



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 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Andoh
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith
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 liturgical commemoration of the **Passion or Beheading of St. John the Baptist** is almost as old as that commemorating his Nativity, which is one of the oldest feasts, if not the oldest introduced into both the Eastern and Western liturgies to honor a saint. The day commemorates his martyrdom by beheading on the orders of Herod Antipas, tetrarch or sub-king of Galilee under the Roman Empire. The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast on August 29.

According to the Synoptic Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he reproved Herod for divorcing his wife and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter (traditionally named Salome) danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should request, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although Herod was appalled by the request, he reluctantly agreed and had John executed in the prison.

The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus also relates in his Antiquities of the Jews that Herod killed John, stating that he did so, "lest the great influence John had over the people might put it into his [John's] power and inclination to raise a rebellion, (for they seemed ready to do anything he should advise), [so Herod] thought it best [to put] him to death." He further states that many of the Jews believed that the military disaster which fell upon Herod at the hands of Aretas his former father-in-law, was God's punishment for his unrighteous behavior. None of the sources give an exact date, which was probably in the years 30-35, and according to Josephus the death took place at the fortress of Machaerus.

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MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of August 28, 2021

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Doris J. Walton
Monday	†Edwina Payne
Tuesday	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	†Sr. Mary John Souillard, SBS
Thursday	†Robert Spears
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. 30th -- Monday; 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration at
Our Mother of Sorrows**



*"Come to me, all of
you who are weary
and loaded down
with burdens, and I
will give you rest."*

~ Matthew 11:28

**Sept. 9th – Thurs.; 6:00 pm
An Hour of Grace
At Blessed Seelos**

**Oct. 2nd – Saturday; 6:00 pm
OMS Virtual Drawdown**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,385

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 23,135

Yearly Budget: \$135,543

****We will have a special collection next weekend, Sept. 4th / 5th for the Catholic University. This is the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States. Please be generous in your support.**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Aug. 28 th	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Aug. 29 th	Aimee McLendon
Sat., Sept. 4 th	Carolyn Shaw
Sun., Sept. 5 th	Fr. Greg Barras

USHERS

Sun., Aug. 29 th	KOPC	Choir
Sun., Sept. 5 th	Fred Thompson	Choir

COMMENTATOR

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Aug. 29 th	Carter McLendon
Sun., Sept. 5 th	Thomas Gautreaux

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Aug. 28 th	Tina Craft	Sheryl Walton
Sat., Sept. 4 th	Earline Mitchell	Linda Staten

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

“FILLED WITH GRACE: UNDERSTANDING AND LIVING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT One Day Women’s Retreat --- Sat., September 25th

Our women’s prayer group, SPEAK (Sisters Praying Encouraging and Aspiring to Know God) faithfully invites all women to attend our upcoming retreat. Father Godfrey Andoh and members of our prayer group will be presenting *Filled with Grace: Understanding and Living the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 25th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos Church. The retreat is free to attend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or cmrentiss@att.net or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987 or Gautreaux7family@yahoo.com.

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.”
~ 2 Corinthians 3:17

YOUTH NEWS

CCD REGISTRATION AND CLASSES TO BE HELD AT NATIVITY

Registration and information for CCD grades **K through 11th** will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Nativity’s Sacred Heart Parish Life Center (behind the church.)

We ask that parents join us at the beginning of the 1st class to go over plans for the year.

Classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 15th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

If you would like to volunteer to teach CCD, please call Bunny Thompson at 228-233-5400. We would love to have you join this vital learning ministry for our youth!





An Hour of Grace

Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos Church

The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will come away feeling renewed and healed!

\$2,500 VIRTUAL DRAWDOWN OCTOBER 2, 2021

Our drawdown is fast approaching! The drawdown will be held **October 2nd**. 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.



O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, Amen.

St. Medard