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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.**

## 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.

Our Savior Council 11366

## 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.

## 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 PROGRAM

**ALL DONATION CENTERS WITH RETAIL LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY 10:00 AM - 6:00PM, Azalea Road, Airport Road, Schillinger Road, 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.

## 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 website** 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: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & by appointment  
Friday: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## CONTACT

**Office:** 251-633-6762  
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## 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  
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**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](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 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](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  
Closed daily for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## 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.



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 28, 2021



## AND SO IT BEGINS...

Holy Week is upon us—the most sacred, solemn, and important time of our entire liturgical year. It is the time of marking our atonement and salvation in Christ.

But it's not Good Friday yet—why do we read the Passion on Palm Sunday? That's a question that requires historical perspective. In fact, until the beginning of liturgical reform in the 1950s (spearheaded by Pope Pius XII), no one but clergy celebrated the Triduum, and then often in the mornings. Vatican II decided to take Pius' reforms to their logical conclusion and have a proper Triduum. But before then, when folks only came to church on Sundays, Palm Sunday was the (2<sup>nd</sup>) Passion Sunday; the next time people arrived it was Easter. We do things differently now, but some of the practices have carried over even to today.

Today we read Mark's version. Sadly, because we still cannot have items commonly touched in the pews (hymnals, Mass parts booklets...), we cannot have the Passion proclaimed in parts in quite the same way. We'll have one person representing the "Crowd," and if you know the words, join in!

We'll be limited in other ways during this Triduum—no outdoor Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday morning; no foot-washing on Holy Thursday; no touching or kissing of the cross during veneration on Good Friday; no individual candles for the Easter Vigil... But we will be doing what we can to make our Holy Week at least a bit more like it should be. There will be outdoor Stations in the courtyard on Good Friday; there will be the Eucharistic procession to our "Garden of Gethsemane" in Jennings Hall, with Adoration until midnight; there will be a baptism, a reception, and confirmations at the Easter Vigil. We limp along, slowly but always forward. What is critically important is our entering into these liturgies with humility and prayerfulness, and with gratitude to God in Jesus Christ, with gratitude for the immense gift of love.

What if you or I had been with the women that morning, bringing burial spices to the Lord's tomb, to finish the rituals that were cut short by lack of time? What would have our emotional condition have been? What would our Friday night/Saturday have been like, in terms of grief? How early would we have awakened on that first day of the week? Last week's Gospel related how Greeks asked "to see Jesus"—so did the women, but they saw Him in a way they never dreamed possible—transformed, risen, glorious: truly the Son of God, truly Christ the King—bringing the message of mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and charging His followers to spread that message: not just by proclaiming but by doing. We are also His followers: what will we do?

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	Louis Naman	Bradley Wells
Michael Dees	Michael Nelson	

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Henry Graveman 3/1/99	Ken Huggins 3/15/13
Arlene Norton 3/1/08	Donald Lemmon 3/16/15
Maribelle Weir 3/1/12	George McLean 3/16/07
Walter Bequette 3/1/12	Donald Sacramona 3/16/90
Janice Pocase 3/1/14	Libby Mann 3/17/11
Patricia Smith 3/1/2019	Ted Nameniuk 3/18/08
Margaret Kirven 3/2/10	Elizabeth Anderson 3/18/12
Ethel Carter 3/3/13	Frank Nash 3/18/17
Patty McLean 3/3/18	Winifred Tohill 3/19/08
Russ Masse 3/4/14	John Baker 3/19/14
Judy Darring 3/4/13	Elaine Villarrubia 3/19/14
Deana Williams 3/5/10	Louise Carlson 3/20/08
Shawn Jacobs 3/4/06	Gene Stassi 3/20/14
Nellie Doyle 3/4/09	James Rufus Johnson 3/20/17
John M. Broderick 3/5/07	Shari Allenbach 3/20/2020
Frank Stapleton 3/5/12	Juancho Ortiz 3/22/16
Alberta Quina 3/5/12	Lois Jourdan 3/22/14
Edna Street 3/6/07	Robert Gray 3/22/15
Pete Chieplich 3/6/10	Kevin O'Connor 3/23/09
Chester Benson 3/6/10	Joy Heiter O'Rourke 3/23/09
Margaret Roh 3/6/18	Paul Spizuco 3/23/14
Martha Guimond 3/6/2020	Magdalena Woodniok 3/24/08
Michael Patano 3/7/16	Michael Doran 3/24/19
Bill Healy 3/7/18	Sherry Norville 3/24/2020
Ollie Oberkirch 3/7/2020	Ed Mallon 3/24/2021
Annie Hacker 3/8/11	Doc Giesselmann 3/25/14
Tommy Wilson 3/8/18	Jim Thomas 3/25/15
Stephen Ellis 3/11/04	Marylyn O'Rourke 3/25/94
Claude Christianson 3/10/05	Billy Turner 3/25/16
Stephanie Ellis 3/11/04	Tom Langan 3/26/15
Joseph Smith 3/10/07	Myzidia Hyatt 3/29/09
Kathleen Jones 3/12/05	Linda Skeel-Haenel 3/29/19
John Hagen 3/12/16	Msgr Joseph Jennings 3/30/15
Janice Harding 3/12/2020	Priscilla Renaud 3/31/10
Ruth Komrowski 3/13/11	Timothy LaFramboise 3/31/17
Mary Cosci 3/13/17	Johnny Reid 3/31/17
Mabel Lloyd 3/14/2020	Christine Johnson 3/31/18
Etta Lee Sciple 3/15/09	

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Ophelia Marquez (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** Jim & Josephine Licari (d)  
**11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Willie Peck (d)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Christopher Campassi (d)  
**Thursday 7:00 pm:** Walter P. Neel, Jr (d)  
**Friday 7:00 pm:** No Mass

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**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Intention for Evangelization – Sacrament Of Reconciliation**  
 Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**


**Sat. Reading 1:** Ezekiel 37:21-28  
**Gospel:** John 11:45-56  
**Sun. Reading 1:** Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)  
**Reading 2:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15:47  
**Mon. Reading 1:** Isaiah 42:1-7  
**Gospel:** John 12:1-11  
**Tues. Reading 1:** Isaiah 49:1-6  
**Gospel:** John 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wed. Reading 1:** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-25  
**Thurs. Reading 1:** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 (39ABC)  
**Reading 2:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
**Gospel:** John 13:1-15  
**Fri. Reading 1:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (40ABC)  
**Reading 2:** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
**Gospel:** John 18:1-19:42



**EASTER YARD SIGNS FOR SALE**  
 Our Savior Youth are selling yard signs for Easter. If you're interested in purchasing one just let us know. Ms. Tina has them in her office for \$10 each.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on the porch or in the church foyer**  
 Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment

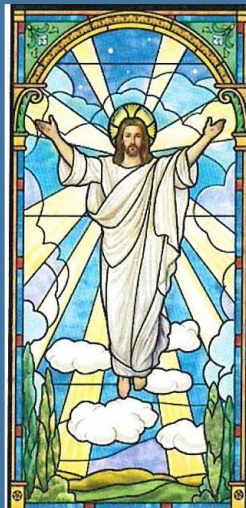
**HOLY COMMUNION ON CHURCH PORCH OR IN THE FOYER:**  
 Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday in the church courtyard weather permitting.

**40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE**

**40 Cans = 40 Days**  
*"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35*

Our Savior Youth is hosting a Food Drive to help those in need. Due to Covid, our Souper Bowl of Caring will look a little different this year. Please consider taking our challenge of 40 Cans for Lent to provide food for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and St. James Major. There are 2 ways to participate: 1st: Our virtual food drive by going to [www.oursaviorparish.org](http://www.oursaviorparish.org) and click on the link for SOUPER BOWL OF CARING to donate and we will do the shopping for you. 2nd: You can fill a box/bag and drop it off at the church or to Tina in the office no later than **March 28th Palm Sunday**. Thank You to all those who already donated.



**Our Savior Parish**  
 1801 Cody Road South, Mobile, AL 36695

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord**  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Thursday**  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.  
 Adoration until midnight in Jennings Hall

**Good Friday,**  
 Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.  
*(weather permitting in church courtyard)*  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**  
 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**  
 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**"If during vocal prayer your heart is drawn to mental prayer, do not restrain it, but let your devotion take that channel, omitting the vocal prayers which you intended to say: that which takes their place is more acceptable to God, and more useful to your own soul."**  
 – St. Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*

*[This is another way of saying let your heart lead you in your prayer; if someone or something comes to mind, there may be a reason to turn there for prayer...]*

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 32,968
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 145,385
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 158,244
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 12,859
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 60
Building Fund to date	\$ 1,911
Rice Bowl	\$ 445



**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](http://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.

**NO ADORATION** on Wednesday, March 31st

**NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY THIS WEEK.** *Monday* (ChrisM Mass) will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. *Thursday* (Liturgy of the Lord's Supper) will be at 7:00 pm, and *Good Friday* (Liturgy of the Lord's Passion) will be at 7:00 pm.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Friday, April 2nd & Monday, April 5th for Easter.

### PREPARING FOR EASTER



The Vineyard Workers will be meeting the last Monday of each month at 8:00. We cordially invite others to join us **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** to help us spruce up the grounds before Easter!



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held **April 17&18.** We are taking nominations to serve a 3-year term. If you want to nominate someone even yourself, please contact Eileen Rettig at 661-8619 or [emrettig@aol.com](mailto:emrettig@aol.com). You can also give your nominations to any other member of the parish council. More details will follow.

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Tai-Chi (10:00 a.m.) ChrisM Mass (11:00 a.m.) Cathedral
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Adoration Choir (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Thursday</b>	Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.) Adoration in Jennings Hall until midnight
<b>Friday</b>	Parish Office Closed Stations of the Cross (3:00 p.m.) Church Courtyard Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (7:00 p.m.)



**PRAY** for Ed Mallon who died March 24<sup>th</sup>. He was the husband of Donna Mallon. May he rest in peace.

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE

Looking for youth and their parents to help deliver Souper Bowl of Caring bags to surrounding neighborhoods. You can pick what day works best for you. Let me know if you're interested in helping out.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNERS

Looking for 5 or 6 youth and parents to help with the next few Drive Thru Fish Fry's. Please let Ms. Tina Know if you can help out. Please be here at 6 p.m. or right after Stations of the Cross. We are usually done by 7:30.

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). Please contact Ms. Tina at 251-633-6762 x 205, if you have any questions.

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

## 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.

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).



**EASTER LILY MEMORIAL** You may make a donation in memory of your loved one. There will be envelopes on the table in the back of the church for you to write your name, the name of your loved one, and the amount of your donation. Please drop the completed envelope in the collection basket. If you prefer, you may make your donation through our online giving found on our website.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** this weekend for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe/Aid to the Church in Africa. Please be generous.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** on Good Friday, April 2nd for Holy Land. Please be generous.

## RESERVATION REQUESTED FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Due to limited seating this year brought on by rules for social distancing and for the safety of everyone, we are asking everyone to please make reservations by contacting the parish office. Please call during normal office hours. Leaving a voicemail message does not guarantee you a place.