

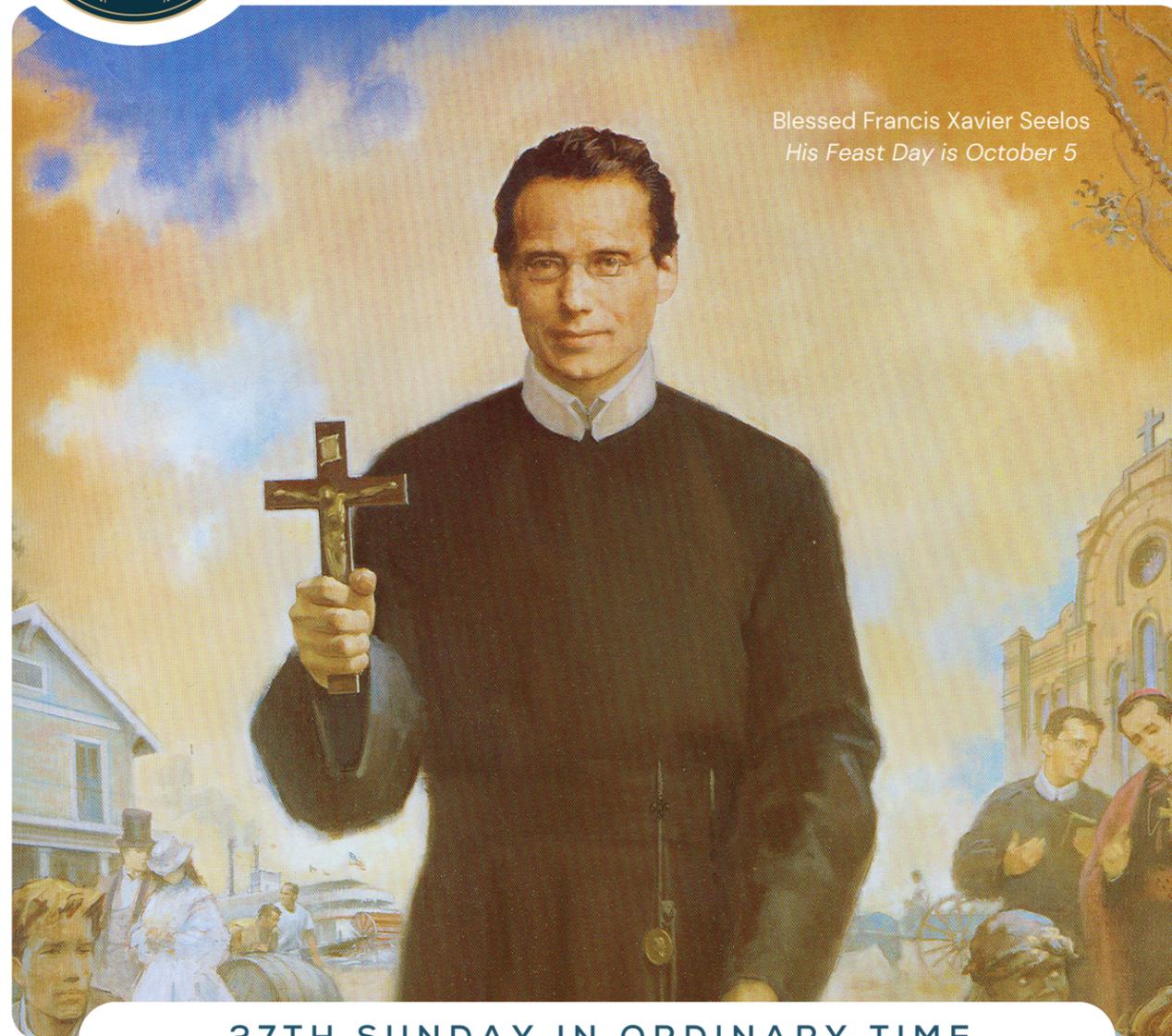
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Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
His Feast Day is October 5

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5 OCTOBER 2025

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Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

This week, I'm traveling with 38 parishioners on a pilgrimage to the great Marian shrines at Fatima, Portugal and Lourdes, France. We will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of great saints. I promise to remember you at all the holy sites.

We will return on October 10, and I plan to celebrate the weekend Masses on the 11th and 12th. Please take good care of the substitute priests who will take my place while I am away. I have tried hard to find substitutes for every Mass, but there were a few Masses where no subs were available due to retreats and convocations. *Please see the complete Mass schedule (below).*

Stay Tuned to Our Facebook

Know that I will carry each of you in my heart as we stop and pray at the various shrines and holy sites. Please hold our pilgrimage group in prayer. I will do my best to keep you updated daily with photos and videos through our parish Facebook.

FEAST OF BLESSED FR. SEELOS

This Sunday, the Church around the world celebrates the feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. We are blessed to have a first-class relic of Fr. Seelos (part of his bone) available for veneration at his shrine in the back of church. You can read his inspiring story and find the prayer for healing on the card below his relic.

- Fr. Istre

ALL SOULS CANDLES

Available in the Office Starting Wed., October 1

This year, we continue our tradition of offering All Souls Day Candles. Candles can be reserved in memory of a departed loved one. This year, the Feast of All Souls will be celebrated at all the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2 (Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7am, 10am, and 6:30pm). The candles will burn throughout ALL the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2.

Candles can be reserved in the parish office for \$5 each.

Pickup Procedure: Candles will be available for pickup beginning on Monday, November 3 outside of the church office.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

6 October - Votive of the Trinity

In thanksgiving to St. Joseph, In honor of Our Blessed Mother

7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary

no Mass

8 October - Votive of St. Joseph

LJL, Jovita Compton

10 October - Votive of the Sacred Heart

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Marcel, Himel, Falgout & Breaux flys. (L&D), Dean & Catherine Listi, JPL

11 October - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot, Luke Lipari fly. (L&D)

12 October - 7am Mass

Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Raspberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Dot Bella, Monica Mancuso

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Annalee Daigle, Hazel Richard, Lee Felterman, Horace Pete

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Trees on Back Side of Church Removed

Last week, four trees on the back side of church were removed and the stumps ground. The roots of these trees damaged the shed and were beginning to reach the foundation of the church. I never like to cut down trees, but this was necessary to protect the integrity of the church's foundation. I'm grateful to the parishioners who tackled this job. I'm also grateful for the assistance of the town of Berwick.

Ongoing AC Repairs in Church

The large air conditioning units in church have presented ongoing issues over the past two months. We've been able to help them along with multiple repairs this summer. These units are 25 years old, and have served the church well. But, this week, we spoke with three local companies to discuss possible next steps for a long-term plan. I'll keep you updated when I return from Europe.

-Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

October 1 - October 10

See Mass schedule on opposite page

ALL SOULS CANDLES AVAILABLE

Wednesday, October 1, in the Parish Office

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Saturday, November 1 at 8 am

ALL SOULS MASSES

Saturday, November 1 at 4pm

Sunday, November 2 at 7am, 10am, 6:30 pm

All Souls candle will burn at all Masses.

SAVE THE DATE for NOEL NIGHT

Thursday, December 11, 2025,
6 pm at the Petroleum Club



Tickets will be available beginning October 20.

For advance information, call Ros in the parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

October 4 & 5

for Building & Maintenance

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 9,210
Building & Maintenance	\$ 400
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 9,610

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, easy way to support your parish. Go to ststephenberwick.org and click on the "Give" tab, or, scan the QR code, at right.



"THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" DATES:

"SIPPING & SERVING"

Living Lives of Service



Dr. Denise Benton
UL Lafayette,
Professor

October 14, 6 pm

"PRUNING THE VINE"

Digital Overload & Toxicity



Fr. Jamin David
Vicar General,
Baton Rouge

November 13, 6 pm
at One80 Downtown

MASS SCHEDULE OCTOBER 1 - 10

While Fr. Istre is away on pilgrimage,
Mass will be offered:

Wednesday, Oct 1 - 12:10 pm Mass

Friday, Oct 3 - 12:10 pm Mass

No First Friday Adoration
No 8am First Saturday Mass

Saturday, Oct 4 - 4pm Vigil Mass
(Bishop Deshotel, celebrant)

Sunday, Oct 5
7am, 10 am, and 6:30 pm Masses

Monday, Oct 6 - 12:10 pm Mass

Tuesday, Oct 7 - No Mass

Wednesday, Oct 8 - 12:10 pm Mass

Friday, Oct 10 - 12:10 pm Mass