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## 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)*

## 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.

## 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, 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.



**LINE DANCING** is starting back meeting every Monday in Jennings Hall. Classes start at 6:15 p.m. with a cost of \$5 per person. It is a fun and healthy form of exercise where everyone comes together to have a good time. Come join the fun!!

## 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.



**THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** It is an association of Christian Men united under the Catholic Church who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leader of their families. A weekly one hour meeting is held at **6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Joseph Hall.** For more information, please contact Deacon Francis or Mike Perry.



**WHEN REGISTERING IN THE HOSPITAL, REHAB OR NURSING HOME,** please let them know you are Catholic and are a member of Our Savior Church, also contact the parish office with the name of the facility and room number. If you enter through the ER and are admitted into the hospital please inform them of your church affiliation.

## 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 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & by appointment

## CONTACT

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## CHURCH ADDRESS

1801 Cody Rd S, Mobile, AL 36695

### Finance Council:

**Liturgy:** Fr. David Tokarz  
**Parish Life Activities:** Dolores Hale  
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**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](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

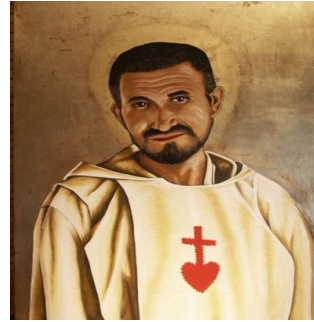
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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021



### ANOTHER HERO

Recently, Pope Francis announced the imminent canonization of a number of *Beati*, or “blesseds”—including Br Charles de Foucauld. He’s not quite on the level of Cardinal Newman or Francis of Assisi or Ignatius Loyola in my personal pantheon of inspired witnesses, but he’s close. Why do I revere him? Why would I want to be at his canonization?

Briefly: his life spanned the years 1858-1916. He was orphaned before he was six, brought up by a devout grandfather, and he was a faithful Catholic at a young age. But after his grandfather died, Charles’ drifting from the Faith came to a breaking point, and he turned inward and toward a life of pleasure. He joined the army for a short while, then resolved to explore North Africa, falling in love with Morocco. But he was still restless.

His cousin recommended a priest, Abbe Huvelin, for spiritual guidance. It led to confession and his “re-conversion,” he entered the Cistercians, and he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, falling in love this time with Nazareth and the “hidden life” of Jesus, into which he desperately wanted to enter. He felt the need for more solitude than even the Trappists were able to offer. He was finally ordained a priest and made the choice to live “the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth” in the Sahara.

He resolved to become a “universal brother,” welcoming all who might come to him, whether Christian or Tuareg Bedouin. He ultimately settled at a site called Tamarasset. He was accidentally caught up in the conflicts of World War I, and he was shot in his compound.

Charles drew up a “Rule of Life,” hoping and praying that he might found a congregation that would supply bring him other “brothers.” It never happened in his lifetime, but later his writings were found and put into practice, first by the “Little Sisters of Jesus,” and then by the “Little Brothers of Jesus.” The sisters’ motherhouse is in Rome, on the property of Tre Fontane, the traditional site of the martyrdom of St Paul.

Associations of priests developed, following a small way with Charles as inspiration: the “Jesus Caritas Fellowship.” While I was in Rome I was part of the seminarians’ version, and once a month we made days of recollection at the sisters’ motherhouse, where they’d recreated Charles’ chapel from Tamarasset. From this experience I grew to have a tremendous regard for Charles and the brothers and sisters his life inspired. For those intrigued, perhaps the easiest entry is in the *Modern Spiritual Masters Series* (published by Orbis), with Charles’ writings selected and introduced by Robert Ellsberg. After that, *Seeds of the Desert* is written by René Voillaume, once the Prior General of the Little Brothers.

One last thing: his “Prayer of Abandonment” is something that has inspired me every day for years—even when I can’t fully (or partially) put it into practice. I pray it at the end of my daily Rosary. And it is the text of the meditation for Station XII of my Stations of the Cross: “Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will...”

I probably won’t be able to get to the canonization, but now perhaps you can see why I’d want to.

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	Job 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**

Katie Appel 5/1/09	Gill Varnado 5/18/05
Harry Woodington 5/1/09	Lucy Nault 5/19/04
James Diamond 5/1/14	R. H. Larson 5/19/12
Ernie Wilkerson Sr. 5/1/14	Lillie Giles 5/19/13
Marie Grip 5/2/19	Charles Cary 5/19/15
Dottie Dooley 5/4/13	Suzanne Bekurs 5/19/17
Mary Lou Welch 5/5/19	Owen Stringer 5/20/05
Norbert Olzinski 5/6/13	June Gale 5/20/17
Robert Puckett 5/7/06	Edward Reiss 5/21/11
Jim Keegan 5/7/19	Katherine Bekurs 5/21/15
Frank Klemm 5/8/06	Patti Christian 5/21/19
Carol Lemmon 5/8/94	Eileen Brown 5/22/13
John Ord 5/9/13	Donna Troll 5/22/14
Jeanette Hudson 5/9/07	Robert Sheffield 5/22/15
John Van Aken 5/9/11	Devinee Rooney 5/22/2020
Lucille Willis 5/10/07	David Howell 5/23/15
Barbara Fleek 5/10/2020	Charlotte Huetwohl 5/23/15
John Baker 5/11/06	Evelyn Brinks 5/24/09
Beverly Walsh 5/11/18	Sheila Carrigan 5/24/16
Joe Gray 5/12/14	Joseph Yusko 5/24/19
Travis McBride 5/12/14	Melba Britt 5/25/12
Chuck Gunkel 5/12/04	Michael Thiroux 5/25/15
May Wilson 5/12/13	Peter, Vinh Nguyen 5/25/18
Grady Jones 5/13/13	Cecilia Wood 5/26/10
Ruth Lovejoy 5/13/19	Charlotte Milne 5/26/11
Billy Carpenter 5/14/77	Dana Good 5/26/12
Ray Carpenter 5/14/16	Frances Higdon 5/27/11
Barbara Wasiak 5/14/15	Annie Dozier 5/27/14
Brenda Sims 5/14/17	Millie Olzinski 5/27/2020
Catherine Licari Giannino 5/12/19	Sarah Burnham 5/28/04
Kelly Dezego 5/14/18	Bobby Nelson 5/28/14
Mitchell Janes 5/14/19	Allie Browning 5/28/16
James Beckman 5/15/06	Samantha Cote 5/29/11
Peter Tran 5/16/2007	Mildred "Lois" Wall 5/29/11
Humbert Bertoletti, Jr 5/16/12	Mary Lozano 5/29/2020
Rose Louise Moore 5/16/16	David Scully 5/30/09
Margarete Horton 5/16/18	Nina Warner 5/31/10
David Nguyen 5/16/19	Richard Reinhardt 5/31/11
August Francis Baer 5/17/07	Ron Jaet 5/31/13
Rebecca Romagnano 5/18/12	Rosemary Coughlin 5/31/13
Matthew McDonough 5/18/15	Ruth Langan 5/31/18
Louie Meyer 5/18/16	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on the porch or in the church foyer**  
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment

**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.

**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 then click on the Facebook logo at the top right corner and then click on videos to your left.
- 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.

**CONGRATULATION** to our newly baptized member: **Evelyn Grace Fillmore** (parents: Cristian & Christa Fillmore). We welcome you to our parish family.

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Maria Barfield (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** Carol Lemmon (d)  
**11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Adele Navero (d)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Bobby Zimmerman (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Travis McBride (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Cheryl Brantley (d)



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**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10  
**Gospel:** John 15:15-21

**Sun. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B)  
**Reading 2:** 1 John 4:7-10  
**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

**Mon. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15  
**Gospel:** John 15:26-16:4a

**Tues. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34  
**Gospel:** John 16:5-11

**Wed. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1  
**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

**Thurs. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8  
**Gospel:** John 16:16-20

**Fri. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26  
**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**


**Monday** Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)  
 Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall

**Tuesday** Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.)


**Wednesday** Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)  
 Choir (7:00 p.m.)

**Thursday** Finance Council mtg. (6:30 p.m.)

**Friday** Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

 **PRAY** for Jody Wesley Powell who died April 28<sup>th</sup>. He was the grandson of Jimmy & Yvonne Necaie. May he rest in peace.

**VINEYARD WORKERS' ALERT:**

 We will not meet the last Monday in May as it is Memorial Day. We will meet **Monday, May 10** to replace flowers. We will begin meeting at 7:00 to beat the heat!

*"A weed is but an unloved flower" Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

**"Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be." – St. Thomas More**

**"Put your heart at His feet. It is the gift He loves most." – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 14,350
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 218,077
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 233,134
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 15,057
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 352
Building Fund to date	\$ 2,939

## 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. To this point, we have sold 131 tickets out of the possible 300. We have been out there trying to convince you to buy more tickets, so look for us if you would like to buy another or know someone that would like to join the fun. Tina has several in the office, also. All tickets will be reentered into the next month's drawing so that each ticket is eligible to win multiple times. We had the drawing close to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. We still have eight more drawings to go. Good luck to all of us.

Thank you for your participation. Any profits that we receive will be going to help worthy causes. So, in the end, we are all winners.

Our Savior Knights of Columbus

## LADIES ALL FUN & FELLOWSHIP



**Date:** Thursday, May 20th  
**Place:** Jennings Hall  
**Social:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Bingo:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$5

All ladies are invited to join us for Bingo and a pre-boxed meal. Pulled BBQ Pork, chips & Brownie.

Please RSVP to Tina or Mary A. no later than May 17th, so we know how many meals to prepare.

## THE MOBILE DEANERY ACCW SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

**Date:** Friday, May 28th  
**Place:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall (4980 St. Vincent Dr.)  
**Registration:** 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  
**Meeting:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Mass:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Lunch:** Immediately following Mass  
**Cost:** \$ 13.00

Please make reservations by May 26th with Carlee Russell (251-533-4771 or Carlee.russell@icloud.com) or B J Robertson (251-423-5135 or robertson391711@icloud.com).



## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

### Attention: All High School and College Graduates of 2021

Our Savior is forming a list of names of this year's graduating Class of 2021. Fr. David, Ms. Jan and I would like to do something special for you. As soon as we confirm a date, I will let you know. Please email me at [youth@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:youth@oursaviorparish.org) with your name & your school's name.

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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

Catechists will email lessons for students for May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 8.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE PARISH

Some time ago I mentioned that I wanted to solicit input from members of Our Savior, to see their view on the meaning of the Eucharist for them as members of the parish. Here are some of the early returns, and I hope this will stimulate more people to offer their thoughts to me:

1. *I became a Catholic when I was twenty-five years old, while I still in college. ... When I was baptized, I felt the total love of God, but I had trouble explaining it. It was a feeling I had never had before; I was filled with joy and love for the Lord. Then when I received my first communion it was so intense for me. I didn't know why but I did believe, it was all true. ...*

*...on Sundays [the Lord] shares himself with us through the Eucharist, boy is that overwhelming to me. That is total Love, that God has for us. ...*

*...when Covid caused the church to be closed...it hurt so much that I couldn't receive communion; I felt so much spiritual pain. I guess when something is taken away from you, you realize how much love there was for it.*

2. *The Eucharist to me, at Our Savior is a special bond that you have with people who may be complete strangers.*

3. *The Eucharist is a reminder that God will sustain me because He IS the bread of life. It's a holy connection that allows us all to bond together through sharing a common meal of the body of Christ. As a person that has been a member of Our Savior since birth, it is like coming together to share in the most special family dinner one could ever hope to be a part of.*

These are three; more will come, and please feel motivated to send me your own reflections.

—Fr. David



Fr. David would like to resume our pre-covid Adoration schedule soon, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. We will need to have 2-3 people committed to each hour. Many have responded to the call but we are still in need of Adorers from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you are able to give an hour each week to this prayer ministry, please contact Janet Broderick at 251-635-1644 or janetb8757@hotmail.com. Time spent with the Lord is time well spent!