



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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

People are often surprised to find that **Christmas** was not celebrated by the earliest Christians. The custom was to celebrate a saint's birth into eternal life—in other words, his death. Thus Good Friday (Christ's death) and Easter Sunday (His Resurrection) took center stage.

To this day, the Church celebrates only three birthdays: Christmas; the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and the Birth of John the Baptist. The common thread in the celebrations is that all three were born without sin: Christ, because He was the Son of God; Mary, because she was sanctified by God in the Immaculate Conception; and John the Baptist, because his leap in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth, at the Visitation is seen as a type of Baptism (even though John was conceived with Original Sin, he was cleansed of that sin before birth).

It took a while, though, for the Church to develop the feast of Christmas. While it may have been celebrated in Egypt as early as the third century, it did not spread throughout the Christian world until the middle of the fourth century. It was first celebrated along with Epiphany, on January 6; but slowly Christmas was separated out into its own feast, on December 25. Many of the early Church Fathers regarded this as the actual date of Christ's birth.

By the middle of the sixth century, Christians had begun to observe Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas, with fasting; and the 12 days of Christmas, from Christmas Day to Epiphany, had become established.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 21, 2019

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| Saturday | Our Parish Family |
| Sunday | †David Seymour |
| Monday | †Scott Michael Creel |
| Tuesday | Our Parish Family |
| Wednesday | Our Parish Family |
| Thursday | †David Seymour |
| Friday | †Gregory Skrmetti, Sr. |

****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

Monday, Dec. 23rd; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
at Our Mother of Sorrows

Christmas Holidays
Tues. Dec. 24 – Thurs. Dec. 26
Office Closed

Monday, Dec. 30th; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
at Our Mother of Sorrows

New Year's Holidays
Wed. Jan. 1 – Thurs. Jan. 2
Office Closed

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,679
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 59,267
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

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.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above."

~ James 1:17

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

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| Sat., Dec. 21 st | Hurley and Johnnie Smith | | |
| Sun., Dec. 22 nd | M. Hardy | F. Parker | E. Smith |
| Tue., Dec. 24 th | Hurley and Johnnie Smith | | |
| Wed., Dec. 25 th | Hurley and Johnnie Smith | | |
| Sat., Dec. 28 th | Starr Cartrett | | Janice Lee |
| Sun., Dec. 29 th | S. Cartrett | E. Mitchell | K. Wilkerson |

LECTORS

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| Sat., Dec. 21 st | Elvira Mitchell |
| Sun., Dec. 22 nd | Gail Esters |
| Tue., Dec. 24 th | Alfonso Staten |
| Wed., Dec. 25 th | Bunny Thompson |
| Sat., Dec. 28 th | Mary Beth Broussard |
| Sun., Dec. 29 th | Treasure Duffy |

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

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| Sun., Dec. 22 nd | G. Duffy & F. Burney | Choir |
| Tue., Dec. 24 th | H. Hardy & M. Griffin | Choir |
| Wed., Dec. 25 th | | |
| Sun., Dec. 29 th | G. Duffy & F. Burney | Choir |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| Sun., Dec. 22 nd | Semaj Manning | Carter McLendon |
| Tue., Dec. 24 th | Semaj Manning | Micah Walton |
| Wed., Dec. 25 th | | |
| Sun., Dec. 29 th | D'Kaylah Jones | Carter McLendon |

CHURCH CLEANING

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| Sat., Dec. 21 st | Janice Lee | |
| Sat. Dec. 28 th | Sheryl Walton | Tina Craft |

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

Heritage Brick Walkway

Bricks are available in two (2) sizes: 4" X 8" (\$100) and 8" X 8" (\$150). They are engraved using state-of-the-art engraving technology. Please pick up a brochure and an order form in the back of the church. Please return the order form and payment to the office. ****This project is made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area.**

**A PRAYER
FOR OUR CHILDREN**

*God, our Father,
we pray that you will
protect our children.
Keep them safe from harm
and help them to grow
healthy in mind and body.
Give them strength to
keep their faith in You,
and keep alive their joy
in the Birth of Jesus at
Christmas time.*



**Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Dec. 31st – Tuesday - Vigil
Blessed Seelos: 4 pm
OMS: 11 pm**

**Jan. 1st – Wednesday
Blessed Seelos: 9 am
OMS: 10:30 am**

Fourth Sunday Of Advent Prayer



On this last Sunday of Advent, we quietly reflect on the mystery. We rest in awe, in wonder, at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. We pause to receive the gift offered us: that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and that Jesus will really come into our hearts. May we have watchful hope today, believing what the Lord, promises us. Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants, that we might be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve this week.

UPDATING PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We are updating our parish records and want to ensure we have the correct information. If you have a change of address or phone number, or if you are not receiving offertory envelopes or the Gulf Pine Catholic and would like to, please call the office at (228) 435-0007.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The 2020 offertory envelopes are in the back of church. The selection was based on your use of the envelopes this past year. If you would like a box, please call Mary Beth at 435-0007.

2020 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS: The 2020 church calendars are now available in the back of church. Donations are greatly appreciated!!

Christmas Masses

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| <u>Christmas Eve:</u> | Blessed Seelos | 4:00 pm |
| | Our Mother of Sorrows | Midnight |
| <u>Christmas Day:</u> | Blessed Seelos | 9:00 am |
| | Our Mother of Sorrows | 10:30 am |

