

JUNE 1 @ 10:00 AM

Ordination of Priests and Deacons for the Archdiocese of Mobile at the Cathedral.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

What a great first year!

Planning for the 2019-2020 year is already beginning. Please pre-register your children by completing and returning forms at the entrance tables. Anticipated start date is September 8th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue each Sunday throughout the summer.

Middle/High School Youth and Confirmation Candidates: see the note about Vacation Bible School. You (and your energy) are needed!

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Sessions begin today! Walk-ins are welcome. Photos will be taken in the room behind the kitchen. Please bring your completed form with your family's name; purchase of additional photos is not required. See the Main Entrance table for forms and future dates.



SET UP/TAKEDOWN TEAM

Thank you for all the extra hands last week. If you are able to help on a regular basis, please consider joining our Facilities Team, who help set up and/or break down of our facility. Entire families can (and do) help with this necessary ministry. See the sign-up sheet at the entrance tables called "How Can I Help."

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Our parish's first ever Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 8th! Volunteers are needed, especially those who have completed the Child Protection Training. **If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at the main entrance.**

All are welcome to volunteer their gifts:

- Decoration
- Music
- Snack Prep
- Facility Set Up
- Crafts
- Games
- Storytelling
- Small Groups, etc!

Teens, you and your gifts are needed too!



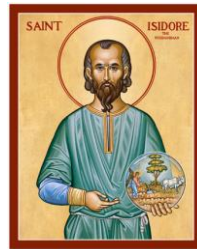
SHEPHERD AND THE LAMB: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church. By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all. The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles and continues their saving work. Through the Church the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him (see Luke 10:16). The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to fulfillment a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death. The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5). The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14). The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28). It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly temple. This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends." (www.stpaulcenter.com)

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life, we may grow in holiness and in death, rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.



Saint Isidore

Spanish writer who had a love of learning and holiness. Had three brother saints, one of whom he succeeded as Bishop of Seville. Wrote a dictionary, encyclopedias, and a history of the world. Patron saint of Internet and computers.

DAILY READINGS | MAY 6 – MAY 12

May 13: Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter (Our Lady of Fatima) | ACTS 11:1-18 / PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / JN 10:1-10
May 14: Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle | ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 / PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / JN 15:9-17
May 15: Wed. of the Fourth Week of Easter (St. Isidore) | ACTS 12:24—13:5A / PS 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 / JN 12:44-50
May 16: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter | ACTS 13:13-25 / PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND 27 / JN 13:16-20
May 17: Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter | ACTS 13:26-33 / PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB / JN 14:1-6
May 18: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St. John I) | ACTS 13:44-52 / PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / JN 14:7-14
May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter | ACTS 14:21-27 / PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / REV 21:1-5A / JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

May 12, 2019 || Fourth Sunday Of Easter
ACTS 13:14, 43-52 / PS 100:1-2, 3, 5 / REV 7:9, 14B-17 / JN 10:27-30

THE SHEPHERD AND THE LAMB

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me."*

BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastor: Fr. Jim Cink
jcink@mobarch.org



Blessed
Francis Xavier Seelos

P.O. Box 7460 | Spanish Fort, AL 36577
Phone: 251-202-3929
Email: francisxseelos@gmail.com

www.FrancisXSeelos.org
www.FrancisXSeelos.formed.org

Worship with us weekly at Prodissee Pantry on US Hwy 31 | 9315 Spanish Fort Boulevard | Spanish Fort, AL 36527