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# 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

CONFESSIONS BEING HERD BY  
APPOINTMENT - PLEASE CALL  
FR. JIM  
PLEASE SEE FR. JIM'S  
MESSAGE BELOW

## 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: \$640.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$90.00

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.

Sunday School is on break until April 19<sup>th</sup>

CRS Rice Bowls - Our current total is \$26.22 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade leading with \$16.71. Keep collecting your loose change during this break.

Middle & High School Students - Project YM Live will be providing weekly Youth Night starting April 6<sup>th</sup>. Details and the link are being forwarded to the parent's email.

## CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK AT HOME

**Holy Thursday** - Consider praying with Jesus for 1 hour in Adoration by lighting a candle and joining Adorecast: [www.adorecast.com](http://www.adorecast.com) (live Eucharistic Adoration, sponsored by Catholicify)

**Good Friday** - Veneration of the cross at home with three easy steps:

1. Put your most beautiful crucifix in a place of honor. You can place it on your mantle, bookshelf, or a table. Put some lit candles nearby and prepare a place to kneel in front of it.
2. Kneel before the crucifix and spend some time in prayer.

Thank Jesus for the gift of our salvation, make an act of contrition, and say the Prayer Before the Crucifix -

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David, Thy prophet put on Thy lips concerning Thee: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones" (Psalm 21: 17,18)

Say an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be

3. Kiss the crucifix.

Spend as much time as you'd like to in prayer before the crucifix meditating on the Passion. Whenever you'd like to, kiss Jesus' feet on your crucifix and remember how truly loved we all are.

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil** - Gather in anticipation of Our Lord's Resurrection. The readings for Easter Vigil are listed below. Take time to discuss as a family or meditate between each on how the reading is in anticipation of The Resurrection.

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:2 or Genesis 1:1. 26-31A
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalms 33:4-5, 6-7, 12, 13, 20 and 22
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	Exodus 14:15-15:1
Responsorial Psalm	Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
4 <sup>th</sup> Reading	Isaiah 54:5-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
5 <sup>th</sup> Reading	Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 12:22-3, 4, 5-6
6 <sup>th</sup> Reading	Baruch 3:9-15, 32C4:4
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11
7 <sup>th</sup> Reading	Ezekiel 36:16-17A, 18-29
Responsorial Psalm	Isaiah 12:2-3, 4 BCD, 5-6 or Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (When baptism is not celebrated on Easter Vigil)
Epistle	Romans 6:3-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10

**Easter Sunday** - Join Fr. Jim for Mass via video conference. If you have not signed up for any of the previous Masses, please email [jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com) to receive instructions on how to join

Bishop Robert Barrons writes, “We are meant to see on that cross not simply a violent display, but rather our own ugliness. What brought Jesus to the cross? Stupidity, anger, mistrust, institutional injustice, betrayal of a friend, denial, unspeakable cruelty, scapegoating, fear, etc. In other words, all of our dysfunction is revealed on that cross.

So far so awful. But we can't stop telling the story at this point. Dante and every other spiritual master know that the only way up is down. When we live in convenient darkness, unaware of our sins, we will never make spiritual progress. So we need the light, however painful it is—then we can begin to rise.

On the cross of Jesus, we meet our own sin. But we also meet the divine mercy that has taken that sin upon himself in order to swallow it up. We have found, in that cross, the way up. We want to hold up this thing that was considered too horrible to look at. We want to embrace and kiss the very source of our pain.”

As we enter into Holy Week, let us lift up our lives, sin and all and offer them to the Lamb who was lifted up on the cross, whose blood that was shed for our salvation. Let us be prayerful, mindful and thankful for our salvation in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for one another, that together as Church, we might give him all “Praise and Glory and Honor!”

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](mailto:jcink@mobarch.org). Theresa West may be reached [theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com](mailto:theresabertagnolliwest@yahoo.com). Remember to like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/francisxseelos](http://www.facebook.com/francisxseelos) and use our website [www.FrancisXSeelos.org](http://www.FrancisXSeelos.org) to stay informed on any new information.

God bless you and those you love.

## THE SACRED THAT SURROUNDS US – ALTAR BELLS



The bells became part of the Mass in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. They let us know that something amazing is happening. They are rung **four** times – 1<sup>st</sup> when the priest holds his hands over the bread to signal the coming of the Holy Spirit, 2<sup>nd</sup> when the priest holds up the consecrated host, 3<sup>rd</sup> when the priest holds up the consecrated wine, and 4<sup>th</sup> when the priest partakes in the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### AT HOME RESOURCES

- Live Mass with Fr. Jim Sunday's at 9 am. If you have not already signed up, please email [jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com)
- Bishop Barron's Live Mass <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- Adorecast – a live Eucharistic Adoration stream from our friends at Catholicify <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>

### PRAYER OF ST. EDMUND THE PATRON SAINT OF PANDEMICS

Into Thy hands, O Lord and into the hands of your holy Angels, I commit and entrust this day my soul, my relations, my benefactors, my friends and enemies, and all your Christian people. Keep us, O Lord, through the day, by the merits and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of your Saints, from all vicious and unruly desires, from all sins and temptations of the devil, and from sudden and unprovided death and the pains of hell. Illuminate my heart with grace from your Holy Spirit; grant that I may ever be obedient to your commandments; suffer me not to be separated from you, O God, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the same Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen



### DAILY READINGS | APRIL 6- 12

MONDAY: IS 42:1-7 / 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 / JN 12:1-11  
TUESDAY: IS 49:1-6 / 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15, 17 / JN 13:21-33, 36-38  
WEDNESDAY: IS 50:4-9A / 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 / MT 26:14-25  
THURSDAY: IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9 / 89:21-22, 25, 27 / RV 1:5-8 / IS 61:1 / LK 4:16-21  
FRIDAY: IS 52:13-53:12 / PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 / HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / PHIL 2:8-9 / JN 18:1-19:42  
SATURDAY: GN 1:1-2:2 / GN 22:1-18 / EX 14:15-15:1 / IS 54:5-14 / IS 55:1-11 / BAR 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / MT 28:1-10  
SUNDAY: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / COL 3:14 / JN 20:1-9



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April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday



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Francis Xavier Seelos

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