



Blessed Francis X. Seelos Catholic Church
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MISSION STATEMENT

Celebrating community and cultural diversity, striving to treat everyone as our neighbor, all with the help of the power, love and grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Martinez-Patiño
Pastoral Assoc.: Deacon M.J. Landry
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard

Pastoral Council:

Meets every 3rd Wednesday
of the month

Religious Education:

Charnell Martino and
Deacon M.J. Landry
Grades K-5: Nativity Center
Wed. 5:30pm;

Grades 6-11: Lifeteen;
Sun. 6:45 pm at Nativity Ctr.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass – 8:30 am
Sunday Spanish Mass – 11:00 am
Mon. – Thu. Daily Mass – 7:30 am
at the Mercy House Chapel
Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Devotions: Tuesdays at 8 am
Fridays: Communion Service

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm
or by appointment

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and / or emergency:

Communion will be brought to anyone desiring to receive but unable to attend Mass for serious reasons. Please call Fr. Daniel at (228) 860-6377.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should call the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage. At least one member of the couple should be a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptism requires that at least one parent is a registered and practicing member of the parish for at least six (6) months. It must be the intent of the parent to actively raise the child in the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(part 1)

The origin of the **Advent Wreath** can be traced back to pre-Christian Germanic cultures who would light candles during the winter solstice to honor the return of the light. This practice was adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as a way to mark the season of Advent.

The circular shape of the wreath represents eternity, reminding us of God's infinite love and presence in our lives. The greenery used to decorate it symbolizes everlasting life and hope given to us by Jesus. The lighting of the candles sequentially each week provides us with a tangible way to mark the passing of time and encourages us to reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love.

The 1st Candle (purple) – The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13).

The 2nd Candle (purple) the Bethlehem Candle or The Candle of Preparation – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready.” Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6).

There are many resources available to help you prepare for Advent! The Word Among Us is provided in church. Online resources: Formed.org Dynamic Catholic with Matthew Kelly, just to name a few.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of November 30, 2024

Saturday	†Anthony Skrmetti
Sunday	†Thuy-Trang Nguyen
Sun. 11 am	Mays Family
Monday	†Matta Dieu Mai; Simon Chieu Nguyen †Alphonso Thanh Nguyen
Tuesday	†Thomas Skrmetti, Sr,
Wednesday	Shelby Moore
Thursday	†Isabel M. Sylvester & Arleen Sylvester
Friday	Our Parish Family

****If you would like to have Masses offered for a loved one or friend, living or deceased, please call the office. The stipend is \$10 per Mass intention.**

PARISH NEWS

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs.- 8 am – 9 am
in the Mercy House Chapel

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday
6 pm English 7 pm Spanish

Dec. 3rd – 11th – 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Novena

Dec. 12th – Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe – Mass
Bishop Kihneman - Celebrant

December 9th - Monday
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: 7:30 am and 6 pm

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STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection
Collected: \$ 2,898
Weekly Budget: \$ 3,977

Year to Date Collection
Collected: \$ 57,316
Yearly Budget: \$ 206,804

****There will be a special collection next weekend, Dec. 7th / 8th for the Retired Religious. This collection supports the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.**

“Please give to those who have given a lifetime.”

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Nov. 30 th	Ann Marie Hill
Sun., Dec. 1 st	Kristin Orr
Sat., Dec. 7 th	Devyn Quinn
Sun., Dec. 8 th	Nancy Boney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Nov. 30 th	David & Ann Marie Hill	
Sun., Dec. 1 st	Charnell Martino	Gert Newman
Sat., Dec. 7 th	Katie McMahan	Gerard Darnell
Sun., Dec. 8 th	Joe Boney	Phillip Adams

SACRISTANS

Sat., Nov. 30 th	David & Ann Marie Hill	
Sun., Dec. 1 st	Paul & Dia Perry	
Sat., Dec. 7 th	O. & S. Eleuterius	Kendra Mabary
Sun., Dec. 8 th	Phillip Adams	

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Nov. 30 th			
Sun., Dec. 1 st	Cobie Martino	Lyle Ramon	
Sat., Dec. 7 th	L. Simnicht	A. Simnicht	K. Mabary
Sun., Dec. 8 th	Ava Jade Kennedy	Zoe Andrews	

December Church Cleaning: Volunteers needed!

****Any questions, please call Mary Beth at 228.238.1816**

SPEAK Advent Retreat

**Saturday, Dec. 14th 9 am until 3 pm
in Blessed Seelos Parish Hall**

Join SPEAK and prepare for the birth of Jesus with a day of prayer and reflection. This FREE retreat is open to both men and women. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please pick up a flier in the back of church. You may also contact Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or speakprayerministry@gmail.com or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987.

YOUTH NEWS

**CCD: Wed., December 4th
Class**

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Class and Christmas Party**

LIFETEEN: Grades 6th – 12th

**December 1st – Sunday; 11 am
Mass at St. Michael**



Parish Christmas Program



We are so grateful for the opportunity God is giving our parishes to join together to tell the story of the Birth of Baby Jesus through words and music.

**Wed. Dec. 18th – 6 pm –
Performance at
Blessed Seelos**

**Thurs. Dec. 19th – 6 pm –
Performance at St. Michael**

*God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we
wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Savior. Amen.*



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation Monday, December 9th
7:30 am & 6:00 pm**

MERCY CROSS CENTER BLANKET DRIVE

We are requesting new blankets and handwarmers for those experiencing homelessness during the wintertime. Donation deadline is Sunday, December 8th. You may drop them off at the parish office.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS:



If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked “Christmas Flowers.” The deadline is Wednesday, December 18th.



We are in need of volunteers to help in the office to answer the phones and to have a presence in the office when Mary Beth is not there. Mondays – 10am to 2pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays all day. Days can be split with morning and afternoon. Please call the office if you are able to help!



Dear Blessed Seelos Parish Family,

We are excited to announce a special celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, spanning a 9-day Novena from December 3rd to December 11th starting at 6:00 pm each evening. This sacred journey will include heartfelt prayers, reflections, and moments of unity as we come together in devotion.

On Sunday, December 8th, our Novena will be conducted in both English and Spanish to embrace the rich diversity of our parish. Let us celebrate our shared faith and the beauty of different languages coming together in prayer.

On Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 pm, we will recite the Holy Rosary, followed by evening prayers at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. We will have a special program to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

On Thursday, December 12th, starting at 5:30 pm, a procession will begin followed by Mass led by Bishop Kihneman, as we offer our prayers and gratitude to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Mass will be a beautiful culmination of our Novena, and we invite all members of our parish to attend.

Following the Mass, there will be a joyous reception in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, share fellowship, and celebrate the blessings of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We encourage everyone to attend these special events, bring friends and family, and show your support for our Blessed Seelos Parish. Your presence will add to the warmth and spirit of this celebration.

Let us come together in prayer and unity, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe for our intentions and the well-being of our community. May these nine days be a time of grace, reflection, and shared joy.