



## ***Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church***

***803 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530      228-435-0007***

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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

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

## ***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph***

***December 29, 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 1<sup>st</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 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** is a liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the Octave Day of Christmas. In the United States it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The feast was celebrated in the East before it was in the West, but by the 5th century it was celebrated in France and Spain on the Sunday before Christmas. In Rome, even before the 7th century, 1 January was used as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th and 14th centuries, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the Marian feast on 1 January. The celebration of the Feast of the Circumcision on 1 January was expanded to the entire Catholic Church in 1570 when Pope Pius V promulgated the Missal.

In 1914, the feast of the "Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary" was established in Portugal, occurring on 11 October. In 1931, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope Pius XI and maintained on 11 October. Following the Second Vatican Council in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar, and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God."

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek: Theotokos, the God-bearer. The term was adopted at the First Council of Ephesus as a way to assert the Divinity of Christ, from which it follows that what is predicated of Christ is predicated of God. So, if Mary is the mother of Jesus, she is the Mother of God. Therefore, the title "Mother of God" is at once both Mariological and Christological.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 28, 2019

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | Our Parish Family                    |
| Sunday    | Our Parish Family                    |
| Monday    | †Scott Creel                         |
| Tuesday   | †Norman Wilkerson                    |
| Wednesday | Our Parish Family                    |
| Thursday  | †Edward Seldon & JoAnn Collins       |
| Friday    | †Isabel 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.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 pm**  
Eucharistic Adoration  
at Our Mother of Sorrows

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

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thurs., 6 pm**  
**Hour of Grace at**  
**Blessed Seelos**

*Come spend an hour  
with Jesus!*



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## STEWARDSHIP

### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,229  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 61,496  
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

\*\*There will be a special collection next weekend, January 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> for the **Aged and Infirm Priests**. The cost of providing healthcare and other necessary expenses for our retired priests has grown. Please be generous in your support.

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

|                              |                            |               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Sat., Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Starr Cartrett             | Janice Lee    |
| Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | S. Cartrett    E. Mitchell | K. Wilkerson  |
| Tues., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Hurley & Johnnie Smith     |               |
| Wed., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Karen Parker               | Carl Payne    |
| Sat., Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Janice Lee                 | Linda Carney  |
| Sun., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Kathryn Wilkerson          | Cynthia White |

**LECTORS**

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat., Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Loretta Register    |
| Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Treasure Duffy      |
| Tues., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Gilda Sizer         |
| Wed., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Cheryl Thompson     |
| Sat., Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Mary Beth Broussard |
| Sun., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Johnnie Bolton      |

**USHERS**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | G. Duffy & F. Burney  |
| Tues., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> | M. Griffin & H. Hardy |

**COMMENTATOR**

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Choir

**ALTAR SERVERS**

|                              |                |                 |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | D'Kaylah Jones | Carter McLendon |
| Tues., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Semaj Manning  | Treasure Duffy  |
| Wed., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | JaMarri Scott  | D'Kaylah Jones  |
| Sun., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>   |                |                 |

**CHURCH CLEANING**

|                            |                  |              |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Sat. Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sheryl Walton    | Tina Craft   |
| Sat., Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> | Earline Mitchell | Linda Staten |

**\*\*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.**

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Sun., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>; 4 pm  
Life Teen Resumes**

**Wed., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 pm  
CCD Classes Resume**

**FAMILY PRAYER  
FOR A NEW YEAR**

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday - Vigil**

**Blessed Seelos: 4:00 pm**

**Our Mother of Sorrows: 11:00 pm**

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday**

**Blessed Seelos: 9:00 am**

**Our Mother of Sorrows: 10:30 am**



*Prayer for the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

*Heavenly Father, You blessed the Virgin Mary with the fullness of grace. She is my model of faith, hope, and love. I give this new year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. With her help, I want my faith to grow. Join my heart, dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's immaculate Heart so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of my Savior, Jesus. Amen.*

*An Hour of Grace*



***Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos Church***

**The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will come away  
feeling renewed and healed!**

**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!!