



## ***Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church***

***803 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530      228-435-0007***

***[www.omsbiloxi.com](http://www.omsbiloxi.com)***

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 18, 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.

## Signs and Symbols of Easter: Water (part 1)

A glorious and lovely custom, the origins of the Easter bath date back a little more than thousand years, from the time that large numbers of eastern Europeans first accepted Christianity and were baptized into the faith. Water is precious to Christians. It reminds us of the rivers of paradise, the great flood and the Red Sea. In baptism we enter those waters to be created anew. In baptism we are led safely to freedom. Baptismal waters are like a tomb. In them we die, are buried and are raised with Christ. Throughout Easter time, the 50 days from Easter until Pentecost, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord each January and on the actual anniversary of your own celebration of the first sacrament, remember and renew your baptism. Ask parents and godparents what they can recollect about it. Set a bowl brimming with water on the kitchen table. Morning and night, take some water on your fingertips and make the sign of the cross as a pledge of resurrection.

## Signs and Symbols of Easter: Bread

In the old days, before yeast was readily available at markets, many households kept some alive in a crock stored somewhere warm in the kitchen. The yeast was tended by adding flour and water as needed. A bit of it leavened each batch of bread dough. At Passover, the Jewish people make a communal ritual of this new beginning by tossing out the old leaven and by eating unleavened bread until new yeast develops. For Christians, the action of fresh yeast is an emblem of resurrection and a sign of the life-giving Spirit. Saint Paul told the Corinthians to throw out the old yeast so that the new—the gospel—could raise them up. With your companions celebrate the season with Easter breads. These can be savory symbols of the bread of life, the risen Christ, who is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of April 17, 2021

Saturday      Our Parish Family  
Sunday        Fred & Bunny Thompson; Fred Burney  
Monday       †Nina Hunt  
Tuesday       †Bobbie Ann Sekul & Nadine Sekul  
Wednesday   †Patricia V. Sheridan  
Thursday      Mr. & Mrs. Cory Register  
Friday        †Scott Michael Creel

**\*\*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., Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration at  
Our Mother of Sorrows**



*Come spend an hour  
with Jesus!*

**Tues., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>; 5:30 pm  
Drawdown Meeting  
\*\* Everyone is encouraged  
to attend**

**Sun., May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
May Crowning of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

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## STEWARDSHIP

### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,409  
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$104,686  
Yearly Budget: \$105,634

**\*\*We will have a special collection next weekend, April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The Appeal supports those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. They also support organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan McLendon
Sat., Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Isom

### USHERS

### COMMENTATOR

Sun., Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	KOPC	Choir
Sun., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	KOPC	Choir

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Semaj Manning	Ramon Fisher
Sun., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	D'Kaylah Jones	Micah Walton

### CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Lee	
Sat., Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sheryl Walton	Tina Craft

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

## YOUTH NEWS

### CCD NEWS:

**April 21<sup>st</sup> ; Wed.; 5:30 pm  
CCD Class**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>; Wed.; 5:30 pm  
CCD Class**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday  
Mother's Day**



## STUEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The next Steubenville Youth Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia, July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. It is for youth in grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited. Please call Bunny at 228-233-5400 for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE!!

We are excited to announce the joint effort of the churches of St. Michael, Blessed Francis Seelos Xavier, and Our Mother of Sorrows in offering a **Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School. It will be held on the week of June 14-18 from 9:00am-noon in the Family Life Center at St. Michael.** It will be open to children from inside or outside these parishes, who will be entering Kindergarten in August through those kids who just completed 5th grade. Those who have finished 6th grade and older will be welcome to come and help as youth volunteers. We will also have an opportunity for adults to volunteer and join in the fun. Our theme and other details will be announced in the next few weeks. For more info or to inquire about volunteering you may contact your VBS director, Cherie Prentiss 228-365-4017 or [cmprentiss@att.net](mailto:cmprentiss@att.net).

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We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in supporting our parish during the Lenten fish dinners! It makes a difference when everyone pulls together and helps. In both parishes, the dinners continue to grow and it is because of the hard work of everyone that makes this happen. Thank you so much.

**\*\* Our net proceeds were \$ 17,066.85 \*\***



## **Music Concert**

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evening, April 21st from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at St. Michael Church for a special concert. The MGCCC choirs from the Perkinston campus will sing for us. They will be under the direction of the Fine Arts director, Mr. Brandon Ring. They will be joined by the children's and adult music ministry groups from St. Michael and Blessed Seelos and members of the Our Lady of Fatima school children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Cherie Prentiss and accompanied on piano by Mr. Brandon Ring. It will be a beautiful evening of music that you are sure to enjoy.



## ***Day Retreat at Blessed Seelos Church Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)***

The women's prayer group, SPEAK, will be hosting a follow-up evening to the "No Greater Love" day retreat series that was held the weekend of Palm Sunday. On Friday, April 30th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at Blessed Seelos we will have an evening celebrating and learning more about the Resurrection of Jesus. This evening is open to both women and men, even to those who did not attend the No Greater Love day retreat. There is no cost to attend. We will have dinner together, Father Godfrey will give a talk on the Resurrection of Jesus and we will have time with Jesus in Adoration with our praise and worship music ministry. Space is limited so preregistration is required. To register call or email 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).