



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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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 Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Church. It is usually a horizontal evergreen wreath with four candles and often, a fifth, white candle in the center. Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent a candle is lit each week until, by the last Sunday before Christmas, all four candles are lit. Many Advent wreaths include a fifth, Christ candle which is lit at Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The custom is observed both at Mass and in homes. In Medieval times advent was a fast during which people's thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ; but in modern times it has been seen as the lead up to Christmas, and in that context the Advent Wreath serves as a reminder of the approach of the feast.

In Catholic churches, the most popular colors for the Advent candles are purple and rose. In the Western church, purple is the historic liturgical color for three of the four Sundays of Advent: once the color associated with royalty, it symbolizes Christ as the "Prince of Peace." Rose is the color for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word "rejoice". Gaudete Sunday anticipates the joy of the Christmas celebration, so its color is a mixture of Advent purple and Christmas white. It may also symbolize the color of early dawn.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 5, 2020

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| Saturday | †Renee R. Watson |
| Sunday | †Renee R. Watson |
| Monday | Dorothy, Michael & Carl Reddix |
| Tuesday | Our Parish Family |
| Wednesday | Our Parish Family |
| Thursday | †Charles Williams |
| Friday | †John Collins, Sr., John Collins, Jr. and †Annie Mae Collins |

****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., Dec. 7th; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**

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

**Tuesday, December 8th
Office Closed**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection
Collected: \$ 814
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection
Collected: \$ 49,931
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

****There will be a special collection next weekend, Dec. 12th / 13th for the Retired Religious. This collection supports the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.**

"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Extra Ordinary Minsters will not be scheduled at this time.

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 5th Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 6th Ann Isom
Tues. Dec. 8th Orelia Nunley
Immac. Conception

Sat., Dec. 12th Myrna Rainey
Sun., Dec. 13th Aimee McLendon

USHERS

Sun., Dec. 6th Fred Thompson
Sun., Dec. 13th Fred Thompson

COMMENTATOR

Choir
Choir

Altar Servers will not be scheduled at this time.

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Dec. 5th Earline Mitchell Linda Staten
Sat., Dec. 12th 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!**

ADULT SPIRITUALITY

Women's Advent Retreat

Sunday, Dec. 13th 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. 9th; – Wed.; 5:30 pm
CCD Christmas Party**

**Dec. 16th, 23rd, and 30th
No Class; Christmas Holiday**

LIFETEEN NEWS:

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



Christmas Program for our Parishes

The remaining practice dates and performance information is below. **All practices are at Blessed Seelos Church at 5:30 pm**

Monday, December 7th

Thursday, December 10th
(if needed)

Monday, December 14th

Thurs., Dec. 17th 6:00pm
Dress Rehearsal for everyone

**Sunday, December
20th 3:00pm
Performance!!**



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8th**

**Our Mother of Sorrows: 8:30 am
Blessed Seelos: 6:00 pm**



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS



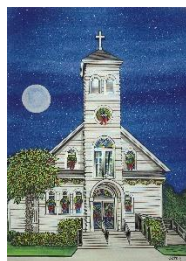
If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked “Christmas Flowers”. The deadline is Wednesday, December 16th.



Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



**Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru
FREE Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 19th from 8 am – 10 am
At Blessed Seelos Parish Hall**



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have Our Mother of Sorrows Christmas cards available in the office to purchase. The cost is \$10 per package of 12. These beautiful cards were created by Carolyn Stich from Holland, Michigan.