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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

## “Servant of the South – The Life of Bishop Michael Porter”

This documentary highlights the amazing life of the first bishop of Mobile. Visit [mobarch.org](http://mobarch.org) or the Archdiocese of Mobile Religious Education Office YouTube page.

## One Faith One Family

Thank you to everyone who participated and worked to hold this in our parish. It was a fun and faith filled day. A special thank you to our host Mary Kate Walton.

## Non-Social Distancing Seating

This section is for those who have had their COVID 19 vaccine and do not feel that Social Distancing is necessary. Please continue to wear a masks.

## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

### SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am and 10:30am

### CONFESSION

before, between, and after Sunday Masses  
or by appointment

### WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday, Steinway Music Gallery @ 8:30am

### MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to receive weekly communion.

### Mass at home

Live Mass from Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Sunday's at 10:30 am. We are now using GoToWebinar. Please email for instructions

[jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.evelyn.moore@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP: GIFT OF TREASURE

Payments to the Capital Campaign can now be made by texting 41444  
*Please make your checks payable to: In the Seelos Tradition*

### OFFERINGS

Tithe \$2288.00  
Building Fund \$62.00

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

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> - Building Fund  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Catholic Communications

## Little Sisters of the Poor

Volunteers are needed to assist staff and companionship to residents. Contact Kathleen Brandau 251-476-6335 or at [volmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:volmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Friday - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May 7<sup>th</sup> at the rectory 31387 Buckingham Blvd, Mass at 8:30am

1<sup>st</sup> Communion - May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Mass.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

Thank you to all our students for taking the Lenten Challenge and kneeling during Mass.

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word - Last class is today. A special thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers. We look forward to resuming in the fall.

Summer Mission Trip - June 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> for upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> thru current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Pre-registration closes May 9<sup>th</sup>.

VBS - Mark your calendars. Our VBS will be the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Registrations and volunteer signups will begin soon.

## Updated COVID Guidelines

We are very pleased to announce that the following has been reinstated for the celebration of Mass -

- Use of Holy Water fonts
- Presentation of the Gifts
- Shaking of hands during the sign of the peace
- Gathering of the Choir
- Use of Missals/Re-use of Song Sheets

We continue to encourage the use of wearing a mask.

## LITURGY AND LIFE

A vine is a single plant. All its branches share the life its roots draw from the soil and its leaves from the sun. A vine can spread extravagantly from its roots but one life flows through the whole plant. Jesus isn't talking plants in his farewell conversations with his friends after the Last Supper. He is talking about how these disciples will continue to share friendship with him after he has returned to God. Their relationship will remain; its life-sharing energy will persist. Jesus' words will keep working in us to transform us. *How are you letting Jesus transform you?*

### May Crowning of Mary

According to Frederick Holweck, the May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.<sup>41</sup> In Rome by 1813, May devotions were held in as many as twenty churches. From Italy, May devotions soon spread to France. In Belgium, the May devotions, at least as a private devotion, were already known by 1803. The tradition of honoring Mary in a month-long May devotion spread eventually around the Roman Catholic world in the 19th century.



### Prayer for Vocations In the Archdiocese of Mobile

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the men You have called to be priests in the Archdiocese of Mobile. From the Gulf Coast, through the Wiregrass to the River Region, we pray that You sustain and inspire them in their ministry.

We also pray for those You are calling to join them as Fishers of Men. Give them the grace to hear Your call clearly and the courage to respond, trusting that your plans are "for their welfare and not for woe." Provide them with supportive families, encouraging parishioners and all the graces and experiences necessary to form them as men after Your Son's own hear. Amen.

May 2nd 2021/ 5th Sunday of Easter



**„,whoever remains in me will bear much fruit”  
Jn 15:5b**

### BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS CATHOLIC PARISH



Blessed  
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#### PARISH CONTACTS

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