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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.



Line Dancing

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!!

TAI CHI CLASS



Tai Chi

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.
- * No cost
- * Everyone is invited.

PLEASE KEEP DONATING TO GOODWILL EASTER SEALS GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

ALL DONATION CENTER LOCATIONS ARE OPEN DAILY
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, BUT CALL FIRST.

*Azalea Road, Airport Blvd., Cottage Hill Road,
Schillinger Road, and Moffett Road*

YELLOW DONATION FORMS are available in the Church and in the Parish Office. 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.



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.

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
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 Heide Sarubin, Office Assistant
 Kim McDowell, Maintenance
 Mary Anthony, Housekeeping



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021



AND SO IT BEGINS...

This weekend is the “prelude,” so to speak, of the 5-Sunday “interlude” into our Cycle from Mark, when we add 5 Sundays’ worth of the Gospel of John, chapter 6—the “Bread of Life” discourse. We do this, in part, because Mark’s Gospel is too short to cover all of a year’s worth of “Ordinary Time.” But there’s more to it than that, especially for us this year.

The Archdiocese of Mobile is celebrating the “Year of the Eucharist and of the Parish,” and there can be no better time than this for an extra “insert” on the reality of the Eucharist for us as Catholics. It is, after all, the center of our worship, and the “source and summit” of our spiritual life, as Vatican II teaches us.

Additionally, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops recently approved the production of a document on the Eucharist—it’ll be worked over and then voted on in November. The discussion about this document has been heavily publicized for the apparent desire of some bishops to make it a direct accusation of the political posture of President Biden; others see it as crucial given the falling away of many Catholics from Sunday Eucharist in the wake of the COVID pandemic. And, sadly, the idea of the Real Presence has been eroding in Catholic belief circles for longer than this. If the Eucharist is in fact the core of our worship and our faith, this is a serious crisis.

But the 5-week period of John 6 will give pastors like me the opportunity to express the depth and beauty and truth of the Catholic belief in this Blessed Sacrament—something held and taught “from the beginning.” I’ll try to make that clearer in the next weeks. But there is an important aspect to this weekend’s “prelude” that I don’t want folks to miss.

Jesus saw the crowds, and He saw their needs. So what did He do? He taught them. This reminds us that physical needs are important, but other needs (for truth, for beauty, for goodness) are central and crucial. We need both, but the latter are the more important. Jesus understands this; He teaches; He’ll feed; He’ll give us the ultimate spiritual food which is Himself—a gift of total love, of total gift of self to us.

Much more will come in the next weeks, but this much is essential—to quote and amplify the Responsorial Psalm: *“The hand of the Lord feeds us [totally]; He answers all our needs [even those we didn’t know we had].”*

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.”

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
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 12:00 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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	
Michael Dees	Michael Nelson	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Rose Varnado 7/1/14	Alfredo Paul Piccini 7/20/11
Roberta Hagen 7/1/14	William Tohill 7/20/17
Dorothy Laverne Hall 7/1/15	Frank Howard 7/21/04
Sally Bozonelos 7/1/19	Willie Mae McLendon 7/23/12
Dora Schneider 7/2/11	John Zambrano 7/23/98
Thomas Holladay 7/2/13	Jackie Taylor 7/24/07
Zaida Diaz-Rodriguez 7/2/15	Patricia Garrone 7/24/02
Lee Whatley 7/4/07	Kim O'Hara 7/25/09
Marie Richardson 7/4/07	Ron Morrison 7/25/10
John Lloyd 7/06/07	James Welsh 7/26/06
Ken Hoelscher 7/7/15	Tom Cotter 7/26/2020
Rudy Nettles 7/9/12	Jean O'Connor 7/28/01
Lorraine Skeffington 7/9/19	Mary Dewitt 7/28/09
Teresa Holt 7/10/07	Robert Begeman 7/28/13
Ascenth Guterrez 7/11/09	Sara Broderick 7/28/05
Jonathan Ray Taylor 7/12/12	James "Jim" Crane 7/29/18
Logan Gooden 7/14/08	Nancy Lindell 7/30/12
William Wills 7/14/09	Winard Bautista 7/30/15
Jean Delsatio 7/16/12	Lucy Lipari 7/31/10
Dollie Garrett 7/16/09	David Stewart 7/31/19
Waring Botter 7/14/02	
John Mulrooney 7/16/14	
Joel Labbe 7/18/06	
Arve Henriksen, Jr. 7/18/19	
Mary Palughi 7/19/15	
Geraldine Pawlowski 7/20/09	

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm: People of the Parish
Sunday 8:30 am: George Doyle, Sr (d)
11:00 am: Arve Henriksen, Jr. (d)
Tuesday 8:30 am: George E. Donivan (d)
Wednesday 8:30 am: Jeanne Wall Nash (d)
Thursday 8:30 am: Peter, Phuong Tran (d)
Friday 8:30 am: Bobby Cutcliff (d)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS POPE FRANCIS

Universal Intention: – Social Friendship
 We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sat. Reading 1: Exodus 12:37-42
Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21
Sun. Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (107B)
Reading 2: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34
Mon. Reading 1: Exodus 14:5-18
Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42
Tues. Reading 1: Exodus 14:21-15:1
Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50
Wed. Reading 1: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9
Thurs. Reading 1: Song of Songs 3:1-4b
Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri. Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-17
Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

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.



GARAGE SALE will be **Saturday, July 24th, 2021** from 6 a.m. - noon in Jennings Hall. You may drop off your donations in the activities building. **Please no clothing, mattresses or large TVs.** Call Kathy Powell at 251-454-7209 to arrange pick-up of large items. Proceeds help support our sister parish in Temascalapa, Mexico.

TEMASCALAPA APPEAL: The appeal for our Sister Parish in Temascalapa 13th will continue till August 1st, 2021. Envelopes are in the back of the church or if you would prefer you may donate online by going to our website oursaviorparish.org and clicking on Online Giving. The funds collected go to educate the children in our sister parish in Temascalapa, Mexico.



BLOOD DRIVE
 Sunday, July 18th
 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be in our parking lot this **Sunday, July 18th.** "It's never been so simple to be significant. One pint of blood saves three lives." Plan on giving blood and help save three lives.

OUR FIRST EVER AMAZING "SUNDAY-FUNDAY-NO COOK DAY"



is coming to Our Savior Parish **Sunday, August 1, 2021.** You don't want to miss this morning of food, fun, music after each Mass. 9-11:00 a.m. & noon-1:30 p.m.



Are you a "Saturday Nighter" for Mass? We've got you covered! Come to the **VIGIL of SUNDAY-FUNDAY-NO COOK DAY** 6-7:30pm **Saturday, July 31, 2021**

Come See What Our Parish Has To Offer!

Menu:
 BBQ Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese & Baked Beans after 5p.m. & 11 o'clock Mass
 Continental Breakfast after the 8:30 Mass
 Coffee, OJ, Donuts, Danish & Muffins plus a few other surprises.

Anticipated Offering Income	\$	12,115
Actual Offering Income	\$	13,136
Anticipated Offering Income to date	\$	339,231
Actual Offering Income to date	\$	344,821
YTD Offering: Over (Under)	\$	5,590
Budget Offering Year	\$	630,000
Building Fund this week	\$	298
Building Fund to date	\$	4,885
Temascalapa Appeal	\$	13,362
Missionary Co-Op	\$	3,103

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.

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

20 & 30 something Young Adults

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Save the Date!

Friday, August 6th
6pm – 8pm

Married & Single are invited to join Fr David for questions & answers about our Faith over at the rectory.

We will provide the main meal & drinks.

Please bring a side or a treat to share.

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Please RSVP by **August 3rd** to either

Jan @ 633-6762 x 206
re@oursaviorparish.org

or

Tina @633-6762 x 205
youth@oursaviorparish.org

The RCIA process will begin in person after Labor Day. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please encourage them to contact Jan Murray, RCIA Coordinator. There are forms available in the back of the church. Feel free to take one to invite your friends.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	Blood Drive (8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
Monday	Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) Jennings Hall 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.) Benediction (6:00 p.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)
Friday	Singing Needles (10:00 a.m.)

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." — St. Angela of Foligno

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES/EVENTS



WE'RE HEADING TO WATERVILLE, USA!

Open to all youth 6th-12th grade and other family members are welcome to join us. Group rate is \$32 per person. But wait we have a special rate for those wanting to join us **August 7th !!!**

Youth 6th-12th \$15

Friends & Family Members \$20

Our Savior will provide the bus transportation with limited seating. **Please RSVP ASAP to Ms. Tina**

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SAVE THE DATE:

Looking for help sorting and setting up for the Garage Sale the week of July 19th. We will need many hands for this project! July 31st & August 1st. I will need 2 or 3 youth after each Mass to help with the Sunday Funday No Cook Day project. 😊

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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.

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

KNIGHT'S KORNER

The group here at the Our Savior Knights of Columbus all hope that you are doing well.

We have had our fourth drawing. To this point, we have sold almost 200 tickets, which is way ahead of last year. Knights are hanging out on the porch after Mass on the weekends and Tina has a few in the church office. If you know of anyone that would like a ticket just let us know and we can get with them.

We still have five more 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.



NOVENA will begin again on **Wednesday, August 11th** following the Benediction.

OUR SAVIOR'S 2ND ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL



Our Savior will be hosting their 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival on **Saturday, October 23rd** in Jennings Hall after the 5 o'clock Mass. We would like to celebrate the richness of all the different cultures and traditions right here at Our Savior. We are looking for parishioners that might be interested in having a table to share their heritage and traditions. Please contact Deacon Francis or Tina in the office if you are interested in participating! Our next planning meeting is **Wednesday, August 18th in Joseph Hall 6:30-7:30.**



DONUT WEDNESDAY IS COMING BACK!!

Come join us again for coffee & doughnuts on Wednesdays after the morning Mass starting **August 4th**. As we are all starting to stretch our legs from the recent isolations; let us come together to get reacquaint with our church friends and family so we can share our quarantine stories.