



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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.

CATECHISM CORNER

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping. "Advent" is a Latin word and means "coming." For hundreds of years, Christians have used an Advent wreath to remember and celebrate the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Advent should also inspire hope as we wait for the Second Coming of Christ.

We are calling the Fourth Candle the "Candle of Peace" and it reminds us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people's hearts. Without Christ, there is no peace in this world. Isaiah prophetically foretold, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." ([Isaiah 9:6](#)) John recorded the words of Christ: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." ([John 14:27](#)) The world can be full of turmoil, peace is often a far away dream. When we trust in the promises of Christ, we know that peace will always be in our hearts.

We light this Candle of Peace today knowing that no matter what conditions we find ourselves in, we are never far from the Peace of Christ if we are His. Salvation in Christ is the steady anchor for a life that seems to be full of struggle.

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel." *Isaiah 7:14*

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 21, 2024

Saturday	†Melvin Landry, Sr. & Lois Landry
Sunday	†Elbert Meaut
Sun. 11 am	Neary Family
Monday	†Teresa Bakeler
Tuesday	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	Our Parish Family
Thursday	†Ursula Skrmetti
Friday	Our Parish Family

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Mary Lou Roberts.

****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.**

**** If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, the cost is \$20.**

PARISH NEWS

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

Christmas Holidays:
Dec. 24nd thru 27th
Office Closed

Christmas
The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass – 4:00 pm
Spanish Mass – 7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 8:30 am
Spanish Mass – 11:00 am

Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

December 31st – Tuesday
Vigil Mass – 4:00 pm
Spanish Mass – 7:00 pm
January 1st – Wednesday
Mass – 8:30 am
Spanish Mass – 11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,651
Weekly Budget: \$ 3,977

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 65,943
Yearly Budget: \$ 206,804

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 21 st	Lola Simnicht
Sun. Dec. 22 nd	Charnell Martino
Tues. Dec. 24 th	Nancy Boney
Wed., Dec. 25 th	Ronnie Cochran
Sat., Dec. 28 th	Orin Eleuterius
Sun., Dec. 29 th	Kristin Orr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Dec. 21 st	Katie McMahan	Gerard Darnell
Sun. Dec. 22 nd	Charnell Martino	Gert Newman
Tues. Dec. 24 th	Charnell Martino	Joe Boney
Wed., Dec. 25 th	Charlotte Balius	Gert Newman
Sat., Dec. 28 th	Katie McMahan	Angela Cannon
Sun., Dec. 29 th	Kristin Orr	Charnell Martino

SACRISTANS

Sat., Dec. 21 st	Orin & Sherry Eleuterius	
Sun. Dec. 22 nd	Bill & Regina Shipton	
Tues. Dec. 24 th	Joe & Nancy Boney	Kendra Mabary
Wed., Dec. 25 th	Charlotte Balius	Toni Balius
Sat., Dec. 28 th	Angela Cannon	Kendra Mabary
Sun., Dec. 29 th	Charlotte Balius	Toni Balius

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 21 st	Lola Simnicht	
Sun. Dec. 22 nd	Cobie Martino	Ava Jade Kennedy
Tues. Dec. 24 th	Natelia Mabary	Paityn Newbaker
Wed., Dec. 25 th		
Sat., Dec. 28 th	Natelia Mabary	
Sun., Dec. 29 th	Cobie Martino	Lyle Ramon

December Church Cleaning: Volunteers needed!

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

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“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

Psalm 80:2

YOUTH NEWS

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**CCD: Wed., Dec. 18th 25th
and Wed., Jan. 1st
No Class – Christmas
Holiday**

LIFETEEN: Grades 6th – 12th

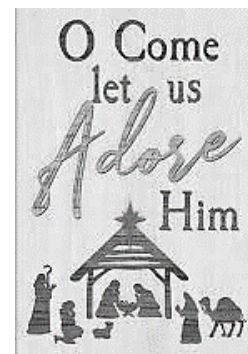
Dec. 22nd & 29th – No Lifeteen



A PRAYER

FOR OUR CHILDREN

*God, our Father,
we pray that you will
protect our children.
Keep them safe from harm
and help them to grow
healthy in mind and body.
Give them strength to keep
their faith in You, and keep
alive their joy in the Birth of
Jesus at Christmas time.*



Fourth Sunday Of Advent Prayer



On this last Sunday of Advent, we quietly reflect on the mystery. We rest in awe, in wonder, at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. We pause to receive the gift offered us: that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and that Jesus will really come into our hearts. May we have watchful hope today, believing what the Lord, promises us. Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants, that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week.



*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.*

Luke 1:38

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The 2025 offertory envelopes will be in the back of church next weekend. If you have not registered and would like offertory envelopes, registration forms are in the back of church. Please call the office for more information.

Christmas & New Year's – Mass Times

Tue., Dec. 24th – Christmas Vigil Mass 4 pm	7:30 pm Spanish
Wed., Dec. 25th – Christmas Day Mass 8:30 am	11 am Spanish
Tues. Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve Mass 4 pm	7 pm Spanish
Wed., Jan. 1st – New Year's Day Mass 8:30 am	11 am Spanish



May the light of Christ shine brightly in your homes and lives this Christmas, and may His grace guide you in the year ahead. Together, as a Parish Family, let us continue to grow in faith, love, and service to one another!