



## ***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 First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of November 28, 2020

Saturday	Lois Bolton
Sunday	†Joicelyn Mayfield
Monday	Special Intentions
Tuesday	†Elizabeth "Jane" Hughes
Wednesday	Mr. & Mrs. Cory Register
Thursday	Our Parish Family
Friday	†Isabel M & Arleen G. 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 NEWS

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

**Thurs., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>; 6:00 pm  
An Hour of Grace  
at Blessed Seelos**

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception  
\*\* Holy Day of Obligation \*\*  
OMS: 8:30 am  
BFS: 6:00 pm**

**Sun., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>; Noon – 5pm  
Women's Advent Retreat  
Bl. Seelos – Please register**

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Week's Collection**  
Collected: \$ 4,340  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

**Year to Date Collection**  
Collected: \$ 49,117  
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

**\*\*Next weekend, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>  
there will be a special collection  
for the St. Vincent de Paul  
Pharmacy. It is through  
generous donations from the  
community that St. Vincent de  
Paul is able to continue serving  
the poor and needy through its  
various programs. Your  
continued support makes their  
good works possible.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Extra Ordinary Minsters will not be scheduled at this time.**

### LECTORS

Sat., Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan McLendon
Sat., Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Isom
Tues. Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Orelia Nunley

### USHERS

### COMMENTATOR

Sun., Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ramon Fisher	Choir
Sun., Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Thompson	Choir

**Altar Servers will not be scheduled at this time.**

### CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sheryl Walton	Tina Craft
Sat., Dec. 5 <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!**

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## ADULT SPIRITUALITY

### Women's Advent Retreat

**Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 5 pm**

**Lunch at Noon in the Parish Hall**

**Free Child Care will be provided**

This is an invitation to all women of God: We will have guest speakers, a time for prayer and reflection, and adoration. We will continue to follow the "safe distancing" policy, therefore registration is needed. The form will be provided on our Facebook page or by email. For more information, please call Cherie Prentiss at 228.365.4017 or Amiee Gautreaux at 337.296.5987.

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD NEWS:

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>; – Wed.; 5:30 pm**  
**CCD – Class**

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>; – Wed.; 5:30 pm**  
**CCD Christmas Party**

### LIFETEEN NEWS:

**Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>; 4 pm**  
**Lifeteen – Fr. Godfrey will be**  
**The guest speaker**

**Sun., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>; 3pm – 4:15pm**  
**Christmas Caroling at**  
**The Garden's Senior Home**



## **RAFFLE WINNER!!**

Congratulations to Kristi Currie McClellan, the winner of the Holy Family Statue!! Thank you to all who participated in the raffle! We raised \$749 for Senior Baskets for our Shut ins!!



*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.*



## ***AN HOUR OF GRACE*** ***Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>***

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

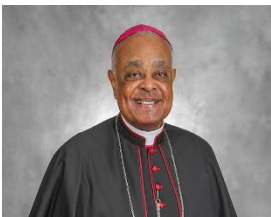
**Christmas Program for our Parishes:** We are so grateful for the opportunity God is giving our parishes to join together to tell the story of the Birth of Baby Jesus through words and music. We encourage everyone interested to attend our next practice on **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30**. Once we have a better idea of how many and who will participate we will practice in separate groups (kids, teens and adults) The remaining practice dates and performance information is below. **All practices are at Blessed Seelos Church at 5:30 pm**

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>    Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (if needed)  
Thurs., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -- Dress Rehearsal for everyone

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm – Performance!!**

## **NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**



**Archbishop Wilton Gregory** was born December 7, 1947 in Chicago. He attended St. Carthage Grammar School, where he converted to Catholicism. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, Niles College (now St. Joseph’s College Seminary) of Loyola University and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1973. Pope Saint John Paul II appointed Bishop

Gregory as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and he was installed on January 17, 2005. Pope Francis appointed him as the seventh Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington on April 4, 2019. He was installed on May 21, 2019. In October, 2020, Pope Francis named Archbishop Wilton Gregory the first ever African American Cardinal.