



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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Martinez-Patiño
Pastoral Assoc: Deacon Richard Smith
Secretary: Mary Beth Broussard
SO / DRE: Bunny 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. 6:40 pm at Nativity Center

St. Martin de Porres Society:

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. Daniel at (228) 860-6377

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 Bunny Thompson at the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, in its oldest form, goes back to the seventh century, when churches in the East began celebrating the Feast of the Conception of Saint Anne, the mother of Mary. In other words, this feast celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of Saint Anne; and 9 months later, on September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Because of the doctrine of Original Sin, some in the West began to believe that Mary could not have been sinless unless she had been saved from Original Sin at the moment of her conception (thus making the conception "immaculate"). Others, however, including St. Thomas Aquinas, argued that Mary could not have been redeemed if she had not been subject to sin—at least, to Original Sin. The answer, as Blessed John Duns Scotus showed, was that God had sanctified Mary at the moment of her conception in his foreknowledge that the Blessed Virgin would consent to bear Christ. In other words, she too had been redeemed—her redemption had simply been accomplished at the moment of her conception, rather than (as with all others) in Baptism.

After Duns Scotus's defense of the Immaculate Conception, the feast spread throughout the West. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX officially declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church, which means that all Christians are bound to accept it as true. As the Holy Father wrote "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

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MASS INTENTIONS
For the week of December 3, 2022

- Saturday †Thuy Trang Nguyen
- Sunday †Rennee R. Watson & Clare Rhodeman
- Monday †Rennee R. Watson
- Tuesday †Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti
- Wednesday †Albert Bakeler
- Thursday Our Parish 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. We are now taking Mass Intention requests for 2023.**

PARISH NEWS

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday from 9 am until Noon.

Thursday, December 8th
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
**** Holy Day of Obligation ****
OMS: 8:30 am and 12 Noon
Blessed Seelos: 6:00 pm



Monday, Dec. 19th; 6:00 pm
Christmas Program at
St. Michael Church

Tuesday, Dec. 20th; 6:00 pm
Christmas Program at
Blessed Seelos Church

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection
Collected: \$ 1,482
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection
Collected: \$ 41,093
Yearly Budget: \$135,543

****There will be a special collection next weekend, Dec. 10th / 11th for the Retired Religious. This collection supports the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. *"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."***

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 3 rd	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Dec. 4 th	Ann Isom
Sat., Dec. 10 th	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 11 th	Gilda Sizor

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., Dec. 4 th	Michael Griffin	Choir
Sun., Dec. 11 th	Fred Thompson	Choir

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Dec. 3 rd	Linda Staten	Earline Mitchell
Sat., Dec. 10 th	Myrna Rainey	

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

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.

PLEASE JOIN US

If you have stood as a visitor to our community before, and because you enjoyed being with us you continue to come, please seriously consider registering with Our Mother of Sorrows as your faith community. We would love to have you as a part of our family. Just fill out the registration form in the back of church and put it in the offertory basket. Thank you. God loves you and so do we!

YOUTH NEWS

CCD:

**Dec. 7th -- Wednesday
CCD Class**

LIFETEEN:

**Dec. 11th -- Sunday
Advent Family Party**

**Dec. 18th -- Sunday
No Lifeteen**

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree is in the back of church. This is a great opportunity to help children in our community this Christmas. If you feel called to help, please take a tag with a child's name off of the tree. There is a sign-in book next to the Christmas tree. **Please don't forget to sign your name and phone number next to the name/number off the tag you choose. All gifts should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 18th.** For more information, please call Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987.



Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



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Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8th**

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Blessed Seelos: 6:00 pm**

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards our parish Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in church marked "Christmas Flowers". The deadline is Wednesday, December 14th.



LIFETEEN FOOD DRIVE: During the month of December, our youth will be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Martin de Porres Society. The need for such items is particularly acute during the holiday season. Since most families are at home during the Christmas school break, we would like to ask for donations of cereal, breakfast items, peanut butter & jelly, canned lunch items, mac & cheese, fruit cups, boxed juices, etc. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISHES: We are so grateful for the opportunity God is giving our parishes to join together to tell the story of the Birth of Baby Jesus through words and music. This is for all children ages 3 to 19. Please pick up an information / sign up sheet in the back of church. Please turn in the bottom portion of the form as soon as possible. Our first practice will be on **Monday, November 28th**. For more information, please call Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017.



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at St. Michael**

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at Blessed Seelos**