



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

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 18, 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 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. 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 tradition of the **St. Joseph altar** started in Sicily. Agriculture was important to the island and there had been no rain to nourish the crops. The dried-out wheat stalks cracked beneath the feet of the poor farmers as they walked through their barren fields. The only thing that thrived was the fava bean which is why it is now commonly called “the lucky bean.” The situation was critical and so the people prayed. They pleaded with St. Joseph, their patron, for relief from the terrible famine that gripped the island. Finally, the skies opened, sending down the life-giving water. The people rejoiced. Later, to show their gratitude, they prepared a table with a special assortment of foods they had harvested. After paying honor to St. Joseph, they distributed the food to the less fortunate.

The first St. Joseph Altar, therefore, was set up on the Island of Sicily. It was a small one, but as time went on and the tradition took hold, the flamboyant nature and creative spirit of the Italians caused the altars to grow larger and more ornate. Today, the artistic quality of breads, cookies and pastries, which are baked in such shapes as chalices, staffs and sandals, ladders and saws, hammers and nails, often rivals the exquisite flavor of these food offerings.

Whether a St. Joseph Altar is an elaborate display at an elegant church or a humble table in a modest home, it is a reflection of a deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron of those in need – workers, travelers, the persecuted, the poor, the aged, the dying.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of March 17<sup>th</sup>

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| Saturday  | Our Parish Family    |
| Sunday    | Lois Bolton          |
| Monday    | Mother’s Mass League |
| Tuesday   | †Jenell Nungesser    |
| Wednesday | Our Parish Family    |
| Thursday  | Father’s Mass League |
| Friday    | Our Parish Family    |

**\*\* 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**

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration at  
Our Mother of Sorrows**

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
OMS Parish Yard Sale  
7am – 1 pm**

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Week’s Collection**  
Collected: \$ 1,319  
Weekly Budget: \$ 1,500

**Year to Date Collection**  
Collected: \$ 46,780  
Yearly Budget: \$ 78,000

*“A good steward will always have an attitude of gratitude. Family, friends and good health are just some of the many blessings God has given us that we can be thankful for.”*

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

|                              |              |                |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Sat., March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Linda Carney | Johnnie Smith  |
| Sun., March 18 <sup>th</sup> | Karen Parker | Myrna Rainey   |
|                              |              |                |
| Sat., March 24 <sup>th</sup> | Linda Carney | Hurley Smith   |
| Sun., March 25 <sup>th</sup> | Laci Isom    | Kristie Currie |

**LECTORS**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sat., March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Elizabeth Smith |
| Sun., March 18 <sup>th</sup> | Alfonso Staten  |

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| Sat., March 24 <sup>th</sup> | Janice Lee   |                 |
| Sat. Passion Rdgs.           | Deacon Smith | Elizabeth Smith |
| Sun., March 25 <sup>th</sup> | Ann Johnson  |                 |
| Sun. Passion Rdgs.           | Deacon Smith | Sheila Harris   |

**USHERS**

**COMMENTATOR**

|                              |                       |       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Sun., March 18 <sup>th</sup> | M. Griffin & G. Duffy | Choir |
| Sun., March 25 <sup>th</sup> | H. Hardy & F. Burney  | Choir |

**ALTAR SERVERS**

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Sun., March 18 <sup>th</sup> | Alfonso Staten |
| Sun., March 25 <sup>th</sup> | Carl Payne     |

**CHURCH CLEANING**

|                              |               |            |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sat., March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Janice Lee    |            |
| Sat., March 24 <sup>th</sup> | Sheryl Walton | Tina Craft |

**\*\*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 – March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
\*\* FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED \*\***

**This is our last Lenten dinner!** We are in need of donated items for the Lenten fish dinners, please look at the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make these dinners a success for our parish!

**YOUTH CALENDAR**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday  
CCD Class**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi  
Youth Convention at the  
Coast Coliseum

**March 28<sup>th</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>  
NO CCD  
Easter / Spring Break**



**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 1<sup>st</sup>. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy by Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



**Second Liners Easter  
Eggstravaganza**

will be held Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm – 5:00 pm at John Henry Beck Park in Biloxi. All are welcome!

Prizes for ages 1 – 12!!

## Catholic Sharing Appeal -- Prayer and Our Call to Discipleship

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we are grateful for your support of the 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. We have received 16 pledges for the amount of \$ 2,545. 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH FUNDRAISER



**YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED:** We are having a parish yard sale on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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. On this day we will also have a bake sale and lunch plates for sale.

## \$2,500 DRAWDOWN -- TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Our Mother of Sorrows Drawdown will be held **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Drawdown tickets are now available to buy and / or sell. Please see either Mamie Hardy or Sheila Harris for tickets. This Drawdown will be our largest fund raiser and is vital to the financial well-being of the parish. We can make this drawdown a success with everyone's hard work & participation! Tickets are \$25 each and admit one.

**\*\*Please note that you must be 21 or older to attend the drawdown\*\***



**Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus** will have their "Spring Performance" on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 255 Main St., Biloxi. All are welcome!