

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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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

Signs and Symbols of Easter: (part 3)

Wine

Through fermentation, yeasts convert the sugar in grapes into carbon dioxide and other byproducts, including alcohol. There is obvious energy in this transformation. Fermenting grapes hiss and fizz with potentially explosive force. In Christian tradition, wine has become symbolic for the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is the lifeblood of the body of Christ. Jesus commands us to drink deeply. On Pentecost the disciples drank so much of the Spirit that bystanders thought they were drunk. The pentecostal signs of the Spirit, such as fire and wind, share qualities in common. Like wine, they can be agents of destruction or forces for creativity and delight.

During Easter time it seems as if the earth itself is filled with these signs. Orchards and vineyards blossom. Sunshine pours down and gentle breezes blow. And, on occasion, there are windy thunderstorms and even worse. Keep people in your prayers whose lives are disrupted when the weather turns wild.

Throughout Easter time, celebrate the Spirit with kites and windsocks, with may wine and sweet liqueurs, with fiery barbecues and flickering candles. Make of this season a time to turn away from destruction and to renew your powers of creativity and delight. In the Eucharistic feast, drink deeply of the Spirit.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of April 21st

Saturday Carolyn Perry

Sunday Barbara Griffin Gwynn

Monday †Peter Matthew Skrmetta, Jr.

** 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

May 6th – Sunday May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 7th – Monday; 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration at Our Mother of Sorrows

May 11th – Friday OMS Parish Fish Fry 10am – 2 pm

May 13th – Sunday Mother's Day and First Holy Communion

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,198 Weekly Budget: \$ 1,500

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 57,229 Yearly Budget: \$ 78,000

**We will have a special collection next weekend, April 28th/29th, for the Catholic Home Missions
Appeal. The Appeal supports those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. They also support organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat., April 21 st	Linda Carney	Johnnie Smith
Sun., April 22 nd	Kristi Currie	Alfonso Staten
Sat., April 28 th	Hurley Smith	Linda Carney
Sun., April 29 th	Carl Payne	Laci Isom

LECTORS

Sat., April 21 st	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., April 22 nd	Thomas Rhodeman

Sat., April 28 th	Elizabeth Smith
Sun., April 29 th	Sheila Harris

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Kentrell Isom

Sun., April 22 nd	M. Griffin & F. Burney	Choir
Sun., April 29 th	H. Hardy & G. Duffy	Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., April 22 nd	Micah Walton
Sun., April 29 th	Alfonso Staten

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., April 21st	Janice Lee

Sat., April 28th Sheryl Walton Tina Craft

**For any questions, please call Johnnie Smith (Eucharistic Ministers) 324-4946 or Beverly Duffy (Lectors) 219-4628. Thank you for serving in this ministry!

Our Parish requirements for subsidy / financial assistance for grades K through 12th to attend Catholic schools are:

- 1. You must be a registered member of our parish for one year.
- 2. You must attend Mass regularly with the child and use your offertory envelopes.
- 3. The children (of age) are required to be altar servers and parents must participate in church activities.

The Time & Talent forms are in the back of church.

YOUTH CALENDAR

April 25th – Wednesday CCD Class

May 2nd – Wednesday CCD Class

May 9th – Wednesday CCD Class

May 12th – Saturday; 10 am 1st Holy Communion at Nativity BVM

May 16th – Wednesday Last CCD Class / Party

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HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you have a student who will graduate high school or college, please call the office with their information as soon as possible. We would like to recognize them in the bulletin. Our deadline for this information is Wednesday, May 16th.

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



Our Mother of Sorrows Drawdown will be held **October 6th**. 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



PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please seriously consider registering with Our Mother of Sorrows as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form in the back of church and put it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we!

& Prayer for Vocations &

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather
the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in
their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love
and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the
name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Through the intercession
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints,
humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

