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Have you considered mentioning Our Savior parish in your will? Please help us continue our ministry by remembering us in your will.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Catholics are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is the desiring of Jesus Christ to enter our heart when we are unable for various reasons to receive actual Holy Communion. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to perform Spiritual Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic. This practice was established in the Church for centuries and recommended by several saints.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts or debit or credit card, and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. Go to our website or download the online giving app on your mobile device. Contact Judy Pukac at 251-633-6762 x 203 with any questions.

For the web site go to www.oursaviorparish.org then click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy!

For the mobile app go to the App Store and search for Online Giving and register with Our Savior Catholic Church.

TAI CHI CLASS



It is a low-impact; slow-motion exercise that is often described as "meditation in motion."

Classes meet: Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in Jennings Hall.

- * Social distancing will be observed at all times.
- * Masks are encouraged.
- * No cost
- * Everyone is invited.

STAFF

Father David Tokarz, Pastor
Deacon Charles Kenny (retired)
Deacon Norman Gale
Deacon Jay Boyd
Deacon Francis Tran
Jan Murray, Religious Ed
Tina Lyons, Youth Minister
Dolores Hale, Ministry of Care
Daniel Driskell, Music Minister
Mary Marks, Office Manager
Judy Pukac, Accountant
Kim McDowell, Maintenance
Mary Anthony, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
Holy Days: 7 p.m. Vigil & 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. & by appointment

CONTACT

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CHURCH ADDRESS

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Finance Council:

Liturgy: Fr. David Tokarz
Parish Life Activities: Dolores Hale
LAFF: Mary Anthony
Life & Justice: Ricarda Manning
Knights of Columbus: Michael Smitherman
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4th Degree, Knights of Columbus: Joe Behr
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2918
Ladies Auxiliary: Tina Lyons
Men of St. Joseph: Francis Tran
St Vincent de Paul: Christina Richie
Parish Council: Vicki Wakefield
Sister Parish Com.: Kathy Powell
Boy Scouts: Edward Nehls
Cub Scouts: Edward Nehls
Widows Web: Judy Adams

MOVING OR CHANGING ADDRESS

Please notify the parish office 251-633-6762

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are interested in joining our parish family, please fill out a card on the table in the back of the church to the left as you enter or online at www.oursaviorparish.org

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism of infants: If you are expecting a child or have recently had a child and want to prepare for baptism, please call Amy Walsh (251-605-8870) to schedule a preparation session.
Confirmation, RCIA, First Eucharist: Jan Murray
251-633-6762 x 206 or re@oursaviorparish.org
Matrimony: Fr. David (six months before the wedding)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School of Religion grades K - 12 meets
Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday

OUR SAVIOR YOUTH GROUPS

Email: youth@oursaviorparish.org
Junior: 6th - 8th grades
Senior: 9th - 12th grades

PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office office@oursaviorparish.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021



THE 4 "J's" OF THE BAPTISM

Today's Feast is a joy-filled one, and a very gentle and peace-filled one (to those who don't know "the rest of the story" at this point). It's especially beautiful when one learns that Epiphany once marked THREE events: the Magi, the Baptism, and the Wedding at Cana. The antiphon for the *Canticle of Zechariah* for Epiphany's Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) captures this combination wonderfully:

"Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church, since Christ has washed away her sins in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia."

It is a quiet and peaceful day, specifically today: Jesus approaches John, and although there is no substantive narrative or dialogue in Mark (this morning's Gospel), still we have the affirmation of Jesus as Son, sanctioned by the presence of the Spirit and the voice from heaven.

It's truly lovely, but let's continue the story. The Spirit drives Jesus out into the desert to confront Satan (it's the same verb, by the way, used to describe Jesus' own exorcisms!). And He does, though with less detail in Mark than in the longer versions of Matthew and Luke that we are all more familiar with. Jesus triumphs—for the time being...

Let's move toward the end of Jesus' public ministry and the other two "J's" of my title: James and John. As we read in Mark 10, the "boys" want the glory of sitting at Jesus' right and left in the Kingdom (sorry, for them there's no room for the Blessed Mother!). And Jesus' challenge to them is what I'm interested in: "You do not know what you are asking. Can you...be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And what is this "baptism"? It is nothing less than the initiation, the commitment, to follow the call to the Cross. It is the same as the cup He must drink, with which He challenged James and John—the one He prayed in Gethsemane not to have to drink. Of course, James and John were asleep (with Peter) at this point. They didn't know the agony, they didn't know the acceptance of Jesus and His *Fiat*—"Not my will but Thine be done." But this is the culmination, the climax, of His baptism—the one so peacefully begun at the Jordan River. If He is the "Beloved Son," He must do the will of the Beloved Father...

Now we come to our own baptism. No, most of us had no say in it when we were infants, but every single time we come into the church (this present year excepted!!) and bless ourselves with the baptismal water we are re-claiming and re-affirming the fact of our baptism—a baptism into the death of the Lord (Romans 6:3). This isn't about cute babies and lovely white linen and lace gowns and special candles and fragrant anointings—it's about commitment. Are we willing to drink the cup, to be baptized? Someone else said "yes" for us, long ago; will we continue to say "yes" today?

Fr. David

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Our Savior parish is a Catholic community, fueled by the Eucharist and infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, committed to faith-filled worship, to outreach and welcoming for our brothers and sisters in need, to striving for Christian unity, to pursuing respect for the dignity of all human life, and to building the Kingdom of God on Cody Road and beyond."

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in our parish, in a special way...

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| Bill Barber | Manuela Golden | Jeb Shell |
| Keith Bumpers | Rose Marie Kervin | Kathy Sirak |
| Lisa Brazell | Monica Knight | Mary Ann Stanley |
| Annie Ruth Chappell | Rady Laron | Joe Vegliacich |
| Mason Coker | Myrtis Mooney | Bradley Wells |
| Judy Courtney | Marsha Naman | |
| Leah Dees | Michael Nelson | |
| Michael Dees | Ashley Rickel | |
| Jesus Gallego | Vicki Scott | |

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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| Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11 | Joe Kress, Sr. 1/17/2020 |
| Margot Bean 1/2/15 | Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16 |
| Joyce Holub 1/3/11 | Lothar Zenkert 1/20/12 |
| William McAdam, Sr. 1/3/13 | Chris Barnett 1/20/09 |
| Floyd Williams 1/3/13 | Steve Allman 1/20/14 |
| Kenny McGee 1/3/18 | Ted Noller 1/20/14 |
| Bill Lovorn 1/4/11 | Sarah Cubley 1/21/06 |
| Margaret Bruce 1/4/2020 | Christopher Cubley 1/21/06 |
| Dorothy Stone 1/5/09 | Stella DeZego 1/22/68 |
| Jean Adams 1/6/06 | Raymond Smith 1/22/13 |
| Betty Hulcher 1/7/17 | Betty Jean Icard 1/22/18 |
| Charles Rouss 1/7/18 | Nell Faulkner 1/24/08 |
| Cherry Porter 1/8/16 | Joseph Mortellaro 1/24/16 |
| Stella Abella 1/8/01 | Jo Ann Ming 1/24/16 |
| Carla D'Amico 1/8/09 | Joseph A. Hantouche 1/25/16 |
| James Tohill 1/8/17 | Joyce Jackson 1/26/03 |
| Michael Lloyd 1/8/14 | Ed Ferry 1/26/99 |
| Al Darring 1/8/18 | Yvonne Hacker 1/26/19 |
| Larry Huard 1/9/11 | Joan Pignong 1/27/11 |
| Chris Huggins 1/9/14 | Clarence Berry 1/27/12 |
| Theodore Toth 1/9/17 | Anna Weber 1/27/19 |
| James Puckett 1/10/13 | Margaret O'Connor 1/28/10 |
| Ron Roberts 1/11/11 | Cecilia Lyons 1/28/2020 |
| Dennis Schneider 1/11/11 | Andrew Thoss 1/29/14 |
| Sonya Leach 1/13/09 | Emile Noel 1/30/04 |
| Marion Hagen 1/13/14 | Beverly Tullis 1/30/13 |
| Rehophus Estes 1/13/15 | Bill Saeger 1/31/2020 |
| Ida Watson 1/13/04 | |
| Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94 | |
| Norman Foster 1/15/15 | |
| Michael Tortora 1/16/15 | |
| Charles Lankheit 1/16/13 | |
| Fela Quinones 1/17/16 | |

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Frank Hale (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Ron Roberts (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Msgr. Maurice Shields (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: David Stewart (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Burkhard Dohm (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Msgr. Peter Cunningham (d)



Advertiser of the Week

PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: 1 John 5:14-21
Gospel: John 3:22-30
Sun. Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-11 (21B)
Reading 2: 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11
Mon. Reading 1: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
Tues. Reading 1: Hebrews 2:5-12
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
Wed. Reading 1: Hebrews 3:14-18
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
Thurs. Reading 1: Hebrews 3:7-14
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
Fri. Reading 1: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

OUR SAVIOR LIVE-STREAMING MASSES

We will be **live-streaming Daily Mass** on Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 a.m. and **Sunday Mass** at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook.

Two ways to view the Masses:

- 1) Go to our website www.oursaviorparish.org and select the resources menu at the top right, and then click on the link "Daily Mass".
- 2) Log into Facebook and search for Our Savior Catholic Church. Please make sure you click on follow us on Facebook to get notices when a video is posted.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is celebrated on the porch or in the church foyer on Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:

Fridays 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Sundays noon - 12:30 p.m.

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in the parish office. You may pick them up any time during office hours. If you would like to receive church envelopes, please contact the parish office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the months of January through March 2021 has been sent to all the ministers. If you have not received the new schedule, please contact the parish office with your correct email or mailing address.

ST JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the back of the church. This is an annual missal for parish participation. It contains the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holydays from the beginning of Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The cost is \$5 each.



PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER-SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

ALL DONATION CENTERS WITH RETAIL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00PM, Azalea Road, Airport Road, Schillinger Road, Tillman's Corner and Moffett Road

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Parish Office but please call ahead. Please turn your yellow donation form into Goodwill when donating. This allows Our Savior and Saint Vincent de Paul Society to receive \$5 gift certificates for our Friends in Need. **THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS,** for your participation and generosity. Please contact Christina Richie should you have any questions.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR?



Join the Vineyard Workers, **Saturday, January 23 @ 9:00** for a Pine Straw Pick Up Party! Enjoy fresh air and exercising! Healthy snacks provided. Social distancing. Contact Judy Adams 490-2645 if you can help.

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| Anticipated Offering Income | \$ | 12,115 |
| Actual Offering Income | \$ | 10,493 |
| Anticipated Offering Income to date | \$ | 12,115 |
| Actual Offering Income to date | \$ | 10,493 |
| YTD Offering: Over (Under) | \$ | (1,623) |
| Budget Offering Year | \$ | 630,000 |
| Building Fund this week | \$ | 195 |
| Building Fund to date | \$ | 195 |

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes: Catechists will continue to send lessons to parents' emails each week beginning January 10, 2021. Please encourage your sons and daughters to keep up with their faith formation on a weekly basis. God bless you for your understanding and participation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for our second graders is tentatively scheduled for the first week of Lent (mid-February). Parents, please stress the form for the sacrament and prayers (Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

The next Confirmation class is forming. This class is for students who will be in the 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2022. Confirmation preparation is a 2-year program and students must be enrolled in Religious Education classes at Our Savior or attend a Catholic High School. If you presently have a 9th or 10th grader not enrolled in religious education, please stop by the office for a registration form or download a form from the parish website.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who would like to learn more about your faith? Are you an adult Catholic who has never been confirmed? Please contact Jan Murray (633-6762, x206) for details on our process while COVID-19 restrictions are still in place.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME will meet in the parish library on Thursday evenings at 7 PM through February 11, 2021. Masks and social distancing will be practiced. For more information contact Eileen Rettig at 251-661-8619. If no answer please leave a message.

Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to our homebound and nursing home parishioners, and to the Neighbor Center. We would like to thank all those who helped put together the bags of gifts for delivery, and then took time out of their days to delivery each bag. The gifts received this year seemed to bring a special joy to all who received them in an otherwise dismal year. Thank you for your kindness.

"Love is an excellent thing, a great good indeed, which alone makes light all that is burdensome... For it carries a burden without being burdened and makes all that which is bitter sweet and savory. The love of Jesus is noble and generous; it spurs us on to do great things and excites us to desire always that which is most perfect."

— Thomas à Kempis, *Imitation of Christ*

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

Hoping your first week back to school went smoothly with online classes.

Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with you peers.

Youth group is open to all Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th grade & High School Youth Group 9th-12th grade.

We will have a planning meeting on Sunday, January 31st in Jennings Hall. We will begin making plans for Souper Bowl of Caring and the first ever Arch Mob Youth Fest!

Parent and Youth if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact so you can receive up to date information please send youth email to youth@oursaviorparish.org.

Remember for me to add any youth to the youth email list I need your parents' permission.

Please contact Ms. Tina at youth@oursaviorparish.org or 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.



MARCH FOR LIFE MOBILE

January 29, 2021

9:45am Rally in Cathedral Square, Downtown Mobile, AL
10:45am March through Downtown Mobile, AL

*Rally will be live streamed on Facebook for people who cannot march in person! www.facebook.com/marchforlifemobile
Be Counted! Whether or not you can be physically present at this year's march you can virtually participate many ways:

- Watch the rally live via Facebook
- Fill out our online Be Counted form at MarchforLifeMobile.org
- Form a small group and march through your neighborhood or local venue
- Wear a MFLM 2021 T-Shirt and Race Bib while you walk, when you go to work, or even while you go out to eat- purchase them through our website MarchforLifeMobile.org
- Snap a selfie or pic, post it on social media with the hashtag #CelebrateLifeMobile.

No matter where you are, your participation COUNTS!

Support Pro- Life Ministries: This year half of the money raised from the sale of T-Shirt and Race bib combos (\$25) will go to your choice of pregnancy resource centers in Mobile and Baldwin Counties: 2-B Choices for Women- Mobile, Women's Resource Center- Mobile, Ambitiously Him and Her King Foundation- Mobile, To Be Options for Women- Robertsdale, Women's Care Medical Center- Robertsdale, Women's Health Center- Spanish Fort