



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

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 14, 2018**

**Staff:**

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

**Pastoral Council:**

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

When I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade I felt a certain call to the priesthood. As a 13-year-old I wasn't too sure what this meant; I just felt a call. I wanted to be able to say mass and hear confessions. I didn't think anything could be better than that. I joined the Redemptorists only because my cousin was in their seminary. That was it. It's hard to believe at this time that my parent's let me go off to high school 400 miles north to Wisconsin. I am very grateful they gave me this opportunity. I may not be a priest today without their sacrifice.

In today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading Samuel hears the call of God and follows. In the gospel, Andrew hears the call of Christ and follows. In fact, he goes and gets his brother Simon and gets him to follow Jesus also. They simply leave everything and follow. This is even more radical than my calling, but this is what Jesus has asked. Many others were called, but were not able to follow. Their lives were too busy and so they said no. We need more people to say yes. God has provided the call and we must provide the YES.

It has been a pleasure to serve you these past 2 ½ years. My call is now to go north to serve. I have met so many fine people here in South Mississippi and it is always hard to say goodbye. As a Redemptorist, I have said goodbye many times and have never found it easy, but you are in a good place with Fr. Godfrey coming in. He is a very dedicated and holy man. I ask for your prayers as I leave; know that you are in mine. May God bless you all.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Daniel Meadows, Jr. & Ludy Stith
Monday	†All Souls Mass League
Tuesday	†Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti
Wednesday	†Gregory Skrmetti, Sr.
Thursday	†Anthony Skrmetti
Friday	Mother's Mass League

**\*\* 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 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**  
***Rosary Rally ~ Mass***  
***and March for Life***  
Nativity BVM at 1:00 pm



**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**Office Closed**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – Mon.; 6:00 pm**  
**Eucharistic Adoration at**  
**Our Mother of Sorrows**



*Come spend an hour*  
*with Jesus!*

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## STEWARDSHIP

### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,140  
Weekly Budget: \$ 1,500

### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 33,577  
Yearly Budget: \$ 78,000

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

Saturday, Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Carney	
Sunday, Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mamie Hardy	Linda Staten
Saturday, Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Carney	
Sunday, Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Earline Mitchell	Myrna Rainey

**LECTORS**

Saturday, Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Lee
Sunday, Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Harris
Saturday, Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Elvira Mitchell
Sunday, Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alfonso Staten

**USHERS**

Sun., Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	M. Griffin & H. Hardy
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	G. Duffy & F. Burney

**COMMENTATOR**

Choir  
Choir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sun., Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Duffy	Kentrell Isom
Sun., Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Micah Walton	D'Kaylah Jones

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Sat., Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orelia Nunley
Sat., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Lee

**\*\*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**

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

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – Wed.; 5:30pm**  
CCD – Class

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Wed.; 5:30pm**  
CCD – Class



*“The fact is, God loves us even more than we love ourselves. He believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves. He is always “cheering us on”; he is our biggest fan.”*

~ Pope Francis



*“Not everybody can be famous, but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service...You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.”*

~ *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



***Rosary Rally ~ Mass ~ March for Life***  
**Nativity BVM -- January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**  
**Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III – Main Celebrant**



***Please join us for community and prayer!***

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Gracious God, you create us and love us; you make us to live together in a community. We thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to make your vision a reality. Fill us with your vision. Guide us to live by your vision, working to build the beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**Free Lunch for Seniors in East Biloxi:** The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are sponsoring a lunch for seniors in East Biloxi on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. All are welcome!

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI**  
**SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN**  
**HOW TO REPORT A COMPLAINT OF ABUSE**

**NOTICE:**

Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

**HOW TO REPORT A COMPLAINT OF ABUSE:**

The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website ([www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi's Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.