



1.5.2020

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 TREASURE

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

Tithe: \$3449.00
Building Fund: \$94.00 (*does not include the generous donations to the Capital Campaign*)
Christmas: \$3740.59

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

1/12, 1/19: Building Fund

Please remember, if your gift to the Building Fund is part of your pledge to the Capital Campaign, make checks payable to “In the Seelos Tradition.”

SEELOS PILGRIMAGE

There are a few seats remaining. The 2nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Shrine in New Orleans has been scheduled for Jan 11th. We will be leaving the Prodissee Pantry parking lot by 7:45am and returning approximately 6:30pm. Join us for a tour of the shrine, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Museum, Mass by Fr. Jim, and lunch (on your own) in the French Quarter. Tickets are \$25 per person; call Theresa West at (228) 209 4935 to purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH ROSARY

JAN 5 @ 9:15 AM
Join us between the Masses.

SEELOS PILGRIMAGE

JAN 11
See announcement for details.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

JAN 12 @ 9:15 AM
Between the Masses.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

JAN 12 @ 11:45 AM
For New Students and Parents. Please bring your child’s Baptismal Certificate.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Contact: Theresa West at (228) 209 4935 or
theresabertagnollwest@yahoo.com.

1/5/20: Classes Resume Today
1/12: First Communion Parent Meeting,
between the Masses
1/12: New Student Confirmation Meeting for
Parents and Students, 11:45 am upstairs

MEAL TRAIN

Contact Tara Roof at tararroof@gmail.com if you’d like to bring a meal to parishioner Linda Heckel who will begin a 4-6 week surgery recovery on January 6.



WHITE ELEPHANT UPDATE

Thank you all for the generous donations. The collection of items for the White Elephant sale at Francis in February is now closed. Come see our booth at the Festival for wonderful treasures.

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 8th - The Sander's Family
Jan 9th - Holy Soul's of Purgatory

REST IN PEACE

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Leroy Wiese, father of parishioner Stan Wiese. May perpetual light shine upon him.



FRANCIS IN FEBRUARY

Francis in February is on Saturday, February 8 from 10am to 3pm. There will NOT be a concert following, as originally planned.

Tickets will go on sale **NEXT WEEK!** Early Bird prices will be available online and after each Mass every Sunday through Sunday, February 2nd!

- \$10 kid zone wrist bands (\$15 at the door)
 - \$20 for 25 food/activity tickets (\$1 per ticket at the door)
- Get your tickets early to take advantage of these discounts.

Francis in February T-shirts will also be available for purchase after Mass today through Feb 2nd.

- Short Sleeve: youth XS thru adult XL =20.00/adult 2XL and up =25.00
- Long Sleeve: youth XS thru adult XL =25.00/ adult 2XL and up =30.00

Email tararroof@gmail.com with questions about tickets or emmuscat70@gmail.com to order t-shirts.



BEYOND THESE WALLS: HOW BFXS LIVES OUT THE FAITH AT HOME

Need an idea of how to live out your Faith in real ways? We asked BFXS parishioners how they live out their Faith outside of Mass, and here's what they said:

I depend on Blessed Fr. Seelos himself for his cheerfulness, which I bring to my workplace. Our patron's devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary is very evident in his letters, which inspires me to think of Our Lady differently while I pray my rosaries. Somehow, she is more genuine and motherly to me now, because I've enjoyed so much reading how Blessed Fr. Seelos felt about her. I don't do the laundry the same way, now that I've read the story about when he was visiting a woman whose children were ill and she was exhausted. As they sat together, the little mother drifted off in her chair. Fr. Seelos finished all her washing for her, because she slept so soundly. I guess if you have 12 siblings and you're the kid who is home a lot because you're too weak to work the fields or factories ~ like our patron was as a child ~ then you DO learn how to wash and hang, take down and fold all the sheets! I wonder if he still makes house calls...

Do you have a tradition of prayers before bed, serving others, or a special prayer place in your home? Email francisxseelos@gmail.com.

CHALKING THE DOOR: AN EPIPHANY BLESSING

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2020 is the year. You can bless chalk you have at home (find instructions online) or ask your priest!



CATHOLIC TRADITION OF THE MONTH

In 2020, we'll explore common and unique Catholic traditions. This month, we invite you to read more about the Theology of Baptism, found on today's insert.

DAILY READINGS | JAN 6 – JAN 12

MONDAY: 1 JN 3:22-4:6 / PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A / MT 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY: 1 JN 4:7-10 / PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / MK 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 4:11-18 / PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / MK 6:45-52
THURSDAY: 1 JN 4:19-5:4 / PS 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17 / LK 4:14-22
FRIDAY: 1 JN 5:5-13 / PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / LK 5:12-16
SATURDAY: 1 JN 5:14-21 / PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B / JN 3:22-30
SUNDAY: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 / PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 / ACTS 10:34-38 / MT 3:13-17



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January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of
The Lord

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