



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 4th Sunday of Lent

March 14, 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 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 tradition of the **St. Joseph altar** started in Sicily. Agriculture was important to the island and there had been no rain to nourish the crops. The dried-out wheat stalks cracked beneath the feet of the poor farmers as they walked through their barren fields. The only thing that thrived was the fava bean which is why it is now commonly called “the lucky bean.” The situation was critical and so the people prayed. They pleaded with St. Joseph, their patron, for relief from the terrible famine that gripped the island. Finally, the skies opened, sending down the life-giving water. The people rejoiced. Later, to show their gratitude, they prepared a table with a special assortment of foods they had harvested. After paying honor to St. Joseph, they distributed the food to the less fortunate.

The first St. Joseph Altar, therefore, was set up on the Island of Sicily. It was a small one, but as time went on and the tradition took hold, the flamboyant nature and creative spirit of the Italians caused the altars to grow larger and more ornate. Today, the artistic quality of breads, cookies and pastries, which are baked in such shapes as chalices, staffs and sandals, ladders and saws, hammers and nails, often rivals the exquisite flavor of these food offerings.

Whether a St. Joseph Altar is an elaborate display at an elegant church or a humble table in a modest home, it is a reflection of a deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron of those in need – workers, travelers, the persecuted, the poor, the aged, the dying.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of March 13, 2021

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| Saturday | Lois Bolton |
| Sunday | †Bobbie Ann Sekul & Nadine Sekul |
| Monday | Our Parish Family |
| Tuesday | †Doris & Wallace Stojcich |
| Wednesday | Lois Bolton |
| Thursday | Damian Colbet |
| Friday | Patricia V. Sheridan |

****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 15th, Monday; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows

March 16th; Tuesday; 5:30 pm
OMS Drawdown Meeting

**** We encourage everyone to attend. It takes hard work & dedication to make this a successful fundraiser for our parish.**

March 29th, 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 -- :30pm – 7pm

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 1,581
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 89,605
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Mar. 13th Myrna Rainey
Sun., Mar. 14th Aimee McLendon

Sat., Mar. 20th Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Mar. 21st Ginger Collins

USHERS

Sun., Mar. 14th Semaj Manning
Sun., Mar. 21st Fred Thompson

COMMENTATOR

Choir
Choir

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Mar. 13th Orelia Nunley
Sat., Mar. 20th Janice Lee

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

Our Mother of Sorrows Heritage Brick Walkway

Bricks are available in two (2) sizes:
4" X 8" (\$100) and 8" X 8" (\$150).

They are engraved using state-of-the-art engraving technology.

Please pick up an order form
in the back of the church.

Please return the order form and payment
to the office.

****This project is made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area.**

YOUTH NEWS

CCD NEWS:

March 17th – Wed., 5:30 pm
CCD Class

March 24th – 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!



**Congratulations to
Sophia Jones**

**Sophia was awarded a \$1,000 leadership scholarship from the competition team at Infinity Dance Company!!
Congratulations Sophia!!**



"A good steward will always have an attitude of gratitude. Family, friends and good health are just some of the many blessings God has given us that we can be thankful for."



**Our Lenten Lunches are every Friday from 10am to 2 pm
Come out and help support your parish!! Lunches are \$9 ea.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday

Our Mother of Sorrows 5:30 pm

Blessed Francis Seelos 6:00 pm



Our Mother of Sorrows and Blessed Seelos Lenten Penance Service

Our Mother of Sorrows Monday, March 29th 6:00 pm

Reconciliation is an invitation to place ourselves in God's gentle presence and the overwhelming truth about this sacrament is that God wants to heal us more than we want to be healed. Nothing gives Jesus greater joy than forgiving us of our sins. The priest in his role as confessor in the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help because he understands that we sometimes need a voice other than our own to assure us that we are forgiven, that all is well. Through this sacrament, God seeks to remove our fears and guide us into future confidence that we are loved by a God that desires so much for us.



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 28th.

Catholic Sharing Appeal – Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us

A note from Fr. Godfrey: The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 18 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2021 CSA directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. **We have received 5 pledges for the amount of \$ 1,550.** Will you please consider a generous gift to help support our future and retired priests? Your generous gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help in “Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us.” Pledge envelopes are in the back of church. Our goal for this year is **\$ 13,326.**