



## ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

### **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.

## Prayers, Perseverance, Patience

Jesus and Mary patiently prayed and persevered throughout their time on earth. How else could they have faced their hardships and heartache -- without falling into despair -- for the sake of saving humanity? By following their example, we can overcome any challenge, especially those that threaten our union with God and with one another. Jesus and Mary show us that as God's children we are called to unite our daily living with faith, hope, and love. This union is reinforced by our *prayers, perseverance, and patience*, and manifested in our acts of kindness. That is how we maintain our bond with heaven and our sense of community on earth, particularly as we cope with our daily challenges.

Through his prayerful perseverance and patience, Christ had the strength to endure his passion and crucifixion. From the cross, Christ gave us mercy when he said: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He gave us hope when he said to the repentant criminal: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." He gave us love when he gave us Mary to be our Mother, and he gave us faith when he said: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

In prayer, we become aware of the internal promptings of the Holy Spirit that enable us to follow Jesus more closely by accepting God's will. In this acceptance, God's graces and blessings that we receive with the help of Mary's prayerful intercession provide and infinite supply of perseverance and patience to strengthen our faith, giving us hope as we share our love with one another.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of March 6, 2021

Saturday     †Mitchell & Leoneade Gruich  
Sunday       †Rennee R. Watson  
Monday       †Nina Hunt  
Tuesday      †Ann Newman  
Wednesday    Our Parish Family  
Thursday      †Joshua Grabert, Sr.  
Friday        †Lynette Thompson

**\*\*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

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday; 6:00 pm**  
**Eucharistic Adoration at**  
**Our Mother of Sorrows**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday; 6:00 pm**  
**Lenten Penance Service**  
**at Our Mother of Sorrows**

### FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**Our Mother of Sorrows**  
**Fish Lunches**  
10 am – 2 pm

**Blessed Seelos Seafood Dinners**  
Drive-Thru Only  
4:30pm – 7pm

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### STEWARDSHIP

#### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 4,447  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

#### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 88,024  
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

**\*\*There will be a special collection next weekend, March 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> for Catholic Relief Services. Your donation will provide humanitarian aid and advocating on behalf of victims. Please be generous in your support.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Orelia Nunley
Sun., Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Isom
Sat., Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Aimee McLendon

### USHERS

Sun., Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Thompson
Sun., Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Thompson

### COMMENTATOR

Choir
Choir

### CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Staten	Earline Mitchell
Sat., Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orelia Nunley	

**\*\*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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### “NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST’S PASSION” One Day Retreat --- Sat., March 27<sup>th</sup>

Our SPEAK (Sisters Praying Encouraging and Aspiring to Know God) prayer group is very happy to host our first All day retreat for both women and men. “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion” is a series by best-selling author, Edward Sri. We invite you to join us as we journey together through the last hours of Christ’s life. A pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s great love for us all. Our own pastor, Father Godfrey Andoh will be presenting along with a few other dynamic and faith-filled presenters. Our retreat will be held on the grounds of Blessed Seelos Church on Saturday, March 27th. Check in begins at 9:30am. The retreat will run from 10:00am-7:00pm and will include lunch, dinner and Mass. Space is limited so pre-registration by Monday, March 22nd is required in order to attend. There is no fee to attend the retreat but donations to our retreat and music ministries are welcome. A registration form can be found on our FB page or on our website. For more information, please contact Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or [cmprentiss@att.net](mailto:cmprentiss@att.net) or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987 or [Gautreaux7family@yahoo.com](mailto:Gautreaux7family@yahoo.com)

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD NEWS:

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Wed., 5:30 pm  
CCD Class**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – Wed., 5:30 pm  
CCD Class**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Wed., 5:30 pm  
Lenten Penance Service**



**If you have any “good news” that you would like to share, please call the office by Wednesday!**



### **A Lenten Prayer For our Youth**

Lord,  
Teach me a new freedom.

Freedom to reject comparison  
and to embrace uniqueness.

Freedom to cut ties with greed and  
feast on love.

Freedom to abstain from over  
indulgence and feast on  
self-control.

Freedom to leave behind selfish  
thoughts and to focus on the needs  
of others.

Freedom to fend off insecurity and  
to embrace grace. Lord, at this time  
of Lent, thank you for the freedom  
you bring. Amen.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday

Our Mother of Sorrows 5:30 pm

Blessed Francis Seelos 6:00 pm



## Catholic Sharing Appeal – Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us

*A note from Fr. Godfrey:* Your support of this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. By “Witnessing to the Eucharist” we become the hands of the Lord to those who need His message of Hope, Forgiveness, and Love. Please consider a generous gift to this year’s appeal! You may use the pledge card that was mailed to your home or the pledge cards that are in the pews. Our goal for this year is **\$ 13,326**.

### VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

**SPONSORED BY** *Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)*

FOCUS is offering for “supporters, family, and friends” a 12-week study with Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri “walking through Salvation History and understanding the big picture of the Bible.” February 22 through May 10, live on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, or you can watch recorded video at any time each week. Meant for small groups. Please register at [www.focusequip.org/lentenstudy2021](http://www.focusequip.org/lentenstudy2021)



**EASTER REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS:** If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the back of church marked “Easter Flowers”. Write your name on the envelope and write who the flowers are “in memory of”. The suggested donation is \$10 ea. Orders must be received by March 28<sup>th</sup>.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NEXT WEEKEND!**

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!**