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## 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.

## 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.

## Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. *(Recite 3 Hail Mary's)*

## 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](http://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.

## 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  
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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org)  
**Junior:** 6th - 8th grades  
**Senior:** 9th - 12th grades

## PRAYER CHAIN

Parish Office [office@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:office@oursaviorparish.org)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021

### THE SPECIAL MEANING OF JANUARY 25

This Monday is marked by the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. It also marks (among other things; more later on that) the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There is a definite connection here—let's explore it.

When the Octave of Prayer (the original idea) was first developed, the idea was to begin on the Feast of the Confession of St Peter (18 January) and end with the Conversion of St Paul. The former feast no longer exists in the liturgical calendar, but for practical purposes the time-frame remains. When the practice began to be attractive to some Protestant denominations the suggestion was to move to the days leading up to Pentecost (the logic is unassailable—the “miracle of translation” celebrates one language and universal understanding). But the original dating has carried the day.

Does “Christian Unity” imply “conversion”? And what does “conversion” mean in this context? For Fr Paul Wattson, I think the answer is pretty clear. He was himself a convert from the Church of England, and it's hard to resist thinking he was hoping for all Protestants to reunite with Rome (after all, the “Confession of St Peter” was the opening of this time of prayer). St Paul had a dramatic experience on the way to Damascus, as we all know; might all Christians suddenly have a similar experience that would lead them to the Successor of Peter? Wattson would surely have echoed Hamlet's words, “'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.”

The pope is the single largest stumbling block to Christian unity—so said Pope St Paul VI. On the other hand, I have heard Protestant ministers of differing denominations who told me they didn't always like what our popes say, but they wish they had a pope who could say something authoritative. Perhaps if we could truly implement it, we would be able to move forward toward each other more closely by following the words of Pope St John Paul II (in *Ut Unum Sint*, his 1995 encyclical on unity, paragraphs 95-96): “...to find a way of exercising the [papal] primacy which, while in no way renouncing what is essential to its mission, is nonetheless open to a new situation. ...Could not the real but imperfect communion existing between [Christians] persuade Church leaders and their theologians to engage with me in a patient and fraternal dialogue on this subject, a dialogue which, leaving useless controversies behind, we could listen to one another, keeping before us only the will of Christ for his Church...?”

“How good and pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!” These words come from Psalm 133. Yes, it would be “good and pleasant,” but we are called to more than this—we are called by the Lord to be one, to be united. This does NOT mean 100% agreement in all things, but it does mean embracing the famous saying of St Augustine: “In essentials, unity; in opinions, freedom; in everything, charity.” Can we not at least agree to work toward what the “essentials” are, and go forward from there? Of course we can; all we need to do is choose to do this...

Finally, 25 January 1841 was the publication date of John Henry Newman's famous throw-down of the gauntlet to his brothers and sisters of the Church of England—*Tract 90*. Suggesting that a Catholic could in conscience swear to the Anglican 39 Articles of Religion, he incurred the wrath of the heads of the Oxford colleges, leading to the Tract's, then Newman's, condemnation. 4 years later Newman did what Wattson later did: left the Church of England for the Church of Rome. I have a sneaking suspicion that Wattson knew this

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	Charles Lankheit 1/16/13
Margot Bean 1/2/15	Linda Valente 1/16/2021
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
Winston Valente 1/14/2021	Bill Saeger 1/31/2020
Nora "Kitt" Hewlett 1/15/94	
Norman Foster 1/15/15	
Michael Tortora 1/16/15	

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** George A. VanCourt, Jr (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** People of the Parish  
**11:00 am:** The Pressala Family (l)  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** No Mass  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** No Mass  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** No Mass  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Peter, Vinh Nguyen (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 9:2-3, 11-14  
**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-21  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B)  
**Reading 2:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16  
**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-18  
**Tues. Reading 1:** 2 Timothy 1:1-8  
**Gospel:** Mark 3:31-35  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:11-18  
**Gospel:** Mark 4:1-20  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:19-25  
**Gospel:** Mark 4:21-25  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Hebrews 10:32-39  
**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

### 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](http://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.

 **PRAY** for Winston Valente who died January 14<sup>th</sup>. He was the uncle of Annie Del Fierro. **PRAY** for Linda Valente who died January 16<sup>th</sup>. She was the aunt of Annie Del Fierro. May they both rest in peace.

**NO 8:30 A.M. MASS** on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr David will be away.



**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.



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
 Serving those in Need

Your continuous donations have allowed the St Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor with their rent, utilities, medical expenses, and many other needs. Please consider helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. If you are unable to drop money in the poor boxes, please mail your checks made payable to *St Vincent de Paul Society* to Our Savior Church. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	7,830
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	36,346
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	28,620
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(7,727)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	163
Building Fund to date	\$	603

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org)



**MARCH FOR LIFE MOBILE**

**March through Downtown Mobile on January 29th.**  
**CANCELLED**

You can virtually participate many other ways:

- Fill out our online Be Counted form at [MarchforLifeMobile.org](http://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](http://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.

**Healing after Abortion**

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

"And above all, be on your guard not to want to get anything done by force, because God has given free will to everyone and wants to force no one, but only proposes, invites and counsels."

— St. Angela Merici

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**



Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday! In every parish across the archdiocese, each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities funds more than 30 ministries that help thousands of people in need in central and south Alabama. The basic Pledge is **\$50** a month or **\$600** for the year. We ask that everyone complete and return a pledge card and give what you can afford. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA" to 91999 for a link. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Please, help our parish meet our goal of **\$129,500** this year and obtain 100% participation.