



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of September 11, 2021

Saturday	Our Parish Family
Sunday	†Andrel Johnson
Monday	Mary McMahan
Tuesday	†Ricky Moore
Wednesday	†Althea A. Curry
Thursday	Lois Bolton and Family
Friday	Our Parish Family

****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

**September 12th – Sunday
Grandparent's Day**

**September 13th – Monday
Eucharistic Adoration**

**September 15th – Wednesday
Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows**

**September 19th – Sunday
National Back to Church Sunday**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,209

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 25,811

Yearly Budget: \$135,543

**** We will have a special collection next weekend, September 18th / 19th for the Seaman Center. This collection is to support the diocesan apostleship of the Sea. It provides the seamen opportunities to attend Mass and receive the sacraments. Please be generous in your support.**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Sept. 11 th	Mitchell Williams
Sun., Sept. 12 th	Jonathan McLendon
Sat., Sept. 18 th	Orelia Nunley
Sun., Sept. 19 th	Kathleen Burton

USHERS

Sun., Sept. 12 th	Herbert Hardy
Sun., Sept. 19 th	Fred Thompson

COMMENTATOR

Choir

ALTAR SERVERS

Sun., Sept. 12 th	Ramon Fisher
Sun., Sept. 19 th	Carter McLendon

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Sept. 11 th	Orelia Nunley	Amiee Gautreaux
Sat., Sept. 18 th	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!**

“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. Registration Forms are in the back of church. The deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 21st !!

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:17

YOUTH NEWS

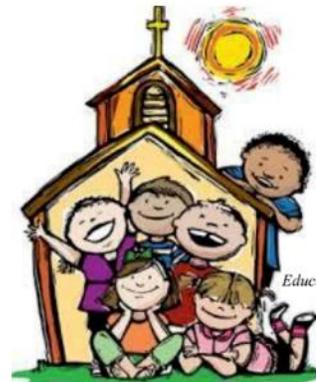
CCD REGISTRATION AND CLASSES TO BE HELD AT NATIVITY

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 15th from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm.

Registration fee is \$20 per child. Three (3) or more in the same family is \$50.

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

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



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A Prayer for Grandparents

Lord, thank you for our grandmothers and grandfathers, who fill our lives and hearts with Your love. We are truly blessed to have them. Please watch over and guide them as they look after our families. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



A Prayer to Our Mother of Sorrows

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Amen.

OMS Drawdown – October 2nd: We are quickly approaching our Drawdown date. We only have 3 weeks left to sell tickets. We are asking parishioners to please help us sell the remaining tickets. The deadline to turn in sold tickets & money to Mamie Hardy is Sept. 26th.

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.



**National Back to Church
Weekend is
September 18th & 19th, 2021**

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IDA VICTIMS
Diocese of Houma – Thibodeaux and the Archdiocese of New Orleans

The weekend of September 25th and 26th

We have experienced the pain and expense of recovery following a storm of such magnitude, and we have experienced the generosity of the faithful from dioceses from across the country who reach out with their support.