



## ***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***

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**December 27, 2020**

### **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.

## CATECHISM CORNER

The **Feast of the Holy Innocents** is the day in which the Church commemorates the lives of the innocent children lost in the massacre of the first born by King Herod at the time of Christ's birth.

Historically, Herod was well known for his cruelty. The Gospel of Matthew is the only existing historical reference that mentions the massacre of the children of Bethlehem. Matthew tells us that Herod was seized by fear at rumors of a child born in Bethlehem that was the promised Messiah. If these rumors were true, such a revelation meant the end of Herod and his dynasty. Unable to discover the identity of this child, he ordered all the young children in the region around Bethlehem to be killed.

The Gospel falls silent in regards to Herod after Matthew's account of the massacre in Bethlehem. Herod's kingdom would be divided among the sons he despised. Within less than a hundred years after his death, his great monuments, built to proclaim his glory for thousands of years, would be reduced to ruins. History remembers him as a petty tyrant. To this day, we mourn the children of Bethlehem, but no one weeps for Herod in the wake of his passing.

The Church instituted the feast of the Holy Innocents at a date now unknown, not before the end of the fourth and not later than the end of the fifth century. The date was set at December 28. The date has nothing to do with the chronological order of the event; the feast is kept within the octave of Christmas because the Holy Innocents gave their life for the newborn Savior. Stephen the first martyr, John, the Disciple of Love, and these children accompany the Holy Child Jesus entering this world on Christmas day.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of December 26, 2020

Saturday	Iesha Brimage
Sunday	†Elizabeth "Jane" Hughes
Monday	†Leigh Wetzel Adamson
Tuesday	†Glen Boney
Wednesday	Mr. & Mrs. Cory Register
Thursday	Orelia Nunley
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

**Mon., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration at  
Our Mother of Sorrows**

***Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of God***

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday  
Vigil at – 11:00 pm**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday  
Mass -- 10:30 am**

**BLESSED SEELOS**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday  
Vigil – 4:00 pm**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday  
Mass -- 8:30 am**

**Office Closed  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

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## STEWARDSHIP

**Last Week's Collection**

Collected: \$ 3,299

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

**Year to Date Collection**

Collected: \$ 59,733

Yearly Budget: \$105,634

**\*\*There will be a special collection next weekend, January 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Aged and Infirm Priests.**

The cost of providing healthcare and other necessary expenses for our retired priests has grown. Please be generous in your support.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Esters
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> 11 pm	Bunny Thompson
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 am	Gilda Sizer
Sat., Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gail Esters

### USHERS

Sun., Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Thompson
Sun., Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred Thompson

### COMMENTATOR

Choir  
Choir

### CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sheryl Walton	Tina Craft
Sat., Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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!**

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## ADULT SPIRITUALITY

We will be live streaming both Sunday Masses on



FACEBOOK LIVE:

Blessed Seelos Sunday Mass at 8:30 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**

## FAMILY PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR

**God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.**

**As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.**



### UPDATING PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We are updating our parish records and want to ensure we have the correct information. If you have a change of address or phone number, or if you are not receiving offertory envelopes or the Gulf Pine Catholic and would like to, please call the office at (228) 435-0007. We would also like to have your email address.

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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## *Prayer for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

*Heavenly Father, You blessed the Virgin Mary with the fullness of grace. She is my model of faith, hope, and love. I give this new year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. With her help, I want my faith to grow. Join my heart, dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's immaculate Heart so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of my Savior, Jesus. Amen.*

**2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The 2021 offertory envelopes are in the back of church. The selection was based on your use of the envelopes this past year. Please call the office if you would like a box.

**2021 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS:** The 2021 church calendars are now available in the back of church. Donations are greatly appreciated!!



*“The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.”*

~ Luke 2:16