



Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
803 Division St. Biloxi, MS 39530
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The 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Andoh
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith
In Residence:
Rev. Truong Trinh, Chaplain
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. Godfrey Andoh at 313-544-6330.

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.

CATECHISM CORNER

The **scrutinies** (and exorcisms) are part of the RCIA process. They take place on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. Though the word “scrutiny” can seem a bit daunting, a look at the background of these rites gives a whole different sense. In fact, these initiation rites show them to actually be both pastoral and comforting. In the earliest ritual books of the church, exorcisms and scrutinies seemed to be separate events celebrated sometimes on a daily basis. One of these early documents, called the Apostolic Tradition, notes that the catechumens’ conduct was examined at a time just before their baptism. After this examination, the bishop laid hands daily on the catechumens and led prayers of exorcism over them until their baptism. The scrutinizing of the catechumens’ lives was meant to prepare them for baptism, while the exorcisms served to prove that the scrutinies were working. The two rites were distinct yet related and were both loving acts of the church for the elect.

As fewer adults were being initiated and the number of infant baptisms increased, these two rites were condensed into one liturgy, like we have today. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect” and “to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” (RCIA, 141). The true pastoral sense of this two-fold act of uncovering and strengthening is emphasized in the next sentence of 141: “For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ.” At its core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect but about the overwhelming grace of God in Christ. The exorcisms are not fear-laden bouts with Satan but are grace-filled encounters with the healing power of the Spirit.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of March 3rd

Saturday	Sisters of the Bl. Sacrament and Associates
Sunday	†Renee R. Watson
Monday	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	†All Souls Mass League
Wednesday	Our Parish Family
Thursday	Our Parish Family
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

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**Our Mother of Sorrows
Parish Fish Dinners; \$8 a plate
10 am – 2 pm**

**Blessed Seelos
Seafood Dinners; 4:30pm - 7pm
\$ 7 a plate**

FRIDAYS DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Our Mother of Sorrows; 5:30 pm
Blessed Seelos – 6pm**

**March 5th – Monday; 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**

**March 11th – Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Begins**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week’s Collection

Collected: \$ 1,507

Weekly Budget: \$ 1,500

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 43,447

Yearly Budget: \$ 78,000

****There will be a special collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous in your support. Your donation will “help Jesus in disguise” by providing humanitarian aid and advocating on behalf of the vulnerable.**

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

Please note: until further notice, the precious blood of Christ will not be distributed during the cold and flu season

LECTORS

Sat., March 3rd Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., March 4th Johnnie Bolton

Sat., March 10th Elizabeth Smith
Sun., March 11th Treasure Duffy

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., March 4th M. Griffin & G. Duffy Choir
Sun., March 11th F. Burney & H. Hardy Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., March 4th Semaj Manning Ramon Fisher
Sun., March 11th Treasure Duffy

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., March 3rd Earline Mitchell Linda Staten
Sat., March 10th Orelia Nunley

****Please call Deacon Richard Smith at 228-313-9417 for any questions. Thank you for serving in this ministry!**

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH
LENTEN DINNERS**

**** FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED ****

We are in need of donated items for the Lenten fish dinners, please look at the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Every week there will be requests for different items. If you choose not to donate food items, we ask that you please consider buying a dinner each week. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make these dinners a success for our parish! Also, please help us spread the word about our Lenten dinners!! Our Lenten dinners are on the following Fridays: March 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

Blessed Seelos Parish will have Seafood dinners from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm at Blessed Seelos parish hall. Cost: \$ 7 a plate.

YOUTH CALENDAR

**March 7th -- Wednesday
CCD Class**

****Lenten Penance Service**

**March 14th -- Wednesday
CCD Class**

**March 21st -- Wednesday
CCD Class**

March 23rd – 25th
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
Youth Convention at the
Coast Coliseum
Grades 8th – 12th



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gulf Coast Tougaloo Alumni Chapter is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a qualified graduating senior who is planning to attend Tougaloo College in the fall of 2018. Please pick up an application in the parish office. The deadline is March 31st.

The Knights & Ladies of St. Peter Claver have scholarships available for 2018 graduating high school seniors. You may pick up an application in the office. A completed application must be postmarked by March 26th.

Way of the Cross – Lenten Meditation on Friday at 5:30 pm

You are invited to a contemporary meditation and reflection of the steps of Jesus as he took up his cross and carried it to his final resting place. Musical selections and commentary by Aaron Neville and Father Jeff Bayhi. Please come join us!

Catholic Sharing Appeal -- Prayer and Our Call to Discipleship

Lent is traditionally a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In our journey with the Lord this Lenten season, please pray that the Holy Spirit keeps our hearts and minds open to ways that we can help or be of service to those that are less fortunate than us and those who are struggling with their walk with the Lord. We have received 11 pledges for the amount of \$ 1,855. Our goal for this year is \$ 6,972. Together we can provide for God's people by achieving our goal. Please prayerfully consider donating to the CSA. There are envelopes in the back of church or you may donate online at biloxidiocese.org then click on "Opportunities for Giving".



EASTER REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the back of church marked "Easter Flowers". Write your name on the envelope and write who the flowers are "in memory of". The suggested donation is \$10 ea. Orders must be received by March 25th.

EASTER EGG HUNT – DONATIONS NEEDED: The KPC Court / Council #25 Junior Daughters and Junior Knights will be sponsoring our annual Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Mass, April 1st. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED: We are having a parish yard sale on Saturday, April 14th. We are asking for donations of miscellaneous used items, gently used clothing, toys, etc. We ask that your items be clean and in working order. We would like clothing to be on hangers. We are now accepting donations. Please call the office for more information.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NEXT WEEKEND!

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!