



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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



April 12, 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: Lifteen
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.

A WORD FROM FR. GODFREY

It is Easter! Christ is alive! Christ has risen! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! For Easter day is now. We rejoice as we realize that we are not walking the pathway of life alone. Christ is always with us every step of the journey. He is with us as our Savior, our Redeemer, and our Healer. He is there assisting us, encouraging us, and strengthening us in every aspect of our life. Easter day is all about the newness of life in Christ. The risen life of Christ is ours for the taking. The power of loving with the very love of God is within us. We can fearlessly stake our lives on it. Each one of us is entrusted with the message of the Good News of God's love.

Today's Easter Day Feast provides us with a fresh opportunity; no matter the darkness and gloom that has engulfed our world today because of COVID-19. Easter presents us with the challenge of spreading the light and the life of the Risen Christ. We must examine ourselves and ask if we are alive in Christ. Is the Risen Lord firmly rooted in our hearts and actions? Or are we still living in a way devoid of Christ. Easter has no spiritual significance for us if Christ has emptied the tomb and we are still trapped in a tomb of our own or the darkness that COVID-19 brings to our world. If we are truly a people of God, spreading the news of the Risen Lord may be challenging in our current circumstance, but it's the hope in the resurrection that should keep us going. Those who are searching for a meaning in life will see that Good News in us. They will see it in how we live, how we conduct ourselves, and in how we act towards others. They will observe us and discover from us, that Christ is the way home, the resting place for restless hearts. We are God's people. Let all of us open our hearts this Easter Day and increase the gift of Christ's life within us.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of April 11, 2020

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	Our Parish Family
Monday	†Nilda Payne
Tuesday	†Elliott Spears, Sr.
Wednesday	Our Parish Family
Thursday	Our Parish Family
Friday	Fred & Bunny Thompson Anniversary

PARISH CALENDAR

The bulletins are posted on our website. If you know of anyone who doesn't have internet access, please let us know so we can mail them a bulletin! Thank you.

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STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 4,528

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$101,628

Yearly Budget: \$105,634

****Feel free to mail in your offertory envelopes to:**

**P.O. Box 347
Biloxi, MS 39533**

You may also drop it off at the office. Please call before you come! 228-435-0007.

Stewardship of Prayer:

Open your hearts to the gift of prayer. Start building your personal relationship with God today by thanking Him daily and speaking to Him of your needs and concerns. Seek His comfort and guidance in all things.



Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus,
Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope for the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

ADULT SPIRITUALITY

There are many resources that are available for personal spiritual growth during this time. Please visit our websites:

Blessed Seelos' website: SeelosBiloxi.com

Our Mother of Sorrows website: OMSbiloxi.com

The Diocese of Biloxi's website: Biloxidiocese.org

U.S. Catholic Bishops website: USCCB.org

Or visit our parish Facebook pages.



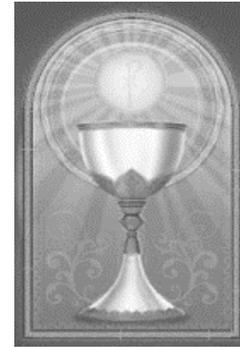
Each parish has its own Facebook page:

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

and **Blessed Francis X Seelos Parish**

(verify that you are on the correct one by checking the city!) We will be deleting **Blessed Francis Seelos / Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches** FB page soon. Please go "like" each one and stay up to date on our parishes!!

How to Make an Act of Spiritual Communion



1. Make the sign of the cross
2. If possible, read the Mass Readings
3. Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CHURCH HOURS FOR PRAYERS AND RECONCILIATION

Our churches will be open during the following times:

Our Mother of Sorrows:	Monday – Friday	8 am – 10 am
Reconciliation on	Monday evening	6 pm – 7 pm
Blessed Francis Seelos:	Saturday	4 pm – 6 pm
	with Reconciliation from	4 pm – 5 pm
	Sunday	9 am – 11 am
	with Reconciliation from	10 am – 11 am

You are welcome to come to church during these hours for prayer and Reconciliation (where noted.) We are only allowing 10 (ten) people at a time to be in church. We ask that you follow the suggested “social distancing” policy. If you see that there are 10 people in church, please wait until someone has left the church. For more information, please call the office.



He has risen.

Have faith in Him...

And He will always

Be there for you!

Have a blessed Easter!!

*Glory and praise
to you, Risen Savior,
for you bring light to our darkness,
joy to our sorrow, and the
fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.*

