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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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**Email:** office@oursaviorparish.org  
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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  
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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

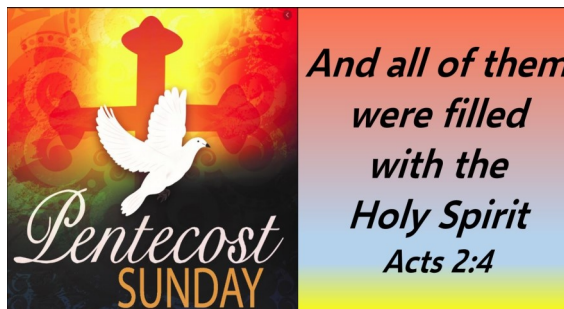
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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



## Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021



## BLOWING WHERE IT WILLS

Sunday afternoon this past was a typical one for me (at least, when there are no emergencies)—doing yard work. I knew the front yard needed attention, so I concentrated my efforts there. This involved edging, mowing, and then blowing the clippings and leaves off the driveway.

All was going well. After all, it was not particularly hot, so I did not need a lot of water because of a lot of sweating. And there are a few places around the rectory where the curb is “cut out,” so to speak, making for the ideal place to blow the yard waste back on to the grass. My blower is not powerful or industrial, but it is enough to get the job done.

As I was blowing things up the top part of the driveway, I discovered an unfortunate situation: I was moving NW, and the wind was coming from the NW! I think you can guess who won.

For me, the lesson was that I was blowing where I willed; the wind was blowing where it willed. And how often do I find myself in the same situation, with regard to the Holy Spirit (re-read the analogy from John 3, just to refresh yourselves)! I know where I want to go, but I find myself opposing the Holy Spirit (again, double check the passage of Acts 5—the advice of Gamaliel to the Sanhedrin, or the end of the speech of Stephen in Acts 7). But after all, shouldn't the Lord consult me as to what needs to be done, and how to do it?

There is a phrase that can be found very frequently in spiritual writing—being “docile” to the Holy Spirit. The word has connotations of being open, but the root really suggests that a “docile” person is one who is teachable. For me, the catch is how many lessons I need to go through before I become teachable—before I learn that I am not the one in charge.

Pentecost is about being open to possibilities hinted at but surely never really taken too seriously: a group of Galilean nobodies who are going to be inspired (literally, Spirit-filled) to being a Jesus movement that has survived (sometimes by the hardest) for two millennia—really?

There is no clear explanation for the beginnings of the Jesus movement (nor for its endurance in the context of horrible abuses and sellings-out), other than that there is a Power involved that is bigger than human talents (or sinfulness). Napoleon supposedly said to Pope Pius VII's Secretary of State, Cardinal Consalvi, “We will destroy your Church!” To which Consalvi replied, “No, you won't—not even we have been able to do that!” And so it goes: through all the ups and downs of the Church's history, through all its glories and betrayals, for all its selfless saints and self-indulgent sinners, we finally (not popes or bishops or priests or layfolk) are in charge: the Holy Spirit finally is in charge. We have not always made the Spirit's activity very easy to experience, but the Spirit is the soul of the Church, nevertheless.

So for myself, the suggestion I need to follow much more is to turn off my own leaf-blower, to see where the Spirit wills to blow, and follow.

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**

Katie Appel 5/1/09	Lillie Giles 5/19/13
Harry Woodington 5/1/09	Charles Cary 5/19/15
James Diamond 5/1/14	Suzanne Bekurs 5/19/17
Ernie Wilkerson Sr. 5/1/14	Owen Stringer 5/20/05
Marie Grip 5/2/19	June Gale 5/20/17
Dottie Dooley 5/4/13	Edward Reiss 5/21/11
Mary Lou Welch 5/5/19	Katherine Bekurs 5/21/15
Norbert Olzinski 5/6/13	Patti Christian 5/21/19
Robert Puckett 5/7/06	Eileen Brown 5/22/13
Jim Keegan 5/7/19	Donna Troll 5/22/14
Frank Klemm 5/8/06	Robert Sheffield 5/22/15
Carol Lemmon 5/8/94	Devinee Rooney 5/22/2020
John Ord 5/9/13	David Howell 5/23/15
Jeanette Hudson 5/9/07	Charlotte Huetwohl 5/23/15
John Van Aken 5/9/11	Evelyn Brinks 5/24/09
Lucille Willis 5/10/07	Sheila Carrigan 5/24/16
Barbara Fleek 5/10/2020	Joseph Yusko 5/24/19
John Baker 5/11/06	Melba Britt 5/25/12
Beverly Walsh 5/11/18	Michael Thiroux 5/25/15
Joe Gray 5/12/14	Peter, Vinh Nguyen 5/25/18
Travis McBride 5/12/14	Cecilia Wood 5/26/10
Chuck Gunkel 5/12/04	Charlotte Milne 5/26/11
May Wilson 5/12/13	Dana Good 5/26/12
Audrey Swinford 5/12/2021	Frances Higdon 5/27/11
Grady Jones 5/13/13	Annie Dozier 5/27/14
Ruth Lovejoy 5/13/19	Millie Olzinski 5/27/2020
Billy Carpenter 5/14/77	Sarah Burnham 5/28/04
Ray Carpenter 5/14/16	Bobby Nelson 5/28/14
Barbara Wasiak 5/14/15	Allie Browning 5/28/16
Brenda Sims 5/14/17	Samantha Cote 5/29/11
Catherine Licari Giannino 5/12/19	Mildred "Lois" Wall 5/29/11
Kelly Dezego 5/14/18	Mary Lozano 5/29/2020
Mitchell Janes 5/14/19	David Scully 5/30/09
James Beckman 5/15/06	Nina Warner 5/31/10
Peter Tran 5/16/2007	Richard Reinhardt 5/31/11
Humbert Bertoletti, Jr 5/16/12	Ron Jaet 5/31/13
Rose Louise Moore 5/16/16	Rosemary Coughlin 5/31/13
Margarete Horton 5/16/18	Ruth Langan 5/31/18
David Nguyen 5/16/19	
August Francis Baer 5/17/07	
Rebecca Romagnano 5/18/12	
Matthew McDonough 5/18/15	
Louie Meyer 5/18/16	
Gill Varnado 5/18/05	
Lucy Nault 5/19/04	
R. H. Larson 5/19/12	

**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Brenda Vicks (d)  
**Sunday 8:30 am:** Carol Lemmon (d)  
**11:00 am:** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday 8:30 am:** Peter, Vinh Nguyen (d)  
**Wednesday 8:30 am:** Jay Welch (d)  
**Thursday 8:30 am:** Mary Lou Welch (d)  
**Friday 8:30 am:** Jim & Josephine Licari (d)



**Advertiser of the Week**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS**

**Universal Intention – The World Of Finance**  
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sat. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31  
**Gospel:** John 21:20-25

**Sun. Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B)  
**Reading 2:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

**Mon. Reading 1:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
**Gospel:** John 19:25-34

**Tues. Reading 1:** Sirach 35:1-12  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:28-31

**Wed. Reading 1:** Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45

**Thurs. Reading 1:** Sirach 42:15-25  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:46-52

**Fri. Reading 1:** Sirach 44:1, 9-13  
**Gospel:** Mark 11:11-26

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** If you are going to be out of town or not available any time during the months of July-September 2021, please let Mary in the parish office know by **May 31st**. If you are not receiving emails concerning the schedule, please let someone in the parish office know your current email address so you will receive them in the future. *office@oursaviorparish.org* or 251-633-6762 x 200

**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:**

- 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.
- 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.

**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.



**ADORATION:** 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 12:00 p.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](mailto:janetb8757@hotmail.com). Time spent with the Lord is time well spent!



Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 8,728
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 242,308
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 251,761
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 9,453
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 61
Building Fund to date	\$ 3,248

## 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. The cost of each ticket is \$25. We have had our second drawing. To this point, we have only sold 145 tickets out of the possible 300 we hoped to sell. We are a little ahead of last year, but then, last year was unusual. We are trying to convince you to buy more tickets, but it doesn't seem as though we are very convincing. We are available after the Masses or check with Ms. Tina in the parish office.

And if you all want to buy another three or four tickets we won't mind. We still have seven months of 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

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	St Vincent de Paul mtg (9:45 a.m.) Joseph Hall Pentecost Meal (6:00 p.m.) Jennings Hall
<b>Monday</b>	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Thursday</b>	K of C Officer's mtg (7:00 p.m.)
<b>Friday</b>	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)



**PRAY** for Audrey Swinford who died May 12th. She was the sister of Lorrie Chapman. May she rest in peace.

### 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).

"I need to be detached from my own opinions in order to be open to the quiet inspirations of the Holy Spirit. Only then will I be able to discern what He is saying and what He desires."

- Mother Angelica

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS

### EXCITING NEWS!!!

Our Savior is heading to Alive in You 2021  
 July 13-18 Knoxville, TN  
 Part Conference - Part Service Camp -100% Catholic

Parent /Youth meeting for anyone interested.

Please bring your questions/concerns.

Thursday, May 27th @ 6:30

open to raising 8th through 12th grade youth.

We also are in need of both male & female chaperones to make this happen.

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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 23.

**WITH GRATITUDE:** It's time to close down RE for this year.

What a year it has been! I am so grateful to our catechists who sent lessons each week to our families. That was an extremely difficult thing to ask but they came through with flying colors. A huge thanks to our parents and grandparents who took those lessons and worked with our young people to enrich their faith. We look forward to seeing everyone in person next fall. Watch the bulletin for registration details. We desperately need volunteers to step up and serve as catechists and assistants for the fall. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your faith with our young people. May God continue to bless our parish and our families! Contact Jan Murray to volunteer or for any questions.

[re@oursaviorparish.org](mailto:re@oursaviorparish.org) 251-633-6762, x206

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** this weekend for Communications. Please be generous.



**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.

Only be glad when you have done well. Evil persons are never really happy, nor do they feel peace within them; for 'there is no peace for the wicked, says the Lord' (Isa. 48:22). Even though the wicked may protest that peace is theirs and that no evil shall harm them, do not believe them.

-Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*