



## ***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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 1, 2021**

#### **Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Andoh  
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith  
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

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**What is the Transfiguration?** The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance – in the sight of Peter, James, and John – as a moment of disclosure of His divine glory. The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6th of every year and it is featured during the Lenten season, on the Second Sunday of Lent.

**What changes occurred in Our Lord?** Our Lord's appearance changed! The three Gospel narratives tell us that the Lord Jesus' "face shone like the sun," (Matthew 17:2); and "the appearance of His countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29). Each narrative tells us that Our Lord's clothing changed: "His garments became white as light" (Matthew 17:2); "glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:3); "and His raiment became dazzling white" (Luke 9:29).

**Is it correct to say that in the Transfiguration, the entire Trinity appeared and made itself known to the spectators?** Yes, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit made Themselves known to the three disciples. As St. Thomas Aquinas put it: "The whole Trinity appeared: The Father in the Voice; the Son in the Man; and the Holy Spirit in the shining Cloud".

**Does the Transfiguration have any meaning to me or any effect upon me in this present time?** Yes! The Transfiguration allows us to experience the Second Coming of Jesus even before it happens in the history! The Transfiguration of Jesus' human nature shows us that when He returns in glory at the End of Time, Our Lord will transform our bodies to be like His. The Transfiguration also warns us that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the Kingdom of God".

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### MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of July 31, 2021

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Renee R. Watson
Monday	†Pedro Alvarez
Tuesday	Alvarez Family
Wednesday	Nebraska Burton
Thursday	Sarah Broussard
Friday	†Isabel M. Sylvester & 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

**Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Monday; 6:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration at  
Our Mother of Sorrows**



*Come spend an hour  
with Jesus!*

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### STEWARDSHIP

#### Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 3,898

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

#### Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 12,396

Yearly Budget: \$135,543

**\*\*There will be a special collection next weekend, August 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> for the Extension Society. This collection helps support and strengthens poor mission dioceses across the United States. Please be generous in your support.**

The bishops of the United States established the national collections to support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization and education. Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The national collections offer us an opportunity to help our neighbors in the light of the Gospel. In doing so, we act as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Carolyn Shaw
Sun., Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Johnnie Bolton
Sat., Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Treasure Duffy
Sun., Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan McLendon

### USHERS

Sun., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sun., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

KOPC  
KOPC

### COMMENTATOR

Choir  
Choir

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sun., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Gautreaux  
JaMarri Scott

### CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Staten	Earline Mitchell
Sat., Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	KOPC	

**\*\*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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## Our Mother of Sorrows Old Pictures and Memorabilia Needed

We are currently working on our Heritage Gallery which will preserve the history of our church and school.

We are asking if anyone has "pictures from the past" or any memorabilia that you would be willing to donate to use in the gallery.

Please call Sheryl Jones at 301-346-9761 or call the office.

## NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RAFFLE TICKETS

Nativity Elementary will have a \$30,000 raffle where \$3,000 will be given away for 10 months beginning in September. The tickets are \$100 each. Our children (families) who attend Nativity Elementary are required to sell tickets. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call the office.



*“Dear young people,  
do not bury your talents,  
the gifts that GOD  
has given you!  
Do not be afraid to  
dream of great things!”*

*~Pope Francis*

# \$2,500 VIRTUAL DRAWDOWN OCTOBER 2, 2021

Our Mother of Sorrows Virtual Drawdown will be held **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Drawdown tickets are available to buy and / or sell. Please see Mamie Hardy or Janice Lee for tickets. We can make this drawdown a success with everyone's hard work & participation! Tickets are \$50 each. It will be live-streamed on Facebook.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED:** We are in need of items for our Silent Auction. We ask that you help acquire donations (restaurant gift certificates, spa packages, art, etc.) or any items of value. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please call Dolores Pizzetta at 228-365-7540 for more information.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith?  
What do Catholics really believe and why?  
Do you know someone seeking spiritual formation?

The program is an excellent way for anyone, even "cradle Catholics," to renew and come to a fuller understanding of their faith.

If you or anyone you know would like answers to the above questions, please see Father Godfrey or contact Deacon M.J. Landry at 228-697-9424.

**\*\* The RCIA team will meet on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> after Blessed Seelos' 8:30 am Mass in the Mercy House. If you are interested in joining the RCIA team, please come to the meeting!**



## A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen.

