



Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
803 Division St. Biloxi, MS 39530
228-435-0007

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Benden, CSsR
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard
SO / DRE: Cheryl Thompson

Pastoral Council:

Meets every 3rd Tuesday
of the month

Religious Education

Grades K-11: Nativity BVM
Sacred Heart Center on
Wednesdays 5:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul:

Wednesdays: 9 am – 11 am

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass – 10:30 am

Daily Mass – 8:30 am

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions: Tuesdays at 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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. Steve Benden at 228-424-0485

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 Cheryl Thompson at the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

A WORD FROM FR. BENDEN

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. It is an important feast because it shows very clearly that the gospel message of Jesus is meant for all people, even pagans. The Magi were not Jews. They come from a far-off place, and in Matthew's gospel today, they have come to offer homage to the babe. What is homage? It is the humbling of oneself before another and showing due respect to them. The Magi, the foreigners, the pagans, recognize in Jesus, something special and they have come to bow down humbly before him. This is only fitting. Jesus deserves our adoration. We should fall on our knees while in his presence. It is only right and just.

This feast reminds us that we need to continually come to Jesus with open and humble hearts. It never ceases to amaze me just how cavalier so many of us seem to be about Jesus' presence amongst us. It seems that many, maybe most, do not give it a second thought. The Magi came from a foreign country travelling hundreds of miles to see the babe, and yet so many won't get out of bed on a Sunday morning and travel a couple of miles to greet Jesus at the Eucharist. This is not right. Jesus is the reason for the season, each and every season, every week of the year not just at Christmastime. As we move into the new year, I pray that everyone takes account of their place before God and bring him homage like the Magi. Why not? We owe him everything in life.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of January 6th

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Rennee R. Watson
Monday	†Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti
Tuesday	†Gregory Skrmetti, Sr.
Wednesday	†Anthony Skrmetti
Thursday	Special Intention
Friday	Special Intention

**** 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 CALENDAR

**January 8th – Monday; 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**



*Come spend an hour
with Jesus!*

**January 14th – Sunday
Rosary Rally ~Mass
and March for Life
Nativity BVM at 1:00 pm**

**January 15th – Monday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office Closed**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,313
Weekly Budget: \$ 1,500

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 31,437
Yearly Budget: \$ 78,000

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday, Jan. 6th Linda Carney
 Sunday, Jan. 7th Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver

Saturday, Jan. 13th Linda Carney
 Sunday, Jan. 14th Mamie Hardy Linda Staten

LECTORS

Saturday, Jan. 6th Elizabeth Smith
 Sunday, Jan. 7th Johnnie Bolton

Saturday, Jan. 13th Janice Lee
 Sunday, Jan. 14th Sheila Harris

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., Jan. 7th Knights of Peter Claver KOPC/LA
 Sun., Jan. 14th M. Griffin & H. Hardy Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Jan. 7th Semaj Mitchell Manning Ramon Fisher
 Sun., Jan. 14th Treasure Duffy Kentrell Isom

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat. Jan. 6th Linda Staten Earline Mitchell
 Sat., Jan. 13th Orelia Nunley

****If you cannot serve on your scheduled date, please call someone to take your place. Thank you for serving in this ministry!**

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITS

In the time of family sickness, death, or special need, family members are asked to notify the office. Communion will be brought to any one desiring to receive but unable to attend Mass for serious reasons.

YOUTH CALENDAR

CCD – Classes resume on January 10th – Wednesday

January 14th – Sunday
*Rosary Rally ~ Mass
 and March for Life*
 Nativity BVM at 1:00 pm



*Prayer for the Feast of the
 Baptism of the Lord*

*Almighty, eternal God,
 when the Spirit descended upon
 Jesus at his baptism in the
 Jordan, you revealed him
 as your own beloved Son.*

*Keep us, your children born of
 water and the Spirit, faithful to
 our calling. We ask this through
 our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
 and ever. Amen.*



Bless Your Door on The Epiphany: The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—*janua* means “door” and the first month is the door to the new year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

*God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us into your family.
You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.
May we fill this place with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger.
By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love. Then we will join the angels in
proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and for ever. Amen.*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 6:00 PM



Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist. We will have adoration on Monday, January 8th at 6:00 pm at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

UPDATING PARISHIONER INFORMATION: We are updating our parish records and want to ensure we have the correct information. If you have a change of address or phone number, or if you are not receiving offertory envelopes or the Gulf Pine Catholic and would like to, please call the office at (228) 435-0007.