

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

June 28, 2020

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

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church: There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius' death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31. *Reflection:* Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of June 27, 2020

Tuesday **†**Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti

Wednesday **†**Linda Aytes

Thursday Our Parish Family

Friday **†**Isabel M. Sylvester & Arleen 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

Mon., June 29th; 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration at Our Mother of Sorrows

Most Holy Apostle, Saint Jude, patron saint of impossible causes, we place ourselves in your care. With fervent trust and confidence, we seek your heavenly intercession. Pray for us in our time of need. Help us realize each day that we are not alone when facing sickness, disease, suffering or sorrow. Assist us now, dear Saint Jude, in petitioning Almighty God for strength, courage, and the gift of a complete healing of mind and body. Ask our Loving Lord to deepen our faith and to bless us with the graces necessary to accept whatever may lie ahead. Thank you, O Holy Saint Jude, for the promise of hope you offer to all who believe. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection

Collected: \$ 2,074 Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$124,809 Yearly Budget: \$105,634

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Extra Ordinary Minsters will not be scheduled at this time.

LECTORS

Sat., June 27th Myrna Rainey Sun., June 28th Gail Esters

Sat., July 4th Myrna Rainey Sun., July 5th Aimee McLendon

USHERS COMMENTATOR

Sat., June 27th

Sun., June 28th Fred Thompson Choir

Sat., July 4th

Sun., July 5th Fred Thompson Choir

Altar Servers will not be scheduled at this time.

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., June 27th Orelia Nunley Spears Family Sat., July 4th Linda Staten Earline Mitchell

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

ADULT SPIRITUALITY

We will be live streaming both Sunday Masses on

FACEBOOK LIVE:

Blessed Seelos Sunday Mass at 9:00 am
Our Mother of Sorrows Sunday Mass at 10:30 am
There are many resources that are available for personal spiritual growth during this time. Please visit our websites:

Blessed Seelos' website: SeelosBiloxi.com

Our Mother of Sorrows' website: OMSbiloxi.com

The Diocese of Biloxi's website: Biloxidiocese.org

Saints of the Week

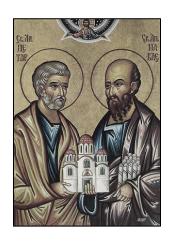
Most of the apostles and many saints have their own feast day, but how about the two most famous saints of the early church? Peter was the first among the apostles and the one designated to lead the early Church after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

But there is no "Feast of St. Peter."

St. Paul, although not one of the Twelve, was an Apostle commissioned by Jesus. "The Conversion of St. Paul" commemorates the Damascus Road episode described in Acts of the Apostles: 9:1-31, 22:1-22, and 26:9-24. It is the scene made famous by the "Conversion on the Way to Damascus" painting by Caravaggio.

But there is no "Feast of St. Paul."

The two leading saints of the early Church are celebrated together in the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This celebration is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is observed on June 29th.



Prayer for Religious Freedom

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,

a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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