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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.

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.

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
Grand Knight, Council 11366
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.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

BORE-DINARY TIME??

We have moved from the celebrational seasons of Advent and Christmas to “Ordinary Time.” This is what the official description says about it:

Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character [known as “Privileged”], there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time” (from the “Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year #43).

So the implication seems to be that if certain liturgical seasons are privileged or special, the remaining times are run-of-the-mill or blah. Let’s take another look at this, and let’s use the Rosary as a guide.

We all know the traditional 150 *Hail Marys* that make up the totality of the Rosary, broken into 3 sections of 50 each (5 decades), and to each decade there is dedicated a “mystery.” We all know the Joyful Mysteries that celebrate the Annunciation, Visitation, Birth, Presentation, and Finding. We are aware of the Sorrowful Mysteries that mark the Agony, Scourging, Thorns, Via Dolorosa, and Crucifixion. *And we rejoice in the Glorious Mysteries of Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Assumption, and Crowning of Mary.* For many of us, these were THE mysteries. You may not know that the 150 *Ave, Marias* were a substitute for the earlier 150 *Pater Nosters*, and that this was a method for illiterate believers to pray in imitation of the monks and priests who could read and who therefore prayed the 150 Psalms in the Divine Office. But I digress...

Consider that the Joyful Mysteries parallel the seasons of Advent and Christmas—you can see the obvious connection, I’m sure. In the same way, the Sorrowful Mysteries are an accompaniment to the season of Lent and its culmination in the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. And then the Glorious Mysteries mark the celebration of Easter.

Now enter Pope St John Paul II, who added an additional set of what he called “Luminous Mysteries.” These mark the person and ministry of Jesus—Baptism, Wedding at Cana, Preaching the Kingdom, Transfiguration, and Last Supper. It is clear that these are a reflection of the phrase describing Ordinary Time— “...the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness...”

So rather than bemoaning Ordinary Time and thinking that there’s nothing special going on until Ash Wednesday and Lent, let’s recognize the opportunity we have to celebrate the mystery “in its fullness.” After all, the liturgical color for this period is green—a color traditionally (and not just liturgically) associated with Spring, fertility, new life, and hope. What a joy to mark our lives with the life of the Savior who came to offer us this new life—commissioned at the Jordan, manifested at Cana, proclaimed in the preaching, confirmed on Mt Tabor, and shared with us in the Eucharist. We can do much worse than to find ourselves in “Ordinary Time”!

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...

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

Annie Mae Rumph 1/1/11	Michael Tortora 1/16/15
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Charles Lankheit 1/16/13
Joyce Holub 1/3/11	Fela Quinones 1/17/16
William McAdam, Sr. 1/3/13	Joe Kress, Sr. 1/17/2020
Floyd Williams 1/3/13	Elwin A Rozyskie 1/20/16
Kenny McGee 1/3/18	Lothar Zenkert 1/20/12
Bill Lovorn 1/4/11	Chris Barnett 1/20/09
Margaret Bruce 1/4/2020	Steve Allman 1/20/14
Dorothy Stone 1/5/09	Ted Noller 1/20/14
Jean Adams 1/6/06	Sarah Cubley 1/21/06
Fred Adams 1/6/2021	Christopher Cubley 1/21/06
Betty Hulcher 1/7/17	Stella DeZego 1/22/68
Charles Rouss 1/7/18	Raymond Smith 1/22/13
Cherry Porter 1/8/16	Betty Jean Icard 1/22/18
Stella Abella 1/8/01	Nell Faulkner 1/24/08
Carla D'Amico 1/8/09	Joseph Mortellaro 1/24/16
James Tohill 1/8/17	Jo Ann Ming 1/24/16
Michael Lloyd 1/8/14	Joseph A. Hantouche 1/25/16
Al Darring 1/8/18	Joyce Jackson 1/26/03
Larry Huard 1/9/11	Ed Ferry 1/26/99
Chris Huggins 1/9/14	Yvonne Hacker 1/26/19
Theodore Toth 1/9/17	Joan Pignong 1/27/11
James Puckett 1/10/13	Clarence Berry 1/27/12
Ron Roberts 1/11/11	Anna Weber 1/27/19
Dennis Schneider 1/11/11	Margaret O'Connor 1/28/10
Sonya Leach 1/13/09	Cecilia Lyons 1/28/2020
Marion Hagen 1/13/14	Andrew Thoss 1/29/14
Rehophus Estes 1/13/15	Emile Noel 1/30/04
Ida Watson 1/13/04	Beverly Tullis 1/30/13
Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94	Bill Saeger 1/31/2020
Norman Foster 1/15/15	

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: Vernon Barfield (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: David Stewart (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Steve Allman (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Lothar Zenkert (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Jim Cline (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Jerry Turner (d)

Advertiser of the Week

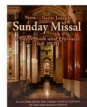


PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS
Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
Sun. Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42
Mon. Reading 1: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 2:18-22
Tues. Reading 1: Hebrews 6:10-20
Gospel: Mark 2:23-28
Wed. Reading 1: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Gospel: Mark 3:1-6
Thurs. Reading 1: Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Gospel: Mark 3:7-12
Fri. Reading 1: Hebrews 8:6-13
Gospel: Mark 3:13-19

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.


 **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.

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.

 **PRAY** for Fred Adams who died January 6th. He was the brother-in-law of Judy Adams. May he rest in peace.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

 **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**
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

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.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	10,298
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	24,231
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	20,790
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(3,441)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	245
Building Fund to date	\$	440



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.

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, January 21-29. Sign up today at 9daysforlife.com!

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Friday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

Local March for Life Mobile

Friday, January 29, March for Life Mobile Rally will begin at 9:45am in Cathedral Square. The March for Life through Downtown Mobile will begin at 10:45am. PLEASE visit www.marchforlife.org for info and to buy a T-Shirt and Race Bib and support the local pregnancy resource center of your choice.

Healing after Abortion

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

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

Parents and Youth if you would like to be added to the email/constant contact list so you can receive updates please send your email to youth@oursaviorparish.org. Remember for me to add any youth to the youth email list I need your parent's permission. Our goal here at Our Savior is to provide a safe place to come together with your peers.

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! Please let me know if you can attend so I can plan accordingly. Parents Welcomed!

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

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Religious education classes: Emailed lessons to parents' emails week began 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. Our catechists are grateful for your cooperation.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for our second graders is 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). First Eucharist will be celebrated in May at a date to be announced.

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. Parents with students at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School please send your student's name and present grade to Jan Murray at re@oursaviorparish.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY is next weekend, January 24th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rodi announcing the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rodi and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

"The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love."

— St. Teresa of Avila