



## 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

**\*\*No Wednesday Mass on March 4.**

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.

## SECOND HAND BLESSINGS

Catholic Social Services Thrift Store in Robertsdale has been renamed to "Second Hand Blessings." All are invited to visit the newly renovated shop at 23010 Hwy 59, Robertsdale. Shopping hours are Monday - Friday 9am to 4pm. Donations are always welcome Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm.

## CRS RICE BOWLS

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are available at the entrance tables. Please take one for your loose change throughout Lent to help reach more than 127 million people with lifesaving support.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Beginning Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday from 6am to 6pm daily, prayers are offered at the abortion clinic in Mobile. To sign up for vigil hours to pray to end abortion on the clinic sidewalk at 717 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, visit [40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://40daysforlife.com/mobile) or contact Theresa West.

## STEWARDSHIP: GIFT OF TREASURE

*All checks intended for the Capital Campaign must be written payable to "In the Seelos Tradition."*

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe: \$2863.20  
Building Fund: \$145.00

### UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS

Mar 8, Mar 15: Building Fund

## GIVING ENVELOPES

If you would like Giving Envelopes, or have not picked up your 2020 Envelopes yet, please contact Theresa West at (228) 209-4935 or [theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com](mailto:theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, 3/5: Richard Smith Jr

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MAR 1 @ 9:30 AM

Between the Masses. All are welcome.

### INTO THE DESERT

MAR 1 @ 12 PM

See announcement for more details.

### 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY/SATURDAY MASSES

MAR 6 @ 8:30 AM

MAR 7 | Confession at 8:30 am, Mass at 9 am, and rosary to follow.

All are at the Bertagnolli Residence: 31395 Shambo Rd in Spanish Fort.

### RCIA RITE OF SENDING

MAR 8 @ 10:30 AM MASS

## "I STILL BELIEVE" MOVIE

Mark your calendars for March 13 at 4:15pm! We have only 30 tickets for this PG Rated movie at the AMC Daphne theater. From the makers of "I Can Only Imagine" comes the true story of Christian music mega star Jeremy Camp and his remarkable journey of love and loss that proves there is always hope in midst of tragedy. Contact Theresa West to purchase the \$6 tickets; first come, first served.

## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM: "INTO THE DESERT: A LENTEN STUDY ON PRAYER"

*Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.*

**Kick off** is March 1 at 12pm at the Prodissee Pantry. This week's presentation will be "Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue." Sign up to continue in small groups or on your own. Study guides will be provided each week.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Contact: Theresa West at (228) 209 4935 or [theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com](mailto:theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com).

CRS Rice Bowls will be disturbed to each Sunday School Class. The Class with the most money collected will have an ice cream party after Lent!

### Schedule

- 3/1: classes resume, includes Stations of the Cross; topic: Lent
- 3/1: Middle School Bowling; 3-4:30pm at Eastern Shore Lanes. Forms and payment must be turned in TODAY!
- 3/8: topic: The Church Teaches
- 3/15: topic: Family Love - student confessions
- 3/22: topic: Respect Life - student confessions
- 3/29:- topic: Easter - Stations of the Cross

### Summer Mission Trip

7th & 8th graders please turn in your inquiry paperwork so that a summer mission trip can be planned.

### Confirmation Retreat

Blakely State Park. March 7th 9:30am thru March 8th ending with Mass at 10:30 am

## 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:

We don't pray together, but we also don't keep our daily prayer a taboo to talk about. I might call an aunt and she will say, "Oh I was just praying my Rosary," or on the drive home from somewhere someone will say "I have to do my 3pm prayers when I get home."

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

### CALLED TO LEAD MEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us on Thursday, March 5 at St. Pius in Mobile. Dinner starts at 5:30pm, and the conference is 6:30-9:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Reverend Patrick Driscoll, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Mobile. The theme for Fr. Driscoll's talk is "The Encounter of God: Love and Hope in a Broken World." Ticket prices: \$30 general admission, \$10 student admission (college aged young men and high school students). Ticket price includes dinner and conference.

### CARDINALS IN THE COURTYARD

Save the Date! The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cardinals in the Courtyard" fundraiser for St. Michael Catholic High School will be on March 28, 2020. Contact Huntley Huckle about sponsorships at [hjhuckle@att.net](mailto:hjhuckle@att.net) and Laura McDaniel about auction items at [lauramcdaniel76@gmail.com](mailto:lauramcdaniel76@gmail.com).

### DAILY READINGS | MAR 2-8

MONDAY: LV 19:1-2, 11-18 / 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / MT 25:31-46  
TUESDAY: IS 55:10-11 / 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / MT 6:7-15  
WEDNESDAY: JON 3:1-10 / 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / LK 11:29-32  
THURSDAY: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / 138:1-3, 7C-8 / MT 7:7-12  
FRIDAY: EZ 18:21-28 / 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8 / MT 5:20-26  
SATURDAY: DT 26:16-19 / 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / MT 5:43-48  
SUNDAY: GN 12:1-4A / PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / 2 TM 1:8B-10 / MT 17:1-9

### LENTEN RESOURCES

- To receive short daily inspirational email videos sign up for "Best Lent Ever" by Dynamic Catholic: [dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever) [Journals have been received as a gift from Dynamic Catholic, please pick up one at the entrance tables.]
- Lenten Reflections by Formed: [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)
- Parish Stations of the Cross at 9:30am on 3/1 and 3/29
- Confession between the Masses every Sunday
- Student Confessions on 3/15 and 3/22
- Parish Lenten Study, called "Into the Desert" (see spotlight inside)

### CATHOLIC TRADITION OF THE MONTH | SEASON OF LENT: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMS

The season begins in ashes. Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday, is the first day of the Season of Lent. Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on foreheads as a sign of humility before God. "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return," or "repent, and believe in the Gospel."

*Think of one thing you would like to change in your life this Lenten Season.*



REGISTER TODAY AT [FRANCISXSEELOS.ORG](http://FRANCISXSEELOS.ORG)! CLICK "JOIN US"

March 1, 2020 || First Sunday of Lent

# TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT



Blessed  
Francis Xavier Seelos

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

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