



Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
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MISSION STATEMENT

***Building lives through one God, one faith, and one baptism
while giving our time, talents and treasures***

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

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 1st 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

God's promise of Real Treasure: If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to His promises and to fulfill all He has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver. Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for His coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures. The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust. God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps His promises.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of November 30, 2019

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Renee R. Watson
Monday	†David Seymour
Tuesday	Gerald Strayham
Wednesday	†Terah Lesso
Thursday	†Renee R. Watson
Friday	†Isabel M. Sylvester & Arleen Sylvester

****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.**

****We are now taking Mass Intention requests for 2020.**

PARISH CALENDAR

**Dec. 1st – Sun.; 12pm – 2pm
Senior Christmas Dinner
at Blessed Seelos**

**Dec. 2nd - Monday; 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**

**Dec. 5th – Thursday; 6 pm
Hour of Grace at
Blessed Seelos Church**

**Advent Mission
December 9th – 11th
6:00 pm each night
Blessed Seelos Church**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,710

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 50,655

Yearly Budget: \$105,634

****There will be a special collection next weekend, Dec. 7th / 8th for the Retired Religious. This collection supports the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.**

"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."

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

Sat., Nov. 30th Hurley & Johnnie Smith
Sun., Dec. 1st A. Isom C. White K. Parker

Sat., Dec. 7th Hurley Smith Linda Carney
Sun., Dec. 8th K. Currie M. Hardy F. Parker

LECTORS

Sat., Nov. 30th Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 1st Johnnie Bolton

Sat., Dec. 7th Elizabeth Smith
Sun., Dec. 8th Ann Isom

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., Dec. 1st Knights of Peter Claver KOPC/LA
Sun., Dec. 8th F. Burney & G. Duffy Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Dec. 1st Kentrell Isom Braxton Carriere
Sun., Dec. 8th Kentrell Isom Micah Walton

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Nov. 30th Kathryn Wilkerson Shamar Jones
Sat., Dec. 7th Linda Staten Earline Mitchell

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

CYO FOOD DRIVE

During the month of December, our youth we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Martin de Porres Society. The youth will be making Thanksgiving Bags and Christmas Bags. Please bring your donations and place them in the collection box in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity! If you would like to make a monetary donation for perishable food that will be purchased, please call the office. ** If you know of a parish family in need, please call the office.

YOUTH NEWS

**Wed., Dec. 4th; 5:30 pm
CCD Class**

**Sun., Dec. 11th; 5:30 pm
CCD Class**

**Sun., Dec. 15th, 11:30 am
City of Biloxi / Alhambra
Christmas Dinner for People
with Special Needs
at Donal Snyder Comm. Ctr.**

**Mon., Dec. 16th; 11 am
Christmas Food Baskets
Distribution & Pizza Party**



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
FEEDING FR. LOUIS,
OUR ADVENT
MISSION PRESENTER!**

We are in need of volunteers to prepare meals for Fr. Louis and Fr. Godfrey December 6th through the 11th.

The only food restrictions Fr. Louis has are no pasta, no white rice and no shellfish.

If you can volunteer to cook a meal, please call the office.



AN HOUR OF GRACE ***Thursday, December 5th***

During Hour of Grace, we adore His presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Abandon yourself to Jesus in this “Sacrament of Love.” He will refresh you! The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will come away feeling renewed and healed. **Come join us for an Hour of Grace on Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos Church.**

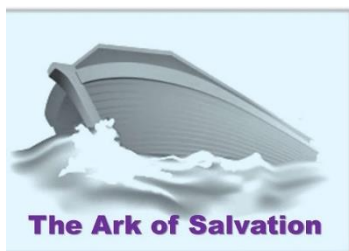


CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked “Christmas Flowers”. The deadline is Wednesday, December 18th.

***God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.***



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

**Blessed Seelos Church
December 9th -- 11th 6pm each night**

Fr. Louis Guardiola – Presenter