

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

3.29.2020

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

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: \$1,332.25

If you are able during this time to continue your tithe, please sign up for on-line donations at our website or mail to the rectory at:
31387 Buckingham Blvd, Spanish Fort, AL 36527

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

Religious Education will continue at home. Your teacher's will be forwarding pages with instruction your sessions via email. Please take this time to view as a family and share your faith ideas.

This week's topic: Easter

Middle & High School Students

Project YM Live will be providing weekly Youth Night starting March 29th. Details and the link are being forwarded to the parent's email.

ALL SERVICES HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE SEE FR. JIM'S
MESSAGE BELOW

Prayer for Protection and Healing:

This Sunday, Jesus commands Lazarus, his friend, to arise and “come out” from the tomb! I know we feel bound by the restrictions of these last 10 days, but know that Jesus, our friend, desires that we be unbound and set free. That not only means from our homes, but from anxiety, stress, despair or isolation. Let us remain unified in prayer. Let us take heart that Easter and the promise of Resurrection looms in the not too distant future. I miss you all and pray each day that we will be united again the Eucharist. Until then, I am saying my daily masses for your health and well-being.

Amen.

Even though we will not be able to assemble together at Mass (see Archbishop Rodi's statement), we can be united in Christ Jesus and pray that this illness might pass over us.

If you or a loved one is sick, let me know or Theresa West and tell us of your need. You may reach me at 251-288-4500 or jcink@mobarch.org. Theresa West may be reached theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com. Remember to like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/francisxseelos and use our website www.FrancisXSeelos.org to stay informed on any new information.

God bless you and those you love.

Statement from Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi

The Archdiocese of Mobile comprises the Catholic churches and ministries in the southern half of Alabama. We are aware that our world, our nation, and our communities are coping with the covid-19 pandemic. All of us are called to be concerned for our personal welfare and that of our neighbors. This will entail sacrifice. I ask that we pray for our own protection and for those who suffer from ill health. It is also important that we cooperate with civil and health authorities.

Therefore, effective Wednesday, March 18, the following steps are to be taken in the Archdiocese of Mobile. These norms are effective through Sunday, April 5, 2020, but may be extended depending upon future developments.

Catholic Social Services facilities throughout southern Alabama serve approximately 25,000 of our neighbors in need. These services will continue in the following manner:

- Emergency Assistance Ministries at our Social Service Centers will remain open providing food for families and individuals, clothing, and help with rent and utility bills. However, applications for this help will be received only by phone. Food and clothing will be distributed at the door and not within the Service Center.
- All Thrift Stores will close but clothing will be available for those in need through Emergency Assistance.
- Counseling for individuals and families will continue to be available but only by phone.
- Parishes may continue to provide food whether from food pantries or kitchens, but only on a takeout basis and not within a building. Other than takeout food, all other parish and school activities and meetings are cancelled.

This includes all worship services. No member of the laity or clergy may conduct a worship service or a devotion of any kind in a church, or other location. I am strongly requesting that our churches remain open for prayer but without services.

- Funerals, with or without Mass, will not be celebrated in churches or in any other location. Only graveside services are permitted.
- Weddings, only without Mass, may be conducted in a church building but solely with a cleric, bride and groom, two witnesses, and parents of the bride and groom present. No one else may be present.
- Confessions may continue but only with a screen separating the priest and penitent or in an arrangement with six feet space between the priest and the penitent.
- Baptisms may be celebrated but only with the parents, godparents, and one cleric present.

Although we will not gather for worship, we remain united in Christ. I am confident that our dedicated clergy will continue to serve the spiritual and material needs of neighbor. I particularly request that the clergy be present to the sick and those who suffer difficulties. I ask the people of our Archdiocese to please pray. Even if we cannot receive Holy Communion, we can join ourselves with the love of God. Prayer is powerful and I request that we pray even more fervently during these challenging days.
May God bless all of us.

Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi

THE SACRED THAT SURROUNDS US – SANCTUARY LAMP



The sanctuary lamp is a candle, usually red, that is near the tabernacle. It is lit whenever Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is inside the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp is extinguished on Holy Thursday and relit at the Easter Vigil.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist within the walls of the Catholic church, offers peace and joy. As we walk in and see the sanctuary lamp lit; we can be confident that God is right there!

LENTEN RESOURCES

- To receive short daily inspirational email videos sign up for “Best Lent Ever” by Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever
- Lenten Reflections by Formed: formed.org/lent

CRS RICE BOWLS

Please continue to save your loose change throughout Lent to help reach more than 127 million people with lifesaving support.

CATHOLIC TRADITION - LENT

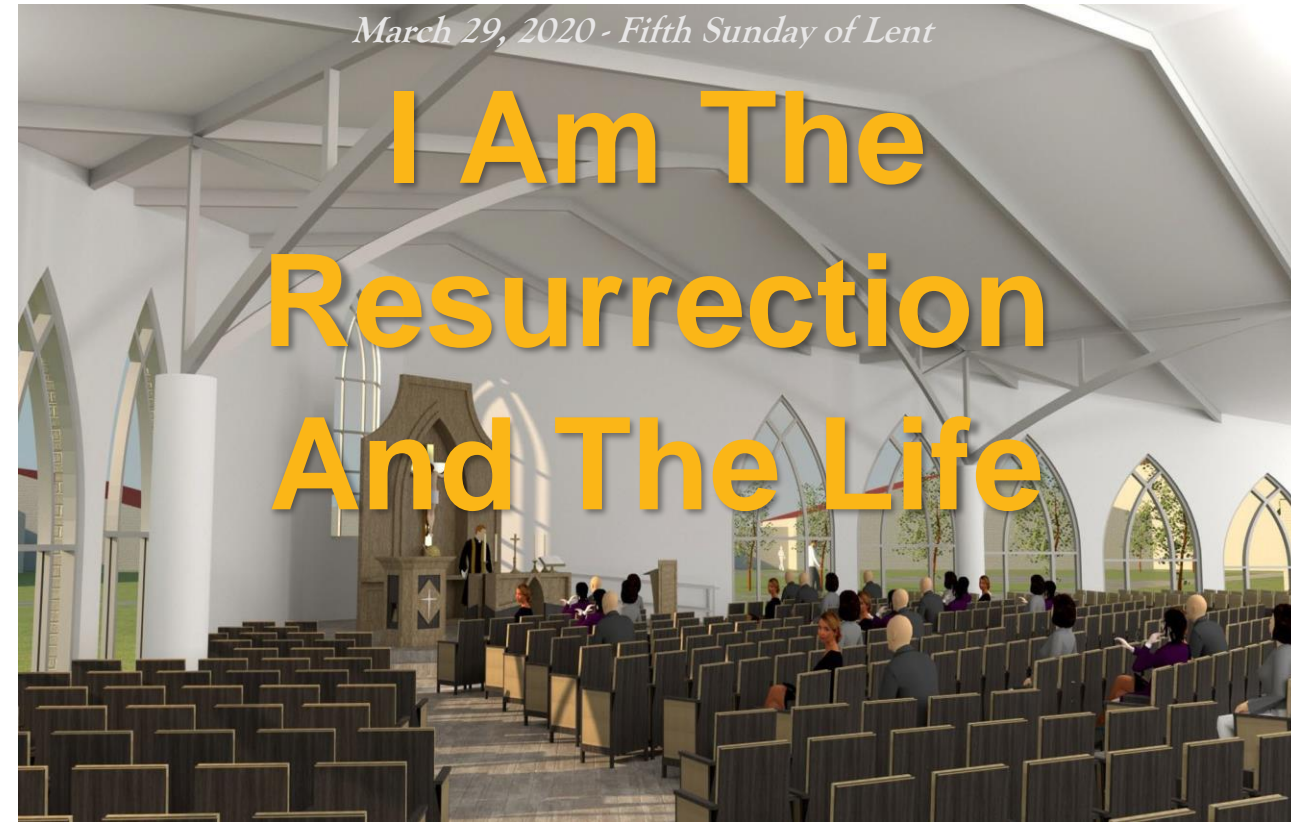
How are you following in Jesus footsteps into the desert? What temptations can you deny yourself this week? Keeping others that are less fortunate in our prayers helps us to realize our blessings.

DAILY READINGS | MAR 30-APRIL 5

MONDAY: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 / JN 8:1-11
TUESDAY: NM 21:4-9 / 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 / JN 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / JN 8:31-42
THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9 / 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / JN 8:51-59
FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13 / 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7 / JN 10:31-42
SATURDAY: EZ 37: 21-28 / JEREMIAH 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 / JN 11:45-56
SUNDAY: MT 21:1-11 / IS 50:4-7 / ROM 8:8-11 / PHIL 2:6-11 / MT 26:14-27:66

AT HOME RESOURCES

- Bishop Barron’s Live Mass <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- Adorecast – a live Eucharistic Adoration stream from our friends at Catholic <http://www.adorecast.com>
- Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception live stream Mass, Sunday 11 am central <http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass>
- Saint John Paul II National Shrine live stream daily Mass (11 am central), hour of prayer (3 pm eastern) <http://www.jp2shrine.org>



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