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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.

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.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO KNIT OR CROCHET OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN



We have a group called "The Singing Needles" that meets here on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. to help craft gifts for many different organizations. They make baptism blankets to welcome our newest members as well as items for our homebound mem-

bers. Everyone is invited to come join this group. For more information, please contact Lola Howard (251) 634-0895.

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!!



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

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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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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 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 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.



The Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

"In the interests of full disclosure, this essay was selected from 'Father David's Greatest Hits.'"

THREE IN ONE, ONE IN THREE

Helen Waddell was a mediaeval scholar who also wrote historical novels, including one about the famous 11th-12th century philosopher/theologian Peter Abelard. Toward the end of the novel two characters are discussing Abelard's new theological work, *De Trinitate* ("On the Trinity"):

"Have you read the De Trinitate, Gilles? ...And is it heretical?"

"Of course it is heretical. Every book ever written about the Trinity is heretical, barring the Athanasian Creed. And even that only saves itself by contradicting everything it says as fast as it says it."

Honestly, I think this is a very, very good thing. The doctrine of the Trinity tries to avoid two alternatives: God is NOT three separate entities, like the Three Musketeers. God is also NOT one entity that wears three different masks, depending upon context. Is there any middle ground after rejecting these choices?

We must reject the image of the three-leaf clover (no matter what it might have accomplished for St Patrick in Ireland), we must reject the artistic image (so often depicted) of Christ on the cross, with the Holy Spirit as a dove flying overhead, all in the embrace of the old bearded Father. We have to reject the language of "the Father sent His Son to die..." as though they were two completely different beings. Is there a middle ground? Not very likely, so it seems. We insist (as Muslims and Jews do) on the one-ness of God, yet we include Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the package. No wonder they regard us as polytheists!

So if we embrace the doctrine of the Trinity we must side-step rational thought processes that simply cannot grasp the concept. This is OK—if you think for one minute that scientists have truly comprehended all the notions involved in quantum mechanics or the discoveries we are making about the nature of the universe, you need to be disabused in this area, as well. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy" (*Hamlet, I, v*).

My suggestion is that any divinity we can totally comprehend is simply not God—it is at best a construct of our imagination, and at worst a ruse to mislead us. I cannot (and therefore do not) try to "explain" the Trinity; I simply adore (love and serve) the Triune God. Although the following words of St Thomas Aquinas were written with regard to the Real Presence in the Eucharist, they apply here, too: *Praestet fides supplementum/Sensuum defectui* ("Faith stands ready as a helper/When the senses fail to see").

Don't stress too much about "comprehension." Worry instead about devoted love.

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	Louie Meyer 5/18/16
Harry Woodington 5/1/09	Gill Varnado 5/18/05
James Diamond 5/1/14	Lucy Nault 5/19/04
Ernie Wilkerson Sr. 5/1/14	R. H. Larson 5/19/12
Marie Grip 5/2/19	Lillie Giles 5/19/13
Dottie Dooley 5/4/13	Charles Cary 5/19/15
Mary Lou Welch 5/5/19	Suzanne Bekurs 5/19/17
Norbert Olzinski 5/6/13	Owen Stringer 5/20/05
Robert Puckett 5/7/06	June Gale 5/20/17
Jim Keegan 5/7/19	Edward Reiss 5/21/11
Frank Klemm 5/8/06	Katherine Bekurs 5/21/15
Carol Lemmon 5/8/94	Patti Christian 5/21/19
John Ord 5/9/13	Eileen Brown 5/22/13
Jeanette Hudson 5/9/07	Donna Troll 5/22/14
John Van Aken 5/9/11	Robert Sheffield 5/22/15
Lucille Willis 5/10/07	Devinee Rooney 5/22/2020
Barbara Fleek 5/10/2020	David Howell 5/23/15
John Baker 5/11/06	Charlotte Huetwohl 5/23/15
Beverly Walsh 5/11/18	Evelyn Brinks 5/24/09
Joe Gray 5/12/14	Sheila Carrigan 5/24/16
Travis McBride 5/12/14	Joseph Yusko 5/24/19
Chuck Gunkel 5/12/04	Melba Britt 5/25/12
May Wilson 5/12/13	Michael Thiroux 5/25/15
Audrey Swinford 5/12/2021	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

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: George A. VanCourt, Jr. (d)
Sunday 8:30 am: Dylan Welch (d)
11:00 am: People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:30 am: Robin Andrea Taylor (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Modesto Diaz Quezada (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Juan Tomas Diaz Quezada (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Joseph Horist (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: Sirach 51:12cd-20
Gospel: Mark 11:27-33
Sun. Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B)
Reading 2: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
Mon. Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
Tues. Reading 1: Tobit 2:9-14
Gospel: Mark 12:13-17
Wed. Reading 1: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Gospel: Mark 12:18-27
Thurs. Reading 1: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34
Fri. Reading 1: Tobit 11:5-17
Gospel: Mark 12:35-37

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.

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 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.

COMMUNION SERVICE Tuesday - Thursday this week while the priests of the archdiocese are on retreat. Please pray for them.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Vinny & Linda Paragone
 Veronica Shelby & her daughter Grace

ALL SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: I am starting to schedule Special Ministers of Holy Communion again. I understand that not everyone is ready to return to Mass as before. Therefore, I am asking for your help in letting me know whether you are available to be scheduled again so I do not have to schedule the same ministers every week. I thank those who have already responded to my email, but we have had a few issues with our emails going to people's spam/junk mail. There are about 25 ministers who have not responded to my email; therefore, I will not schedule anyone who has not responded. If you have not received an email from me lately, please contact Mary in the parish office at 251-633-6762 to let me know.

"I place trust in God, my creator, in all things; I love Him with all my heart." — St. Joan of Arc

Anticipated Offering Income	\$ 12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$ 8,425
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$ 254,423
Actual Offering Income to date	\$ 260,186
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$ 5,763
Budget Offering Year	\$ 630,000
Building Fund this week	\$ 20
Building Fund to date	\$ 3,268
Communications	\$ 863

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

Monday	Parish Office Closed Line Dancing (6:15 p.m.) Jennings Hall
Tuesday	Men of St. Joseph (6:00 p.m.) Joseph Hall
Wednesday	Adoration (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday	K of C mtg (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	1st Friday Holy Hour (9:00 a.m.) Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)



SEAFOOD JAMBOREE: Sunday June 13th Saint Michael Parish, Heron Bay, will host its Seafood Jamboree from 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. There will be Seafood Platters, Shrimp Boil Plates, and Gumbo. Dine in or take out. Please go to stphilipandmichael.com to pre-register or simply come join us.

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 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.

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 Plans are being made to attend Alive in You 2021. Camp is open to rising 8th through 12th grade youth. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend. Right now, we have 6 attending and we have room for a total of 20. I still need 2 male chaperones for our boys to be able to attend camp.

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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. 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.

Watch for more upcoming events!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE PARISH

My faith is like a balloon tethered to God. I feel such closeness at times and at others I am adrift. For me, receiving the Eucharist centers me and reins me back to Him.

—a parishioner

To me, the Eucharist is an opportunity to connect with God by taking His Body and Blood. What we consume has an impact on us. I agree with this statement for we are consuming the Eucharist, and its impact is bringing us closer to God.

—a youth parishioner

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

"Thank you to everyone for a delightful time at our Pentecost supper! It's been a long time since we have been able to gather, and it was (not surprisingly) a small group, but those of us there were so happy! The food was great, and fellowship was even better. Great praise and thanks to Dolores Hale, the Family Life Committee, and everyone for an evening of joy. Our parish feast is coming up in September—let's make it bigger and better than ever!"

Fr David



SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Vincent De Paul Society will be standing at the doors with their blue buckets to accept your donations next weekend **June 5th & 6th**. Thank you for your generosity over the years as you continue to help our Friends in Need.

"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray—that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy."

— St. Faustina Kowalska