

Choose Life

2-B CHOICE FOR WOMEN

343-4636



880 Schillinger Rd. S.
Mobile, AL 36695
251-633-6122
251-633-6543 (Fax)
www.Sanmiguelrestaurante.com

Happy Hour: Monday – Friday
Food & Drink Specials
Wednesday: Fajita Night
Thursday: Margarita Night
Friday & Saturday: Live Music

Delivery to Hospital & Funeral Home • Complete Wedding Service
Bromeliads & Orchids • Landscaping Service & Plants

...More Than Just A Nursery

Laura Kay's Nursery & Florist
Plants, Gifts & Cut Flowers for all occasions

LAURA KAY McBRIDE Phone 251-666-1510
Owner 5600 COTTAGE HILL RD.
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36609

For information about an ad call Mary at 633-6762 ext. 200 or office@oursaviorparish.org
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.



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)*

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTERSEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PRO- GRAM

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.



Online Giving

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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 website 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.

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

Office: 251-633-6762
Fax: 251-633-7790
Website: www.oursaviorparish.org
Facebook: Our Savior Catholic Church
Email: office@oursaviorparish.org
Fr. David's email: djtokarz1950@gmail.com

CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

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 the parish office (251-633-6762) 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
Closed daily for lunch 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021



MARDI MAIGRE?

This time of year in Mobile is dedicated (as a TV spot for McGuire's Irish Pub puts it) to "feasting, imbibery, and debauchery!" The same could (should) be said for Mobile during Mardi Gras.

Pretty well everyone knows that "Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday." But this year is different (and hopefully will be the only year so marked). So I'm thinking we should call this coming Tuesday the title of this essay: "Thin Tuesday." And honestly, I don't think that's such a bad idea, after all.

If the concept of the 40 days of Lent is intended to mirror in some way the time Jesus spent in the desert after the baptism and before the beginning of the public ministry, it seems likely that the Lord didn't head to the wilderness after having gorged himself with a dinner worthy of King Herod or the Roman Emperor Tiberius. Perhaps our imitation of Jesus might be well marked by "fasting before the fasting," so to speak...

The pre-Vatican II Church grasped this concept (even if it did so for reasons that were more questionable, having to do with the basic unworthiness of people). It's why there was a three-week "warm-up" for Lent, with Sundays called *Septuagesima*, *Sexagesima*, & *Quinquagesima*: the 70th, 60th, and 50th weeks before 40th Sunday beginning Lent. Of course, in that mindset Advent was regarded also as a mini-Lent, and folks were expected to fast/abstain during December, too (a real downer for Christmas office parties!).

The earlier expressions focused on the belief in human degradation (this was the influence of a group called Jansenists who were condemned but who retained influence in Church life/practice). On this view, folks were simply unworthy of things like weekly (not to say, daily) reception of the Eucharist—the Sacrament was too sacred, and we were too sinful, even straight out of confession. But the post-Vatican II Church has tried to change the emphasis.

We need, yes, to engage in spiritual discipline—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But the motivation is more oriented, now, to self-examination. Who are we, really? Who are we being called to be? Are we making any kind of progress in that call? Why or why not?

Lent is also a time of solidarity with our catechumens longing for the Sacraments. This year we will have three to be confirmed, one to be received into the Church, and one to be baptized. How would we like to pray for them, to express solidarity with them in their journey of faith, affirm them in their choice?

Welcome to the "Thin Tuesday" that can reap rich rewards!!

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Nick Ciccaglione 2/1/08	John Calametti 2/15/17
Don Lee 2/2/13	Peg Baldy 2/15/2020
Carmel Cotter 2/3/16	Carl Noller 2/17/87
Mary Ellen Cruitt 2/3/04	Noah Riddle 2/17/16
Harriett Busby 2/4/99	Dolores Ramos 2/18/14
Tom Pennington 2/4/11	Ignatius Darring 2/20/09
David Zimlich 2/4/15	Judy Engler 2/20/16
Steven Grant 2/5/00	Jack Kenny 2/20/13
Rose Ellis 2/6/06	Eugene Holt 2/20/13
Ethel Vaisin 2/6/19	Joan Duffy 2/22/08
Richard J. Smith, Jr. 2/6/2020	Jean Falzini 2/23/2020
Joe Hacker 2/7/11	Renee Gump 2/25/17
Charlotte Faye Grimes 2/7/19	Agnes Griffith Harper 2/26/03
John Klemm 2/8/15	Jeff Lynde, Sr 2/26/2020
Harry Ryan III 2/9/02	Billy Kountz 2/27/07
Josephine Stewart 2/9/09	Mike Walsh 2/27/11
Jo Shirey 2/9/17	Jacob Moore 2/27/16
Al Cosci 2/13/11	Lejune Newman 2/27/12
Harold Reed 2/12/09	Earl Jordan 2/28/07
Jim Murray 2/12/08	Tim Lovorn 2/28/08
Don Maurer 2/12/16	H. L Porter 2/28/08
John Ellis 2/14/06	Dorothy Puckett 2/29/12
Jacques Trefontaine 2/15/02	
Florence Bowdion 2/15/07	

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 on the porch or in the church foyer


Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment
Fridays following 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross until 7:00 p.m.


HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:

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

 **PREVIOUSLY BLESSED PALMS** will be collected during the Lenten Season. Please place your previously blessed palms in the basket in the back of the church through Palm Sunday, March 28th.

THE PARISH OFFICE will close Monday, February 15th at noon and all day Tuesday, February 16th for Mardi Gras.

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent starting Friday, February 19th followed by the sacrament of reconciliation until 7:00 p.m.

 **CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly baptized members: **Monix Lucas Page** (parents: Michael & Girlie Page), and **Emily Cullen** (parents: Jack & Meredith Cullen)

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 pm:	Carolyn Elam (d)
Sunday	8:30 am:	David Longstaff (d)
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 am:	Communion Service
Wednesday	8:30 am:	George VanCourt, Jr (d)
	7:00 pm:	Agnes Murray (d)
Thursday	8:30 am:	Millie Olzinski (d)
Friday	8:30 am:	Millie Olzinski (d)

Choose Life

2-B CHOICE FOR WOMEN

343-4636

Advertiser of the Week


PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal Intention: – Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat.	Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-24
	Gospel: Mark 8:1-10
Sun.	Reading 1: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)
	Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
	Gospel: Mark 1:4-45
Mon.	Reading 1: Genesis 4:1-15, 25
	Gospel: Mark 8:11-13
Tues.	Reading 1: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
	Gospel: Mark 8:14-21
Wed.	Reading 1: Joel 2:12-18 (219)
	Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
	Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs.	Reading 1: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
	Gospel: Luke 9:22-25
Fri.	Reading 1: Isaiah 58:1-9a
	Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Ashes will be distributed during the 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

LENTE ABSTINENCE - Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law 1249-53). Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ (all adults are bound by the law of fast until the beginning of their sixtieth year). On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations" when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

LENTE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are in the back of the church. They will help guide you through the 40 days of Lent with prayers, and meditations. Please one per family.

RICE BOWLS are in the back of the church. During Lent when you give up little things like coffee, candy, or alcohol we can make more room for God in our lives. The money you save can go to help those in need. Use these rice bowls to help with one of the big three of Lent: *almsgiving*. Rice bowl donations can be turned in at the offertory at each Mass during Lent.

SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend for Black and Indian Missions. Please be generous.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	18,924
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	72,692
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	67,941
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	(4,752)
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	551
Building Fund to date	\$	1,154



LOVE FOR LIFE KICK OFF RALLY

for the 40 Days for Life Spring 2021 campaign will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th at 3:30pm-4:30pm in the parking lot of Women's Resource Center (which is across the street from Planned Parenthood). On this VALENTINE'S DAY, come learn how to Cast the Vision and show your LOVE FOR LIFE AND BE A PART OF ENDING ABORTION IN OUR COMMUNITY. For more info: Mae Rehm, 251-554-2032. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/mobile to sign up for prayer at the abortion sidewalk.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2021 CAMPAIGN runs from Ash Wednesday, February 17th – Palm Sunday, March 28th, 6am – 6pm daily. 1.) Pray and Fast for an end to abortion. 2.) Sign up to pray for one hour/week or just one hour the whole campaign at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood, 717 Downtowner Loop West by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/mobile 3.) Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet, pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and about the beauty of LIFE. For questions or help signing up, please contact Ricarda Manning at 251-343-9204.

DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY'S EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



This year you can prepay for your meals. All prepaid meals need to be place Saturday –Wednesday by going to Online Giving found on our website. Go to www.oursaviorparish.org click on ONLINE GIVING tab scroll down to Lenten Dinners, you will be able to pay & place your order there. example 2 fish plates & 1 child's pizza. Please bring your receipt with you.

When picking up your dinners please drive around to the back of the church and follow traffic flow. Pick up will begin after the Stations of the Cross. Please stay in your car and we will bring it out to you.

FISH PLATE \$8.00

- 2 Catfish Fillets
- Coleslaw
- Baked (veggie) Beans
- Hush Puppies
- Dessert

CHILDREN'S PLATE \$3.00

- 2 slices of Pizza
- Dessert

KNIGHT'S KORNER

The Knight's will be selling Perpetual Raffle Tickets. There are 27 chances to win, over \$2,000 in prizes including The Grand Prize drawing for \$1,000. There will be a maximum of 300 tickets that will be sold at \$25 each. All tickets will be reentered into the next month's drawing so that each ticket is eligible to win multiple times. The drawings will be held at the monthly Knights of Columbus council meeting. The first drawing will be in April, if you want to purchase a ticket please see one of the Knights. Tina has several in the office, also.

Knights of Columbus
Our Savior Council 11366

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FIRST EVER ARCH MOB YOUTH FEST! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH beginning with 11 O'clock Mass For all 9th-12th grade youth

We will be participating in the First ever Arch Mob Fest right here at Our Savior! The Office of Youth Ministry is offering the first ever, Arch Mob Youth Fest, for parishes to host on their own campuses with their teens. The theme of Arch Mob Youth Fest is "Infinite" based on a quote from Blessed Carlo Acutis: "Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever." Please let Ms. Tina know if you are interested in attending so we can plan accordingly.

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

Watch for updates in the next couple of weeks on information concerning Souper Bowl of Caring. It will look a little different this year due to Covid-19.

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: As emailed lessons continue, 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 Tuesday, March 2.

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

Update from Jan Murray

The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal is in its final week. To date we have received **130** pledges totaling **\$87,949.50** which represents **67.9%** of our goal of **\$129,500**. Thank you to all who have already pledged. If you have not pledged yet, please pray about the Appeal and decide how you can participate. Will your pledge be the one which helps us receive a goal of 100% participation? The basic pledge is \$600, but no amount is too small. \$5, \$10, \$20 given from the heart is a blessing to those in need. God bless you for your generosity!

THE PARISH OFFICE will close daily for lunch between 12:00 p.m. till 1:00 p.m.

"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