



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 Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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.

CATECHISM CORNER

Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe and the Queen of Mexico is a celebrated Roman Catholic icon of the Virgin Mary.

Two accounts, published in the 1640s, one in Spanish, one in Nahuatl, tell how, while walking from his village to Mexico City in the early morning of December 9, 1531 (then the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Spanish Empire), the peasant Juan Diego saw on the slopes of the Hill of Tepeyac a vision of a girl of fifteen or sixteen years of age, surrounded by light. Speaking to him in Nahuatl, the local language, she asked that a church be built at that site, in her honor; from her words, Juan Diego recognized the Lady as the Virgin Mary. Diego told his story to the Spanish Archbishop, Fray Juan de Zumárraga, who instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and ask the lady for a miraculous sign to prove her identity. The Virgin told Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. Although December was very late in the growing season for flowers to bloom, Juan Diego found at the usually barren hilltop Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, which the Virgin arranged in his peasant tilma cloak. When Juan Diego opened the cloak before Bishop Zumárraga on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and in their place was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted on the fabric.

The icon is now displayed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the most visited Marian shrines. The icon is Mexico's most popular religious and cultural image. In 1999, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Virgin Mary Patroness of the Americas, Empress of Latin America, and Protectress of Unborn Children under this Marian title. Her feast day is December 12th.

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MASS INTENTIONS For the week of December 10, 2022

Saturday	†Fr. William Norvel, SSJ
Sunday	†John Collins, Sr. & John Collins, Jr.
Monday	†Mercedes Guffey
Tuesday	Shelby Moore
Wednesday	†Thomas & Ursula Skrmetti
Thursday	†Barbara Boudreaux
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.

Sunday, Dec. 11th; 9 am
QUAD Gathering
In the Parish Hall



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: \$ 2,186
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,031

Year to Date Collection

Collected: \$ 43,279
Yearly Budget: \$135,543

“Jesus, I rejoice with you as we approach the celebration of your birth!”

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Sat., Dec. 10 th	Mary Beth Broussard
Sun., Dec. 11 th	Gilda Sizor
Sat., Dec. 17 th	Myrna Rainey
Sun., Dec. 18 th	Gail Esters

USHERS

COMMENTATOR

Sun., Dec. 11 th	Fred Thompson	Choir
Sun., Dec. 18 th	Gerald Duffy	Choir

CHURCH CLEANING

Sat., Dec. 10 th	Myrna Rainey
Sat., Dec. 17 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!**

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. 14th -- Wednesday
CCD Class & Christmas Party**

LIFETEEN:

**Dec. 11th -- Sunday
5:30 pm Youth Mass
6:40pm – 8pm Lifeteen**

**Dec. 18th – Sunday
5:30 pm Youth Mass**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISHES



**Monday, Dec. 19th at
6:00pm Performance
at St. Michael**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 6:00
pm Performance
at Blessed Seelos**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy!



God of Life and Joy, we celebrate your certain promise of the new world to come. Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Illuminate our waiting and watching, our praying, thinking and our acting with the light of the gospel so that we may produce the fruit of patience. We need the spirit of patience in our lives, the spiritual source of all joyful hope. Amen.

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!!**

PLEASE JOIN US AT BLESSED SEELOS CHURCH FOR THE SPECIAL 100th ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR ST. JOHN CHURCH



***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th – 8:30 am MASS
BISHOP LOUIS KIHNEMAN – CELEBRANT***

Reception following in the Parish Hall