



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 Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

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-5: Nativity BVM
Sacred Heart Center on
Wednesdays 5:30 pm
Grades 6-11: Lifeteen
Sun. 4 pm at Nativity Center

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 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, is a relatively ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the "purification"). Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story. Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (January 6), because Christmas wasn't yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ's first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days later.

Inspired by the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of February 1, 2020

Saturday	Sarah Broussard
Sunday	†Renee R. Watson
Monday	Our Parish Family
Tuesday	†Ursula Skrmetti
Wednesday	†Matta Dieu Mai / Simon Chieu Nguyen †Alphonso Thanh Nguyen
Thursday	†Dale Creel
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.**

PARISH CALENDAR

**February 3rd ; Mon.; 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
At Our Mother of Sorrows**

**February 6th; Thurs.; 6 pm
An Hour of Grace
at Blessed Seelos**

**February 9th – Sunday; 2 pm
World Day of the Sick
Mass & Healing Service
at Blessed Seelos**

**Feb. 14th & 21st – Friday
KOPC / LA Fish Fry
10 am – 2 pm**

**February 16th – Sun.; 11:30am
Soul Food Fellowship Meal**

**Feb. 26th -- Ash Wednesday
OMS – 8:30 am and 12 Noon
Bl. Seelos – 6 pm**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,063
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 77,171
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

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

Sat., Feb. 1st Hurley & Johnnie Smith
Sun., Feb. 2nd E. Mitchell C. White K. Parker

Sat., Feb. 8th Linda Carney Janice Lee
Sun., Feb. 9th K. Wilkerson K. Currie M. Hardy

LECTORS

Sat., Feb. 1st Elvira Mitchell
Sun., Feb. 2nd Johnnie Bolton

Sat., Feb. 8th Orelia Nunley
Sun., Feb. 9th Ann Isom

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., Feb. 2nd Knights of Peter Claver KOPC/LA
Sun., Feb. 9th H. Hardy & G. Duffy Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Feb. 2nd D'Kaylah Jones Semaj Manning
Sun., Feb. 9th Kentrell Isom Micah Walton

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Feb. 1st Linda Staten Earline Mitchell
Sat., Feb. 8th Orelia Nunley Spears Family

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

AN HOUR OF GRACE

During Hour of Grace, we adore His presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. 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, February 6th at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos Church.**

YOUTH NEWS

**Feb. 2nd – Sunday; 4 pm
Life Teen**

**Feb. 5th – Wed.; 5:30 pm
CCD Class**

**Feb. 9th – Sunday; 4 pm
Life Teen**

**Feb. 12th – Wed.; 5:30 pm
CCD Class**



***Give with
A Generous Heart***

When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

~ Matthew 6:3-4

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR
AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES
February 2, 2020**

Most gracious and loving God, allow your spirit to fill our very being. We remember the struggles of our people, people of African descent -- your people -- and thank you for your grace, your love, and your mercy. We thank you for leaders that you continue to place in high places and ordinary places. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere. Lord God, we remember the hurts of exclusion and prejudice, but we know that you can raise our vision above all barriers and give us wisdom and courage to make this a better world. Amen.



SOUL FOOD FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

In honor of Black History month, we will have a soul food fellowship gathering on Sunday, February 16th after Mass. You will enjoy red beans and rice, baked & fried chicken, collard greens, cornbread, and sweet potato pie! You are welcome to bring your favorite covered dish to share!! Please call Johnnie Smith at 228-324-4946 for more information.



**World Day of the Sick
~ Healing Service ~
Blessed Seelos Church
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm**



Let us come together and pray for the sick and their caregivers.



Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary



FISH DINNER

Friday, Feb. 14th and 21st

10 am until 2 pm

MENU: fish, potato salad, green beans, bread and cake

\$9.00 a plate

Dine in or carry out